

## Take Your Pick

**T**he vast array of possibilities in today's world is both an extraordinary advantage because it can so enrich life and a bewildering encumbrance as we face weighty decisions. Many think that life in the past was less complicated. It might have seemed that way, but women and men have always had to face the same fundamental questions: What is life all about? To what shall I commit myself? And answering such questions has seldom been easy.

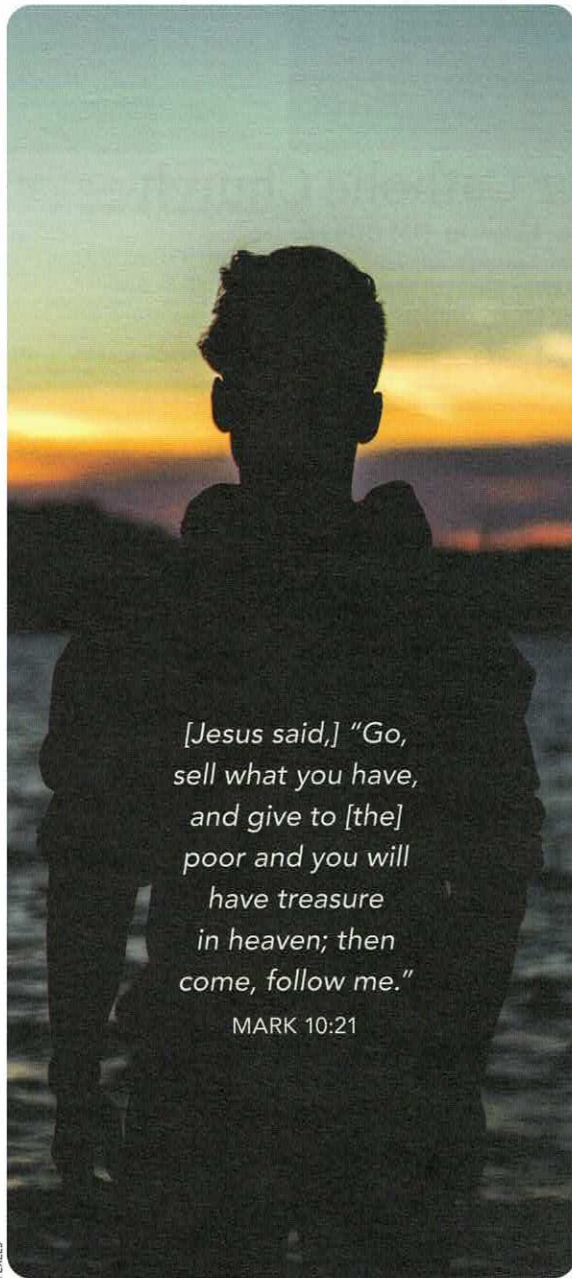
Today's first reading underscores the importance of discernment or wisdom as we search for answers. It insists that such discernment or wisdom outstrips riches, or even health, as the goal to which we should strive. It further assures us that in our striving for wisdom we will discover that she does not come to us alone. Rather, she brings all good things with her.

The Gospel passage tells of a young man in search of true meaning, of wisdom, of eternal life. Having valued the law and the way of life it offers a believer, he is dissatisfied. He wanted something more satisfying; something deeper. He is still struggling to discover what life is all about, to what he should commit himself. Jesus tells him that he will not find what he is looking for in his riches. Rather, he should commit himself to the welfare of others. Unfortunately, this advice was too much. He went away sad. Even knowing that he was dissatisfied with his wealth, he still would not walk away from it.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- \* *Do you still cling to something that cannot fulfill your deepest desires? Why?*
- \* *Pray for the courage to commit yourself to what might make life more meaningful.*





# St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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## 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

