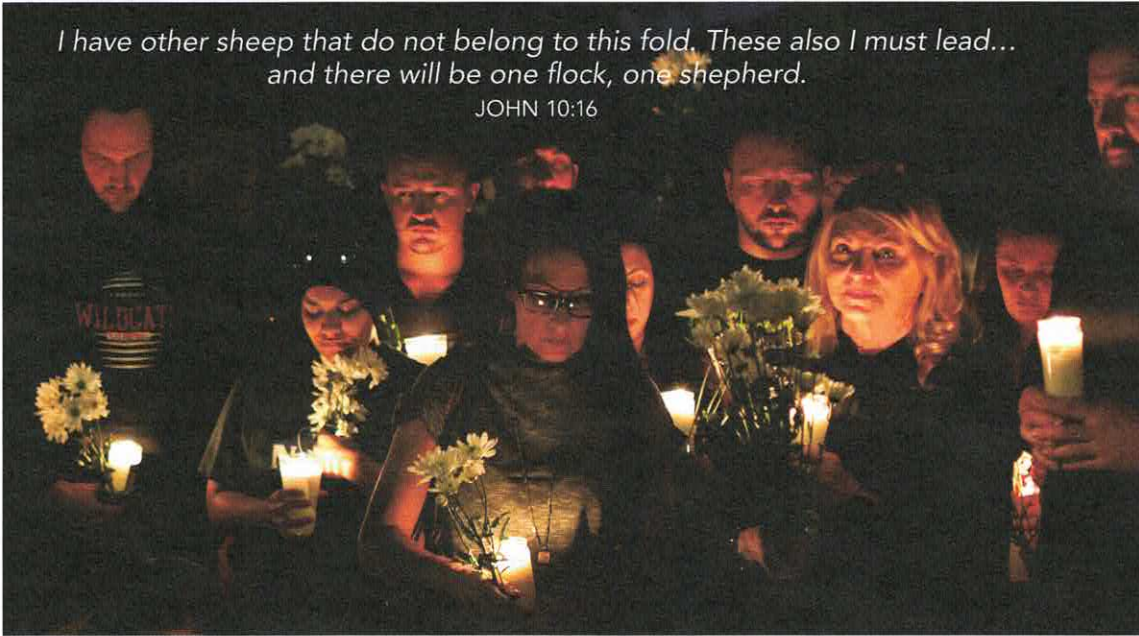




*I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead...
and there will be one flock, one shepherd.*

JOHN 10:16



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The Good Shepherd

For many of us, our only connection with sheep is with the cuddly white creatures found on holy cards. However, that image strays from the facts. Sheep are not household animals. They live outdoors; they lie down in grass, dirt, and mud. Furthermore, unlike many other animals, sheep cannot clean themselves. I'm not denigrating sheep, just putting aside any fanciful view of their nature.

Raising sheep was an important occupation in the ancient world. In fact, the royalty's governance of people was often described as shepherding. David was told: "You shall shepherd my people Israel" (2 Samuel 5:2). Later, when the royalty were not faithful to this charge, God declared: "I myself will pasture my sheep" (Ezekiel 34:15). This startling characterization of God became a characterization of Jesus.

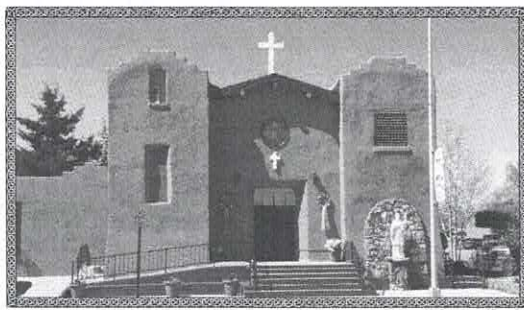
Grime and animal smells, the blood of births and

deaths, inclement weather, and the threat of predators mark the life of a committed shepherd. Human comfort was secondary to the needs of the sheep. Sheep actually learn to recognize the voice of the one who feeds them, cares for them, protects them. The shepherd's voice seems to say: I am here for you, because you are mine. As "the good shepherd," Jesus is totally committed to us, his sheep. He attends to our needs, willing to risk his own security in order to save us. His care for us seems to say: I am here for you, because you are mine.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- ✦ *Is Christ really your shepherd? Do you listen to his voice?*
- ✦ *Do you rely on Christ's protection, even when you don't seem to feel it?*



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 Contact Pastor

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Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
 By appointment with the Pastor

APRIL 25TH

St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 10:30am

Daily Mass: Thursday: 5:30pm Friday:12:10pm

Adoration: Thursday 6:00pm-7:00pm

Confession: Friday 4:45pm-5:45pm Saturday 4:00-5:00pm OR By Appointment

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines

Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00am (Oct 1 - May 31)

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

St. Joseph, Folsom

Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00 am (Jun 1 - Sept 30)

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

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1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday's Mass 2:00PM

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*This is my body, which will be given up for you.  
 This is my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
 It will be shed for you & for all... so that sins may be forgiven.  
 Do this in memory of me.*

