



God's Call

The story about Cornelius shows that God's call is not restricted by our likes and dislikes. Cornelius was a Roman, a citizen of the nation that was occupying Israel. More than that, he served in a military that exercised harsh control over the inhabitants of the land. A man like this would not have been loved by the Jews of the day. However, Cornelius recognized Peter as a representative of God, and his fundamental faith opened him to the gift of the Holy Spirit. All those who were listening to Peter's words were then baptized. They were then one with the community of believers.

Faith, baptism, and incorporation into the community of believers are offered to Jew and Roman alike. They are offered today to those who are members of our own religious, racial, or ethnic groups and those who are not; those who are socially or politically vulnerable, and those with power. The issue is not who does God favor, but who favors God.

The Gospel story reinforces this point. It insists that God's love for us is the foundation of everything. We are told: "Love one another as I love you" (John 15:12). God's love is all-inclusive. So should our love be all-inclusive. If God's love is for all, it follows that we are all favored by God—all chosen and cared for by him. This includes even those who might be our political adversaries, or who might exercise exacting authority over us, or who cherish different religious ideas. Imitating God's love requires that we will goodness to others—even those with whom we disagree or who have caused us harm.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- * Pray that you might be able to accept the goodness of people with whom you disagree socially, politically, even religiously.
- * You belong to a believing community. Think of how this has strengthened your faith.



[Jesus said,]
"Love one another
as I love you.
No one has greater
love than this,
to lay down
one's life for
one's friends."

JOHN 15:12-13

ARMANDOZ/SUTTERSTOCK



St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

115 N. First Street, Clayton, NM 88415

Office and Fax: (575) 374-8894 Email: sfxclayton@gmail.com

Rectory: (575) 374-8900 (After 9:00 PM-Emergency Only)

Missions: Des Moines, Folsom, Moses, NENM Detention Facility

www.sfxclayton.org

Parish Staff

Pastor: Rev. Jason Pettigrew
Business Manager/Finance: Theresa Gard
Secretary: Laekyn Wagner
Religious Education: Rose Ramirez
Adult Religious Education: Rev. Jason Pettigrew

Parish Office Hours (CCD Building)

