

Follow the Leader

This is not simply the name of a childhood game.

It is actually an essential directive for living. We learn so many things in life because we followed someone. That is how we learned to read, to play a musical instrument, to speak another language, or to understand social behavior.

Many nations at the time of Jeremiah represented their kings as shepherds, leading the people to verdant pastures and restful waters. We see this in the art they left behind. However, many of the kings of Jeremiah's day were not good leaders—not attentive shepherds, nor faithful to God, who had entrusted the people to their care. Consequently, God stepped in to be their shepherd. This is the image of the divine shepherd found in the responsorial psalm. Jesus also characterized religious leaders as shepherds. He was distraught that the people were “like sheep without a shepherd” (Mark 6:34).

Is this situation different today? Many are eager to follow a leader, but which one? Ours is a multicultural, pluralistic, international society with innumerable viewpoints. Voices cry out from many corners, demanding to be heard. But which voice should we heed? Which worldly leaders should we follow? It's apparent that our leaders, both civic and religious, disagree on certain matters. What are we to do? The issue is not “with whom do I agree?” but rather “whose point of view makes me a better person? More compassionate? More understanding? More selfless? More *Christlike*?” Are we following the right leader?

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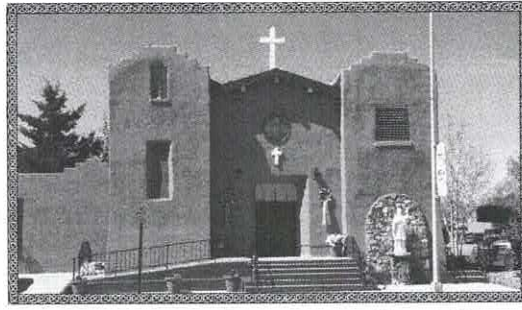
FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *Our Shepherd never pits us against each other but brings us together. Is this reflected in the way we live in society?*
- ★ *Our Shepherd cares for all, not just those whom society has privileged. Do we?*

I will raise up shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear or be terrified; none shall be missing.

JEREMIAH 23:4





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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

JULY 18TH

St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

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

Daily Mass: Wednesday (Bilingual Mass) 12:10pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 5:30pm Friday:12:10pm

Honor of Our Blessed Mother Mass 1st Saturday of the Month:10:30am

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

Adoration: Tuesday & Thursday 6pm to 7 pm

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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*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 July 2021**

+ All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members  
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|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Fri, July 16</b> | +Lillie Barreras                                                                       | by Ross & Shelley Carter                                                                                   |
| <b>Sat, July 17</b> | +Shannon Brorby<br>+Johnny Cadwell                                                     | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter                                                       |
| <b>Sun, July 18</b> | +Andres & Inez Romero<br>+Elisie Martinez<br>(OLOG) +Chuck Montoya                     | by Debra Thelander<br>by The Martinez Family<br>by Carlos & Bernie Fernandez                               |
| (OLOG)              | +Ken Commiato                                                                          | by Marjorie & Grant Long                                                                                   |
| (OLOG)              | +Charles Carr                                                                          | by Marjorie & Grant Long                                                                                   |
| <b>Fri, July 23</b> | +Shannon Brorby                                                                        | by Ross & Shelley Carter                                                                                   |
| <b>Sat, July 24</b> | +Lillie Barreras<br>+Cathy Cruz Segova                                                 | by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by The Cruz Family                                                             |
| <b>Sun, July 25</b> | +Andres & Inez Romero<br>+C.A. Bleiker<br>(OLOG) +Ken Commiato<br>(OLOG) +Charles Carr | by Debra Thelander<br>by Mary Blieker, Cecil & Ann<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long |
| <b>Sat, July 31</b> | +Shannon Brorby                                                                        | by Ross & Shelley Carter                                                                                   |
| <b>Fri, Aug 6</b>   | +Shannon Brorby                                                                        | by Ross & Shelley Carter                                                                                   |
| <b>Sat, Aug 7</b>   | +Johnny Cadwell                                                                        | by Ross & Shelley Carter                                                                                   |

