



# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 27, 2022  
Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)  
Jos 5:9a, 10-12  
2 Cor 5:17-21  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

*Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away;  
behold, new things have come. And all this is from God.*

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-18A



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## Rejoice!

**T**oday is **Laetare Sunday, the Lenten Sunday to rejoice**. We are encouraged to rejoice, not because Lent is half over, but because something extraordinary has occurred. All three readings for today applaud some wondrous and joyous occasion.

The reading from Joshua notes the end of the Israelites' grueling Egyptian and wilderness experience. They settled in Canaan and now celebrated the anniversary of their deliverance by offering to God in gratitude the fruits of their own harvest. The people who once were landless have now been made anew. This is surely a reason to rejoice.

Paul's words to the Corinthians were reason for great rejoicing. He assured them that, because of the death and resurrection of Jesus, their sinfulness was not held against them. Instead, they were now reconciled with God. They were a new creation. This too is reason to rejoice.

Jesus' story about the merciful father touches every

life. The young son turned away from his home and his family, yet it was the father's actions that brought about the reconciliation. The story did not explicitly say that he simply forgave his son. More than that, it says that he was filled with deep compassion for him—a compassion that restored the bond between them. This compassion brought the son who was dead back to life. There is no greater reason for rejoicing.

God has brought us into a new land, has made each of us a new creation, has brought us back to the embrace of our Father. And so, we rejoice.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR Reflection

- ★ *Think of a time when a severed relationship was repaired. Be grateful.*
- ★ *What might you do to repair a situation of alienation in your life?*



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## Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Joseph Baltz  
Business Manager/Finance: Theresa Gard  
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## Parish Office Hours (CCD Building)

Tuesday: 9:00AM-5:00PM  
Thurs, 8:00AM -1:00PM  
Closed on Mon, Wed, Fri

## Sacrament of Baptism

(Classes and Parents Interview)  
Contact Pastor

## Sacrament of Marriage

(Classes and Couple Interview)  
Contact Fr. Joseph -6 Months Prior

## Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

By appointment with the Pastor

## MARCH 27TH

### St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

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

Daily Mass: Wednesday: 12:10pm

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

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

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

### 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 2:00 PM

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*This is my body, which will be given up for you.  
This is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal  
covenant, which will be poured out for you & for many for the for-  
giveness of sins.  
Do this in memory of me.*

**Masses will be offered March & April 2022**

+ 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, Mar. 26	+Eloisa Valdez +Irene Miera +Helen Trujillo	by Ross & Shelley Carter by Ross & Shelley Carter by Claude Trujillo & Family
Sun, Mar. 27	+Tim Gallagher	by Debbie & Kirk Jesko
Sat, Apr. 2	+Eloisa Valdez +Christy Lucero +Irene Miera	by Ross & Shelley Carter by Peewee, Laura & Vivian by Ross & Shelley Carter
Sun, Apr. 3	+Tim Gallagher +Helen Trujillo	by Debbie & Kirk Jesko by Claude Trujillo & Family
Sat, Apr. 9	+Eloisa Valdez +Irene Miera	by Ross & Shelley Carter by Ross & Shelley Carter
Sun, Apr. 10	+Tim Gallagher +Inez Romero	by Donna Kimble by Pam, Debbie & Andrea
Sat, Apr. 16	+Irene Miera	by Ross & Shelley Carter
Sun, Apr. 17	+Tim Gallagher	by Donna Kimble
Sat, Apr. 23	+Irene Miera	by Ross & Shelley Carter
Sun, Apr. 24	+Tim Gallagher	by Donna Kimble

**Weekly Collections Summary: Feb. & Mar. 2022**

	<u>SFX</u>	<u>OLOG</u>
March 19-20		
March 12-13	\$2,707.00	\$ 403.00
March 5-6	\$3,687.50	\$ 448.00
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**CONFESSION TIMES**

	Tu	W	Tr	F	S
11:30					
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Lenten Meatless Potluck  
Will be held after Stations of the Cross on  
Fridays!  
Come and join for good food and fellowship!  
Stations of the Cross are at 5:30pm

April 1, 2022 after Stations, Father Joseph will be  
Hosting a class on  
"Stop Wasting Your Suffering"

Des Moines Synod Gathering  
Saturday, April 2nd  
After the 10:30AM Mass at the City Hall  
Lunch will be provided!

**UPDATE:**  
Class for the Spiritual Desolation  
Classes will continue on Wednesdays at 6:00pm at the  
Parish Hall.

**Lectors for Masses**

Sat, Apr. 2- Sammie Wood  
Sun, Apr. 3-Pat Crisp  
Sat, Apr.9- Shelley Carter, Ross Carter  
Sun, Apr 10- Sandy Vaughn, Chase Carter

# Dear Padre,

**When I'm trying to pray, I can't stop thinking about my to-do list. How do I keep my mind from racing when I pray?**

**M**ost spiritual directors encourage a person to enter gently into solitude and prayer. Real conversation with any friend begins with warm acknowledgment of that friend's presence, so as you sit or kneel, acknowledge that you are in a sacred place and that God is present.

Several techniques can help us find interior silence and solitude. Many people find it helps to sit in a comfortable position and pay close attention to their breathing. Taking slow, deep breaths relaxes our minds and hearts.

When repeated, a sacred word like *Jesus* or *Abba* can focus our attention and help us let go of the distractions that can so easily crowd our consciousness.

Another technique is to take a few moments to find quiet, then read a passage from Scripture. Many people choose the Gospel passage of the day; others read a Gospel through from beginning to end by reading a short passage each day. Other excellent techniques to focus your praying include the Church traditions of *lectio divina* as well as the imaginative prayer method advocated by St. Ignatius.

True conversation goes both ways. One way God speaks to us is through the word. Reading Scripture as part of our conversation with God is a good way to be sure we don't do all the talking.

*Fr. Michael Brehl, CSsR / 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*

*Prayer often coexists with distraction. Indeed, the human mind struggles to dwell for long on a single thought. We all experience this constant whirlwind of images and illusions in perpetual motion, which accompanies us even during sleep. And we all know that it is not good to follow this inclination toward disorder.*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, MAY 19, 2021



## Calendar

### Monday

MARCH 28  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Is 65:17-21  
Jn 4:43-54

### Tuesday

MARCH 29  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Ez 47:1-9, 12  
Jn 5:1-16

### Wednesday

MARCH 30  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Is 49:8-15  
Jn 5:17-30

### Thursday

MARCH 31  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Ex 32:7-14  
Jn 5:31-47

### Friday

APRIL 1  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Wis 2:1a, 12-22  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

### Saturday

APRIL 2  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Jer 11:18-20  
Jn 7:40-53

### Sunday

APRIL 3  
*Fifth Sunday of Lent*  
Is 43:16-21  
Phil 3:8-14  
Jn 8:1-11

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