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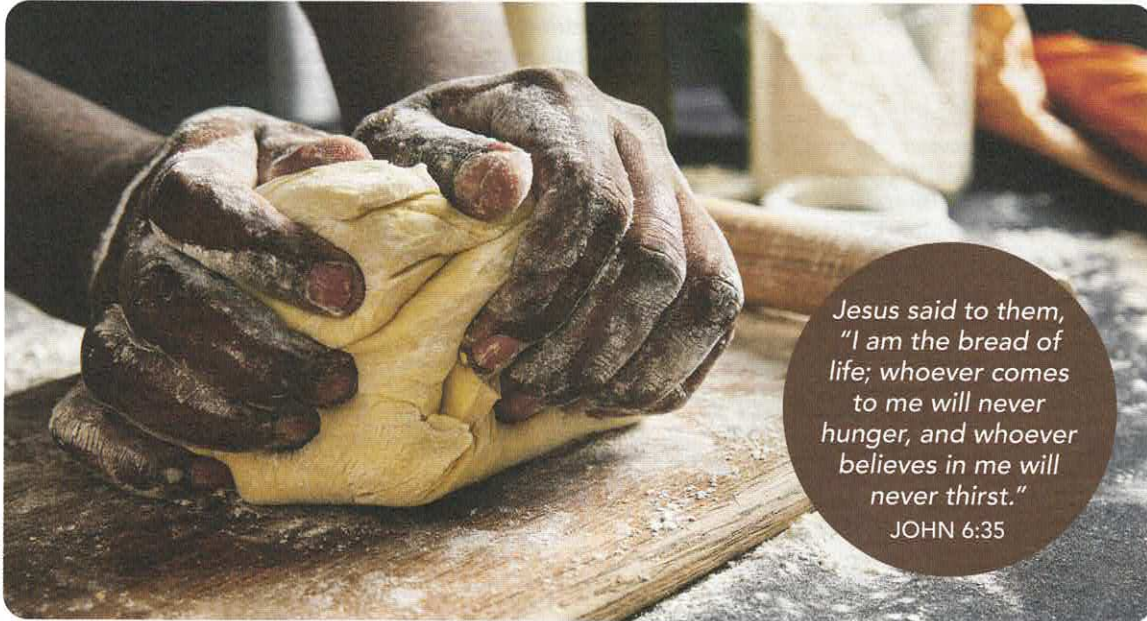
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FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Give thanks for God's day-by-day care for you and your loved ones.
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*Jesus said to them,
"I am the bread of
life; whoever comes
to me will never
hunger, and whoever
believes in me will
never thirst."*

JOHN 6:35



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Parish Office Hours (CCD Building)

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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

AUGUST 1ST

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


Nursing Home, Clayton

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 July & August 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*

|                       |                                            |                                               |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Sat, July 31          | +Shannon Brorby                            | by Ross & Shelley Carter                      |
| Sun, Aug 1<br>(OLOG)  | +Margaret Heringa<br>+Frank & Lorna Kelsey | by Loretta Butler<br>by Grant & Marjorie Long |
| Fri, Aug 6            | +Shannon Brorby                            | by Ross & Shelley Carter                      |
| Sat, Aug 7            | +Johnny Cadwell                            | by Ross & Shelley Carter                      |
| Sun, Aug 8<br>(OLOG)  | +Margaret Heringa<br>+Frank & Lorna Kelsey | by Loretta Butler<br>by Grant & Marjorie Long |
| Sun, Aug 15<br>(OLOG) | +Margaret Heringa<br>+Frank & Lorna Kelsey | by Loretta Butler<br>by Grant & Marjorie Long |
| Sun, Aug 22<br>(OLOG) | +Margaret Heringa<br>+Frank & Lorna Kelsey | by Loretta Butler<br>by Grant & Marjorie Long |
| Tues, Aug 24          | +Margaret Heringa                          | by Loretta Butler                             |
| Sun, Aug 29<br>(OLOG) | +Margaret Heringa<br>+Frank & Lorna Kelsey | by Loretta Butler<br>by Grant & Marjorie Long |
| Tues, Nov 2           | +Margaret Heringa                          | by Loretta Butler                             |

TEXT UPDATES FROM THE CHURCH

SFX Clayton uses FlockNote Communication! This allows us to send text and email notifications and announcements! To receive Messages, Text the word SFXClayton to the number 84576 to sign up! Then follow the instructions on your phone.

Announcement

Prayerfully Consider Donating Your  
Time:  
Volunteers Needed!

In his June 2009 encyclical Caritas in Veritate, Pope Benedict XVI reminds the world that poverty will not be eradicated unless we rediscover and protect the sanctity of life at every level. Dismissing the unborn as less than human and allowing abortion impedes the work of social justice. He points out with urgency, "While the poor of the world continue knocking on the doors of the rich, the world of affluence runs the risk of no longer hearing those knocks, on account of a conscience that can no longer distinguish what is human" (n. 75).

**Weekly Collections Summary: July 2021**

|            | <u>SFX</u> | <u>OLOG</u> |
|------------|------------|-------------|
| July 24-25 | \$1,602.00 | \$ 209.00   |
| July 17-18 | \$1,957.75 | \$ 425.00   |
| July 10-11 | \$1,580.00 | \$ 428.00   |
| July 3-4   | \$1,343.00 | \$ 419.00   |

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- [2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html](http://2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html)
- [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)
- [www.catholic culture.org](http://www.catholic culture.org)

Lectors for Masses

- Sat, Aug 7- Sammie Wood
- Sun, Aug 8-Andrea Naranjo
- Sat, Aug 14- Shelley Carter
- Sun, Aug 15-Sandy Vaughn

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)!!

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