

## Isn't That a Bit Extreme?

**N**o sacrifice is too extreme in pursuit of a dream. We will forego sleep, the enjoyment of a favorite pastime, the company of good friends—even the pleasure of good food. Ask anyone who has spent hours preparing for a recital, trying out for a position on an athletic team, or studying for an entrance exam. The same is true when one's livelihood is involved. Ask farmers, people in the military, teachers, or health-care workers. Ask new parents, or even those who have been at it for a long time. If we really value something or someone, no sacrifice is too great—at least for a while—when that cherished goal is in view.

We don't seem as willing to forfeit comfort when negative inclinations are involved, and we all have them: rivalry, jealousy, fury, selfishness, slander,

gossip, conceit, to name a few. We know that such pettiness or rank cruelty can harm us as well as those we offend, but too often we seem unwilling to restrain such inclinations.

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus speaks quite strongly to such reticence. Does he really expect us to maim ourselves? Isn't that a bit extreme? The fact is, when we try to purge ourselves of reprehensible behavior it is like cutting off our hand or plucking out our eye. Ask anyone who deals with an addiction. If Jesus asks this of us, it means that we certainly have the strength to do it.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- \* Pray for the insight to recognize a bad habit that keeps you from being your best self.
- \* What behavior might you have to give up?



# 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  
Closed on Wed, Fri

## 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

## SEPTEMBER 26TH

### St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

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

**Daily Mass: Wednesday: 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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**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 **September & October 2021**  
+ All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members  
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|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sat, Sept 25</b>   | +Clare Wood<br>+Corazon O. Bugas<br>+Martha Archuleta                                                   | by Sammie & Chip Wood<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Amanda Encinias                                                     |
| <b>Sun, Sept 26</b>   | +Inez & Andres Romero<br><br>+Juanita Cordova<br><br>+Sandra Rael<br><br>(OLOG) +Elbert & Sylvia Chapin | by Debra Thelander & Pam Jordan<br>by Teresina Montano & Family<br>by Teresina Montano & Family<br>by Marjorie & Grant Long |
| <b>Thurs, Sept 30</b> | +Judith Garcia Davidson                                                                                 | by Kathryn & Jonathan Garcia                                                                                                |
| <b>Fri, Oct 1</b>     | +Judith Garcia Davidson                                                                                 | by Kathryn & Jonathan Garcia                                                                                                |
| <b>Sat, Oct 2</b>     | +Clare Wood<br>+Sandra Rael<br>+Judith Garcia Davidson                                                  | by Sammie & Chip Wood<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Kathryn & Jonathan Garcia                                           |
| <b>Sun, Oct 3</b>     | +Inez & Andres Romero<br><br>+Corazon O. Bugas<br>+Judith Garcia Davidson                               | by Debra Thelander & Pam Jordan<br>by Ross & Shelley Carter<br>by Kathryn & Jonathan Garcia                                 |

**Weekly Collections Summary: August 2021**

|                 | <u>SFX</u> | <u>OLOG</u> |
|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| September 18-19 | \$1,269.00 | \$ 444.00   |
| September 11-12 | \$1,914.00 | \$ 413.00   |
| September 4-5   | \$1,664.00 | \$ 548.00   |
| August 28-29    | \$1,866.05 | \$ 346.00   |

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

2021 Raffle Tickets are in.  
This year, \$6 per ticket or \$25 for a book of five.  
1st place prize \$1000, 2nd place prize is \$500,  
3rd \$400, 4th \$300, 5th \$200, 6th \$100.

Come by the office for your tickets!  
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9am-1pm

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

CCD Classes officially started. We are still doing enrollment!  
Kindergarten-6th grade at 4-5:30  
7th/8th/9th grade and Catechism at 6-7:30

**ATTENTION!!!**

**New Facebook Page has been created! Link has been posted in the old page. The new page is directly linked to the office.**

Facebook Page link:  
[@sfxclaytonparish1937](https://www.facebook.com/sfxclaytonparish1937)

"In a democratic society citizens choose whom they vest with authority for the common good. A choice for one person over another for public office can significantly affect many lives, especially the lives of the most vulnerable persons in society, such as children in the womb and those who are terminally ill. Therefore, Catholic citizens have a serious moral obligation to exercise their right to vote, whether on the national, state or local level" (Bishops of Kansas, "Moral Principles for Catholic Voters," August 15, 2006).

**Lectors for Masses**

- Sat, Oct 2-Ross Carter
- Sun, Oct 3- Pat Crisp
- Sat, Oct 9-Effie Walker
- Sun, Oct 10-Raymond Saccoccia

# Dear Padre,

**Isn't evangelization a role best left to religious professionals? I worry about being ridiculed if I try to spread the Good News. Any suggestions?**

**M**any Catholics incorrectly assume that evangelization is not their job but a task for priests, deacons, or others serving in an official capacity. But it is helpful to remember that evangelization is more a matter of commitment rather than a specialized competence. The Gospel proclaims that a disciple must go out into the world and spread the Good News.

Evangelization is the mission and purpose of the whole Church. It is doing God's will and work on earth.

Your anxiety about being ridiculed may arise from a notion that others will reject information about Jesus Christ. This fear may be underestimating the powerful attraction of the Good News. This worry may be based on your own lack of confidence rather than the response of others. There are several ways for dealing

with this concern: First, acknowledge this fear and seek counsel and advice from someone who has overcome it. Second, remember that to help us offset these negative emotions we are all given the fruits of the Holy Spirit: joy, love, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Third, remember the future—God works in mysterious ways, and grace, though powerful, may take a long time to come to fruition.

*The Redemptorists / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org*

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

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*It is our great responsibility, as baptized persons, to proclaim Christ, to carry the Church—this fruitful motherhood of the Church—forward. Mary, during the persecution of the first Christians, prayed so much and moved those who had been baptized to go forward with courage.*

HOMILY, APRIL 17, 2013

## Calendar

### Monday

SEPTEMBER 27

St. Vincent de Paul,  
Priest

Zec 8:1–8

Lk 9:46–50

### Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 28

Weekday

Zec 8:20–23

Lk 9:51–56

### Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 29

Sts. Michael, Gabriel,  
and Raphael,  
Archangels

Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 or

Rv 12:7–12a

Jn 1:47–51

### Thursday

SEPTEMBER 30

St. Jerome,  
Priest and Doctor  
of the Church

Neh 8:1–4a, 5–6, 7b–12

Lk 10:1–12

### Friday

OCTOBER 1

St. Thérèse of the Child  
Jesus, Virgin and Doctor  
of the Church

Bar 1:15–22

Lk 10:13–16

### Saturday

OCTOBER 2

The Holy Guardian Angels

Bar 4:5–12, 27–29

Mt 18:1–5, 10

### Sunday

OCTOBER 3

Twenty-seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Gn 2:18–24

Heb 2:9–11

Mk 10:2–16 or 10:2–12

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