## 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

## OCTOBER 10TH

### 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

### Nursing Home, Clayton

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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 October 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, Oct 9  | +Clare Wood                | by The Carter & Vaughn Families |
|             | +Sonia Maulsby             | by Ross & Shelley Carter        |
|             | +Michael Sisneros          | by Teresina Montano & Family    |
| Sun, Oct 10 | +Clare Wood                | by Sammie & Chip Wood           |
|             | +Inez & Andres Romero      | by Debra Thelander & Pam Jordan |
| (OLOG)      | +Corazon O. Bugas          | by Ross & Shelley Carter        |
|             | +Johnny & Barbara Commiato | by Marjorie & Grant Long        |
| Sat, Oct 16 | +Clare Wood                | by Sammie & Chip Wood           |
|             | +Sandra Rael               | by Ross & Shelley Carter        |
|             | +Joe M. Montano            | by Teresina Montano & Family    |
| Sun, Oct 17 | SI Marcelo Lucero          | by Angela Montoya               |
|             | +Inez & Andres Romero      | by Debra Thelander & Pam Jordan |
|             | +Corazon O. Bugas          | by Della Wetzel                 |
|             | +Mark Montoya              | by Lupe Montoya                 |
| (OLOG)      | +Johnny & Barabra Commiato | by Marjorie & Grant Long        |
| Sat, Oct 23 | +Clare Wood                | by Sammie & Chip Wood           |
|             | +Sonia Maulsby             | by Ross & Shelley Carter        |
|             | +Ronald Cardenas           | by Narce Cardenas               |

**Weekly Collections Summary: September 2021**

|                 | <u>SFX</u> | <u>OLOG</u> |
|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| October 2-3     | \$3,492.00 | \$ 603.00   |
| September 18-19 | \$1,269.00 | \$ 444.00   |
| September 11-12 | \$1,914.00 | \$ 413.00   |
| September 4-5   | \$1,664.00 | \$ 548.00   |

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

**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

Please Drop off Raffle stubs at the Office or in the Dropboxes at the Office or Rectory.

**DO NOT** leave the stubs in the church!

**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)

“As today’s pro-life community often is, Paul was regularly ridiculed: indeed, he suffered far worse than ridicule, for the truth about God, God’s law, and the natural law makes many uncomfortable. Those who resist God’s law don’t want to be reminded of its demands. This is no less true in our time than in Paul’s. And so we pray for the conversion of those whose hearts have been made hard by the sin of abortion and the sin of its propagation. We pray for the courage and persistence of St. Paul, as we endeavor to spread the Gospel of Life. We pray for the triumph of life” (Cardinal William Keeler, January 22, 2006).

**Lectors for Masses**

- Sat, Oct 16– Chase Carter
- Sun, Oct 17–Johnna and Tailyn Kimble
- Sat, Oct 23– Shelley Carter
- Sun, Oct 24– Laekyn Wagner

# Dear Padre,

I've been married to a Catholic for fifty years and would like to become Catholic. My parish's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults runs from September through Easter. That's a long time for someone in her eighties. Is there any way to accelerate the process?

**R**CIA was designed to meet the needs of two main groups: those who have been baptized as Catholics or in a Protestant tradition but have received no additional instruction in the Catholic faith, and those who have not been baptized. Someone in the first group has a different starting point from someone who has little knowledge of Christ or who has never participated in a church community.

RCIA programs use an instruction process called catechumenate, in which people seeking to become Catholic (catechumens) experience a worshiping community, pray, and reflect on God's word. The catechumenate is divided into steps that are marked by liturgical rites;

some parts of the rites are optional, depending on each catechumen's pastoral situation. Catechumens can be received into the Church at any time of year.

Talk to your pastor about your closeness to Catholicism since your marriage and how it has formed your faith. Together, you can determine the amount and type of preparation that's right for you.

Fr. John Schmidt, CSSR / [Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto: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.



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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Clearly, in Jesus' final—immense, wonderful—invitation, there is no proposal of poverty, but of wealth, of true richness...Being able to choose between an original and a copy, who would choose the copy? Here is the challenge: finding life's original, not the copy. Jesus does not offer surrogates, but true life, true love, true richness!*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, JUNE 13, 2018



## Calendar

**Monday**

OCTOBER 11

Weekday

Rom 1:1-7

Lk 11:29-32

**Tuesday**

OCTOBER 12

Weekday

Rom 1:16-25

Lk 11:37-41

**Wednesday**

OCTOBER 13

Weekday

Rom 2:1-11

Lk 11:42-46

**Thursday**

OCTOBER 14

Weekday

Rom 3:21-30

Lk 11:47-54

**Friday**

OCTOBER 15

*St. Teresa of Jesus,  
Virgin and Doctor  
of the Church*

Rom 4:1-8

Lk 12:1-7

**Saturday**

OCTOBER 16

Weekday

Rom 4:13, 16-18

Lk 12:8-12

**Sunday**

OCTOBER 17

*Twenty-ninth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time*

Is 53:10-11

Heb 4:14-16

Mk 10:35-45

or 10:42-45

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