

*[Jesus said,]  
"I am the vine,  
you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me and  
I in him will bear much fruit."  
JOHN 15:5*

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## In or Not at All

**T**he little word *in* appears eleven times in the Greek text of today's short passage from John's Gospel (ten times in most translations), and it has the same meaning in all cases. It refers to an intimate relationship: We are in Christ; Christ is in us. This being *in* does not mean "inside," like being in a room or in a country. It means being an intimate aspect of something, like the relationship of a branch to the vine. Perhaps a way of understanding this intimacy is to remember that the branch cannot exist by itself, and there is no vine if there are no branches. We cannot be partially in. We are either in or out.

If we want to live and thrive, we must cherish and protect our relationship with Christ, who is our source of life and nourishment. Otherwise we risk being nothing more than dead branches, the usefulness of which is mere fodder for the fire. This sounds

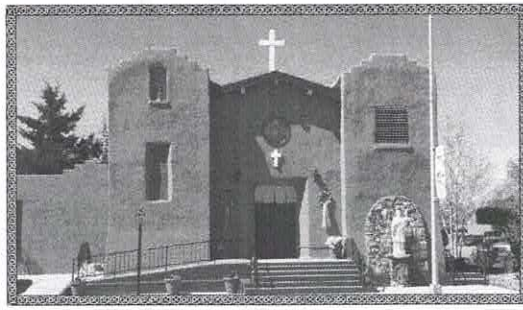
like a harsh punishment. However, it is not really punishment. Rather, it is the inevitable consequence of cutting ourselves off from our supply of life-giving nourishment. Furthermore, being cut off does not happen accidentally; we choose it deliberately.

Finally, this metaphor of vines and branches is an image of the Church. Though each of us, by grace, is "in Christ," our source of life, the risen life of Christ surges through members of his body. Thus, when we are united to Christ by grace, we live in him as Christ lives in all of us.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR Reflection

- \* Think for a moment of the ways Christ lives in you.
- \* Now think of how you might live in Christ.



# St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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## Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jason Pettigrew  
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## Parish Office Hours (CCD Building)

Mon, Tues, Thurs, 9:00AM - 1:00PM  
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## Sacrament of Baptism

(Classes and Parents Interview)  
Contact Pastor

## Sacrament of Marriage

(Classes and Couple Interview)  
Contact Fr. Jason -6 Months Prior

## Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

By appointment with the Pastor

## MAY 2ND

### 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: 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**

### NENM Detention Facility, Clayton (For Residents/Staff)

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

**Confession: Sunday 1:30pm—2:00**


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**Every 4th Sunday 1:30 PM**

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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 May 2021  
 + All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members  
 + All the Sponsors, Benefactors & Supporters of SFX Clayton  
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|------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| at, May 1        | SI Britt Fisk & Family<br>+Carolina Lovato<br>+Sue Caperton<br>+Alice Aragon         | by Mary Lou Harkins<br>by Rose Alford<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter                            |
| on, May 2        | 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>by Peewee, Laura, & Vivian Padilla |
| (OLOG)<br>(OLOG) | +Flo Jome<br>+Lorene Carr                                                            | by Marjorie & Grant Long<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long                                                                     |
| at, May 8        | SI Britt Fisk & Family<br>+Sue Caperton<br>+Alice Aragon<br>+Steve Wagner            | by Mary Lou Harkins<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter                  |
| on, May 9        | +Margaret Heringa<br>+Steve Wagner<br>+Inez Romero                                   | by Rosa Lee Britt<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter                                                                            |
| (OLOG)<br>(OLOG) | +Flo Jome<br>+Lorene Carr                                                            | by Marjorie & Grant Long<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long                                                                     |
| at, May 15       | +Adelina "Lena" Cruz                                                                 | by The Cruz Family                                                                                                       |

**Weekly Collections Summary: Apr. 2021**

|             | <u>SFX</u> | <u>OLOG</u> |
|-------------|------------|-------------|
| April 24-25 | \$1,884.00 | \$ 350.00   |
| April 17-18 | \$1,915.00 | \$ 734.75   |
| April 10-11 | \$1,315.20 | \$ 205.00   |
| April 3-4   | \$4,498.00 | \$ 460.00   |

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- [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)
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**Announcement**

No Adoration and No Mass 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 -317**  
**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**

On February 27, 2006, Pope Benedict XVI said the following in a talk to the Pontifical Academy for Life: "The sacred books, in fact, set out to show God's love for every human being even before he has been formed in his mother's womb. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" (Jer 1: 5). God said to the Prophet Jeremiah. And the Psalmist recognizes with gratitude: "You did form my inward parts, you did knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for you are fearful and wonderful. Wonderful are your works! You know me right well" (Ps 139[138]: 13-14). These words acquire their full, rich meaning when one thinks that God intervenes directly in the creation of the soul of every new human being. God's love does not differentiate between the newly conceived infant still in his or her mother's womb and the child or young person, or the adult and the elderly person. God does not distinguish between them because he sees an impression of his own image and likeness (Gn 1: 26) in each one. He makes no distinctions because he perceives in all of them a reflection of the face of his Only-begotten Son, whom "he chose... before the foundation of the world.... He destined us in love to be his sons... according to the purpose of his will" (Eph 1: 4-6)."

**Lectors for Masses**

- Sat, May 8- Pat Crisp
- Sun, May 9- Craig Reeves
- Sat, May 15- Sammie Wood
- Sun, May 16- Andrea Naranjo

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,

## Why is the Church considering a word change to the Our Father? It seems fine as it is.

**O**f the two versions of the Lord's Prayer in Luke 11:2-4 and Matthew 6:9-13, Luke's is more concise. The petition, "and lead us not into temptation" in Greek means both "do not allow us to enter into temptation" and "do not let us yield to temptation" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2846). The *Catechism* includes the explanation from James 1:13: "God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one," to certify that God "wants to set us free from evil. We ask him not to allow us to take the way that leads to sin." Consequently, Pope Francis reportedly approved the English wording, "do not let us fall into temptation" to replace "lead us not into temptation."

"It is not a good translation because it speaks of a God who induces temptation," the Pope said in 2017. "I am the one who falls. It's not him pushing me into temptation to then see how I have fallen." On the contrary, "a father helps you to get up immediately," he added. "It's Satan who leads us into temptation—that's his department."

However, unlike the change in the Italian Lord's Prayer that will appear in their third edition of *The Roman Missal*, no immediate plans have been made to change the wording in English-speaking countries.



THE TEMPTATION OF CHRIST BY THE DEVIL, BY FELIX JOSEPH BARBAK, 1840 / WIKIMEDIA

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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Let us not forget that the Our Father is the prayer of the poor. Our asking for bread expresses our entrustment to God for our basic needs in life. Everything that Jesus taught us in this prayer expresses and brings together the cry of all who suffer from life's uncertainties.

FIRST WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

## Calendar

### Monday

MAY 3

Sts. Philip and James,  
Apostles

1 Cor 15:1-8

Jn 14:6-14

### Tuesday

MAY 4

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19-28

Jn 14:27-31a

### Wednesday

MAY 5

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:1-6

Jn 15:1-8

### Thursday

MAY 6

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:7-21

Jn 15:9-11

### Friday

MAY 7

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22-31

Jn 15:12-17

### Saturday

MAY 8

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:1-10

Jn 15:18-21

### Sunday

MAY 9

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26,

34-35, 44-48

1 Jn 4:7-10

Jn 15:9-17