Mon, Tues, Thurs, 9:00AM - 1:00PM
Closed on Wed, Fri and Church & Civil Holidays

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 9TH

St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

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

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

Honor of Our Blessed Mother Mass: 1ST Saturday 10:30am

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

Nursing Home, Clayton

Every 4th Sunday 1:30 PM

~~~Thank You to Our Sponsors We are Grateful for Your Support!~~~

**FNB**  
NEW MEXICO  
A Division of AmBank  
201 Main Street  
Clayton, N.M.  
575-374-8315  
[www.FNBNM.bank](http://www.FNBNM.bank)  
Member FDIC

**RE REALTY**  
The Home Team  
Rosie DeHerrera  
Qualifying Broker/Owner  
Noel Allen, Qualifying Broker  
Rhonda Aragon, AB  
(575) 374-2444  
Clayton, NM 88415  
[www.BigCountryRealty.com](http://www.BigCountryRealty.com)

**RANCH MARKET**  
300 South First Street  
Clayton, NM 88415  
575-374-9681 (Voice)  
575-374-8321 (Fax)  
[www.ranchmkt.com](http://www.ranchmkt.com)

**City Drug Store**  
7 Main Street  
Clayton, New Mexico  
575-374-9121  
Lorenzo & Lorri Montoya

**FARMERS & STOCKMENS BANK**  
100 YEARS  
1920  
2020  
Farmers & Stockmens Bank  
Clayton, N.M.  
(575) 374-8301  
[www.FandSBank.com](http://www.FandSBank.com)  
Member FDIC

*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  
**SI All the Sponsors, Benefactors & Supporters of SFX Clayton**  
**SI Good Health & Well Being of all Parishioners & Families**

|                    |                                                                                               |                                                                                                          |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sat, May 8</b>  | 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  |
| <b>Sun, May 9</b>  | +Margaret Heringa<br>+Steve Wagner<br>+Inez Romero<br>(OLOG) +Flo Jome<br>(OLOG) +Lorene Carr | by Rosa Lee Britt<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long    |
| <b>Sat, May 15</b> | +Adelina "Lena" Cruz                                                                          | by The Cruz Family                                                                                       |
| <b>Sun, May 16</b> | SI First Holy Communionists<br>+Inez Romero<br>(OLOG) +Flo Jome<br>(OLOG) +Lorene Carr        | by Cy & Laekyn Wagner<br>by Andrea Naranjo<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long       |
| <b>Sat, May 22</b> | +Freddie Archuleta<br>+Michael Encinias<br>+Cresenciano Garcia                                | by Stella Archuleta<br>by Stella Archuleta<br>by Stella Archuleta                                        |
| <b>Sun, May 23</b> | +Inez Romero<br>+Martha Archuleta<br>(OLOG) +Flo Jome<br>(OLOG) +Lorene Carr                  | by Andrea Naranjo<br>by Jerry Archuleta & Family<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long |

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

|             | <u>SFX</u> | <u>OLOG</u> |
|-------------|------------|-------------|
| May 1-2     | \$1,801.25 | \$ 435.00   |
| April 24-25 | \$1,884.00 | \$ 350.00   |
| April 17-18 | \$1,915.00 | \$ 734.75   |
| April 10-11 | \$1,315.20 | \$ 205.00   |

**Thank you so much for your generosity!**

*Please visit the following very informative websites:*

- [www.archdiocesesantafe.org](http://www.archdiocesesantafe.org)
- [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)
- [v2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html](http://v2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html)
- [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)
- [www.catholicculture.org](http://www.catholicculture.org)

**Announcement**

First Holy Communion  
May 23, 2021  
Practice  
May 22 at 10 am

**Announcement**

**SFX in Clayton and her missions' contribution to the bankruptcy: Our savings of \$11,771.28. An old Capital Campaign Fund of \$3,582.44. The sale of the Moses Mission, \$3,000.00, plus however much from the sale of the old Hayden Mission. As of now that equals \$18,353.72, then plus the Sale of Hayden mission.**

**PAX,  
Fr. Jason Pettigrew**

**A Prayer for Those Afraid of their Motherhood**

Lord God, we thank you, the Source of Life, for all those who have welcomed and nurtured our lives. In particular, we thank you for our mothers, who with trust in you and self-sacrifice beyond description, have made it possible for us to live and praise you today. Give them the reward of their labors.

Today, Lord, we also pray for mothers who are afraid of being mothers. We pray especially for those carrying a child within them, but afraid to bring that child to birth. Look with favor on these, your daughters, and give them trust and strength. Enable them to give themselves to their children, as you give yourself to us, and to experience the joys of motherhood. Enable us to do our part to encourage them and provide for their needs. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Lectors for Masses**

- Sat, May 15- Sammie Wood
- Sun, May 16- Andrea Naranjo
- Sat, May 22- Effie Walker
- Sun, May 23- Jack Chosvig

All Ministry schedules are updated monthly and posted on the church website. If you need to know when you serve, check **www.sfxclayton.org!!**

# Dear Padre,

## How does a priest keep the confession of a grievous sin by someone he knows from affecting their personal relationship?

One of a priest's most sacred responsibilities is the confidentiality of the confessional. This confidentiality encompasses everyone—even the priest and penitent outside the confessional. A priest is not allowed to discuss the confessed sin with the person outside the confessional unless permission is granted for further counseling.

The confessor is also forbidden to use any knowledge gained through the sacrament of reconciliation to restrict the penitent. For instance, if a pastor's bookkeeper confessed he was embezzling money, the pastor could not use the knowledge acquired in the confessional to fire the person.

Priests generally try to forget the specific sins parishioners confess to us, and it really isn't that difficult. Contrary to what many think, a parishioner's sins do not rush into my mind when I speak to him or her.

We have all sinned, done things we are ashamed of, things we wouldn't want anyone to know about, things we wouldn't want others to define us by. This knowledge and the grace of the sacrament help us look past the mistakes of others and recognize Christ within them.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR  
[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



CATHOLIC NEWS SERVICE/SEAN GALLAGHER, THE CRITERION

### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Reconciliation itself is a benefit that the wisdom of the Church has always safeguarded with all her moral and legal might, with the sacramental seal....It is indispensable for the sanctity of the sacrament and for the freedom of conscience of the penitent...that the sacramental conversation will remain within the secrecy of the confessional.*

ADDRESS TO APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, MARCH 29, 2019



## Calendar

### Monday

MAY 10

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11–15

Jn 15:26—16:4a

### Tuesday

MAY 11

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22–34

Jn 16:5–11

### Wednesday

MAY 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1

Jn 16:12–15

### Thursday

MAY 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:1–8

Jn 16:16–20

### Friday

MAY 14

St. Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15–17, 20–26

Jn 15:9–17

### Saturday

MAY 15

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:23–28

Jn 16:23b–28

### Sunday

MAY 16

Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1–11

Eph 1:17–23

or Eph 4:1–13

or 4:1–7, 11–13

Mk 16:15–20