**Weekly Collections Summary: June 2021**

|            | <u>SFX</u> | <u>OLOG</u> |
|------------|------------|-------------|
| July 10-11 | \$1,580.00 | \$ 428.00   |
| July 3-4   | \$1,343.00 | \$ 419.00   |
| June 26-27 | \$2,658.00 | \$ 512.00   |
| June 19-20 | \$1,739.75 | \$ 343.00   |

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**Announcement**

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**ACA Pledge Goal Report**

**St. Francis Xavier-Clayton**  
**% of Participation - 9.78%**  
**Number of Families -317**  
**Parish Goal - \$12,200.00**  
**% Goal Pledged -96.55%**  
**% Goal Paid -88.68%**  
**Total Pledge-\$11,779.00**  
  
**Total Paid-\$10,819.00**  
  
**Short-\$1,381.00**

"A wide spectrum of issues touches on the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. As Pope John Paul II has reminded us: *"Where life is involved, the service of charity must be profoundly consistent.* It cannot tolerate bias and discrimination, for human life is sacred and inviolable at every stage and in every situation; it is an indivisible good" (The Gospel of Life, no. 87).

"Among important issues involving the dignity of human life with which the Church is concerned, abortion necessarily plays a central role. Abortion, the direct killing of an innocent human being, is *always* gravely immoral (The Gospel of Life, no. 57); its victims are the most vulnerable and defenseless members of the human family. It is imperative that those who are called to serve the least among us give urgent attention and priority to this issue of justice" (2001: US Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro-life Activities: A Campaign in Support of Life).

**Lectors for Masses**

- Sat, July 24-Pat Crisp
- Sun, July 25- Andrea Naranjo
- Sat, July 31- Sandy Vaughn
- Sun, Aug 1-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,

**I read this is the liturgical year of Mark, that next year will be the year of Matthew, and the following year, Luke. Then it starts over with Mark again. Why doesn't John have a year?**

**T**he purpose in a three-year cycle of readings at Mass was primarily a pastoral one. "The treasures of the Bible are to be opened up more lavishly, so that richer fare may be provided for the faithful at the table of God's word. In this way a more representative portion of the holy Scriptures will be read to the people in the course of a prescribed number of years" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [*Sacrosanctum Concilium*], 51).

All of Scripture is the word of God, but "Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 29). Moreover, Christ reveals himself to us from four different Gospel perspectives. For some people, John's version—often deeply symbolic and theological—can be pastorally challenging.

The semicontinuous reading of the three synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke) "provides a presentation of each Gospel's distinctive doctrine as well as a development of the Lord's life and preaching" (*Lectionary for Mass*, 1970; 16,1). Nevertheless, John's Gospel appears in all three cycles. For example, five readings from chapter six on the bread of life are inserted in Year B, when Mark's short Gospel is proclaimed. John's Gospel is also read during Easter and scattered throughout the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Lent.

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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*



*For leadership there is only one road: service. There is no other way. If you have many qualities—the ability to communicate, etc.—but you are not a servant, your leadership will fail, it is useless, it has not power to gather [people] together.*

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## Calendar

### Monday

JULY 19

Weekday

Ex 14:5–18

Mt 12:38–42

### Tuesday

JULY 20

Weekday

Ex 14:21–15:1

Mt 12:46–50

### Wednesday

JULY 21

Weekday

Ex 16:1–5, 9–15

Mt 13:1–9

### Thursday

JULY 22

St. Mary Magdalene

Sg 3:1–4b or

2 Cor 5:14–17

Jn 20:1–2, 11–18

### Friday

JULY 23

Weekday

Ex 20:1–17

Mt 13:18–23

### Saturday

JULY 24

Weekday

Ex 24:3–8

Mt 13:24–30

### Sunday

JULY 25

Seventeenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:42–44

Eph 4:1–6

Jn 6:1–15

**Do you have a question for the Padre?**

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