**Masses will be offered April 2021**

+ All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members  
 SI All the Sponsors, Benefactors & Supporters of SFX Clayton  
 SI Good Health & Well Being of all Parishioners & Families

|                     |                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sat, Apr. 24</b> | +Ann Swagerty<br>+Angela Trujillo<br>+Deceased Family Members<br>Of Richard & Margarita Sintas                                                     | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Montoya Family<br>by Helen Sintas                                                                                               |
| <b>Sun, Apr. 25</b> | SI Kayla Vandiver<br>+Margaret Heringa<br>+Lydia Smith<br>+Helen Lovato<br>(OLOG) +Mildred Long<br>(OLOG) +Jack Lamberson<br>(OLOG) +Tony Trujillo | by Cyrus & Laekyn Wagner<br>by RosaLee Britt<br>by Rose Alford<br>by Rose Alford<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long<br>by Eloisa Trujillo |
| <b>Fri, Apr. 30</b> | SI Intentions of the Parishioners<br>And Missions of SFX<br>+Steve Wagner                                                                          | by Ross & Shelley Carter                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Sat, May 1</b>   | +Carolina Lovato<br>+Sue Caperton<br>+Alice Aragon                                                                                                 | by Rose Alford<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter                                                                                         |
| <b>Sun, May 2</b>   | SI Kayla Vandiver<br>+Margaret Heringa<br>+Inasita Padilla<br><br>+Lena & Cathy Cruz                                                               | by Cyrus & Laekyn Wagner<br>by RosaLee Britt<br>by Peewee, Laura, & Vivian Padilla<br><br>by Peewee, Laura, & Vivian Padilla                                   |

**Weekly Collections Summary: Mar. & Apr. 2021**

|             | <u>SFX</u> | <u>OLOG</u> |
|-------------|------------|-------------|
| April 17-18 | \$1,915.00 | \$ 734.75   |
| April 10-11 | \$1,315.20 | \$ 205.00   |
| April 3-4   | \$4,498.00 | \$ 460.00   |
| March 27-28 | \$4,145.00 | \$ 389.00   |

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- [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)
- [www.catholic culture.org](http://www.catholic culture.org)

**Announcement**

No Adoration on Thursday May 6th  
 No Mass on Friday May 7th

**ACA Pledge Goal Report**

**St. Francis Xavier-Clayton**  
**% of Participation - 7.89%**  
**Number of Families -3167**  
**Parish Goal - \$12,200.00**  
**% Goal Pledged -73.72%**  
**% Goal Paid -65.24%%**  
**Total Pledge-\$8,994.00**  
  
**Total Paid-\$7,959.00**  
**Short-\$4,241.00**

"Once admit the right to kill unproductive persons .... then none of us can be sure of his life." So spoke Cardinal Clemens von Galen, of Munster, Germany, in 1941. This Cardinal was called the "Lion of Munster," because he roared with the voice of the Gospel against the atrocities of the Nazi Regime.

On October 9, 2005, he was beatified at St Peter's Basilica in Rome. During his life, the Cardinal protested with special force against euthanasia:

"The opinion is that since they (the old) can no longer make money, they are obsolete machines, comparable with some old cows that can no longer give milk or some horse that has gone lame .... Here we are dealing with human beings, with our neighbors, brothers and sisters, the poor and the invalids .... unproductive, perhaps. But have they, therefore, lost the right to live? Have you or I the right to exist only because we are productive?" (August 3,1941)

**Lectors for Masses**

- Sat, May 1- Effie Walker
- Sun, May 2- Laekyn Wagner
- Sat, May 8- Pat Crisp
- Sun, May 9- Craig Reeves

All Ministry schedules are updated monthly and posted on the church website.  
 If you need to know when you serve, check [www.sfxclayton.org](http://www.sfxclayton.org)!!

# Dear Padre,

## Am I sinning when I work or shop on Sunday?

**B**iblical tradition states that the Sabbath is the day that God rested from the labors of creation. Sunday is also the day we commemorate Christ's resurrection from the dead and the inauguration of the new creation.

We rightly refer to Sunday, then, as the Lord's day. This being so, it's important that we do everything possible to keep the Lord's day holy and ensure that we reserve adequate time on Sunday for worship, rest, and recreation.

Today, many activities, social services, and family needs require some people to work on Sundays. In fact, many people have only the weekends to do the errands and activities that sustain their families.

Our participation in such activities and services is not a sin, nor does it mean that those who do need to work cannot find an appropriate way to sanctify the Lord's day and allow time for the worship, rest, and renewal that are proper to the day.

Even so, we must guard against treating the Lord's day as just another workday, or a continuation of our Saturday shopping spree. Remember that the primary focus on Sunday should be participating in the Mass and growing our relationship with the Lord.

For more information on this topic, see paragraphs 2184 through 2195 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSsR  
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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*True rest is not simple, because there is false rest and true rest....Man has never rested as much as today, yet man has never experienced as much emptiness as today! Opportunities to amuse oneself, to go out, cruises, travels; but many things do not give you fullness of heart. Indeed, they do not give you rest.*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018



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## Calendar

### Monday

APRIL 26  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 11:1-18  
Jn 10:1-10

### Tuesday

APRIL 27  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 11:19-26  
Jn 10:22-30

### Wednesday

APRIL 28  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 12:24-13:5a  
Jn 12:44-50

### Thursday

APRIL 29  
St. Catherine of Siena,  
Virgin and Doctor  
of the Church  
Acts 13:13-25  
Jn 13:16-20

### Friday

APRIL 30  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 13:26-33  
Jn 14:1-6

### Saturday

MAY 1  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 13:44-52  
Jn 14:7-14

### Sunday

MAY 2  
Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 9:26-31  
1 Jn 3:18-24  
Jn 15:1-8

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