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Parish Announcements:

+++CHOOSING TO BELONG—ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?

Attending Mass and giving of your time, talent and treasure are an integral part of being Catholic. If you attend Mass here regularly, we encourage you to register as a member of our faith community. If you would like to register as a member of our parish, please call (575) 374-8894 or fill a form in the back of the church; or we can send you a registration form.

+++Altar Servers: a great opportunity for 4th graders and above to serve at the Celebration of the Eucharist. High school and college age parishioners are especially encouraged to serve.

+++Extraordinary Ministers of the Precious Blood and Lectors— As extraordinary ministers of the Holy Eucharist you can distribute the Precious Blood during Mass. As a Lector, you can proclaim the Word of God, General Intercessions and announcements.

Ushers: Cheerfully welcome people to the Celebration of the Eucharist and make visitors feel at home in our parish.

Choir— Opportunities are for adults and children to lead the people in joyful worship by singing and playing musical instruments.

+++Update on 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign

Please make pledges to contribute to this years's ACA Campaign. Your generosity assists the Archdiocese of Santa Fe with its charitable impact that Jesus asks of each of us. If you have made an ACA pledge and have not yet paid the pledge in full, we encourage you to do so. The envelopes and covers are in the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support.

+++The bazaar raffle tickets are ready. Please take your envelope from the back of the church if you have not already done so.



St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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Missions: Des Moines, Folsom, Moses, NENM Detention Facility

www.sfxclayton.org

Parish Administrator

Fr. Joji Konkala

Parish Staff

Business manager: Theresa Gard

Secretary : Raymond Saccoccia

DRE: Rose Ramirez

Parish Office Hours (CCD Building)

Tuesday: 9:00am—1:00pm

Wednesday: 1:00pm—5:00pm

Thursday: 9:00am—1:00pm

St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

Saturday Mass 5pm & Sunday 10:30am

Weekday Mass: Monday 7am

Wednesday & Friday 12:10pm

Thursday 5:30pm

Confession: Saturday 4pm to 5pm

Adoration: Thursday 6pm to 7pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines

Sunday Mass 8am (Oct 1 - May 31)

Confession: Sunday before 8am

St. Joseph, Folsom

Sunday Mass 8am (Jun 1 - Sept 30)

Confession: Sunday before 8am

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM—The Sacrament of Baptism classes are offered. Contact Fr. Joji

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE—Couples must contact the parish office at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date. They must participate in a Weekend for Engaged Couples and attend an introductory class in Natural Family Planning.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK: The Sacrament is administered upon request to those seriously ill, permanently handicapped, very elderly, and those undergoing major surgery.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK—Holy Communion will be brought to the home. Please call the rectory or the priest when someone is ill and unable to come to church. Prayers may be requested for the sick and the elderly. Also, call the rectory or the priest when someone is in the hospital.

Dear parishioners: Sunday Reflections: There sure is a lot of “love” in today’s Scripture Readings! In the First Reading (Deuteronomy 6:2-6), Moses tells the Israelites to “love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.” The Second Reading (Hebrews 7:23-28) reminds us that Jesus gave himself as the perfect sacrifice for all of us – the ultimate sign of God’s love. Today’s Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 18) contains the refrain – “I love you, Lord, my strength.” And in the Gospel (Mark 12:28-34), Jesus adds a new commandment, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” which is taken from Leviticus 19:18. God’s love is unconditional. We do not earn God’s love. It is freely given to us in spite of our faults, our imperfections, our weaknesses, and our sinfulness. But God commands that we do the same. He calls us to put him first in our lives, before anything or anyone else. But realize that Jesus adds to that the commandment that we love our neighbor as ourselves. On the surface, this may seem an easy message to understand and to practice in our daily lives, but deeper refection challenges us to rethink this. “Love your neighbor as yourself” is not a suggestion – it is a command. To be true followers of Christ requires that we live out this command. The challenge also comes when and how we answer the question, “Who is our neighbor?” In the Gospel of Luke, this question is followed by the Parable of the God Samaritan. That parable does not appear in the Gospel of Mark, so the question remains – Who is my neighbor? This is not a geographical question, but a theological one. Every human being is our neighbor, by virtue of having been made in the image and likeness of God. And in the end, it comes down to this: “love the ‘un-loveable’.” Love those who are hard to love, those who have hurt us, those we just don’t like very much. Clearly, loving is not always easy. We can all acknowledge that reality. It requires for giveness. It demands setting aside judgments, and it forces us to reach beyond our own wants and needs to put others first. Sometimes, it is so difficult to love that it requires grace and prayer, and God’s guidance and intervention. But remember that anything that God asks of us – including loving our neighbor – he will give us the grace necessary to accomplish if we turn to him with a sincere and trusting heart. God’s abundant strength empowers us, and he will give us all that we need to love others, even when it is challenging and difficult.

Masses offered November 2024

+All the Departed Parishioners & Family Members
***SI** All the Sponsors, Benefactors & Supporters of SFX*
***SI** Good Health & Well-Being of all Parishioners & Families*

Sat, Nov 2
+Clare Wood by Ross and Shelley Carter
+Michael Encinias by Stella Archuleta
+Emma Garcia by Stella Archuleta

Sun, Nov 3
8:00 A.M.
+Cecilia Bachicha by Benny Bachicha
10:30 A.M.
+Clare Wood by Ross and Shelley Carter
+Pita Maesta by Angela Montoya

Thu, Nov 7
+Jonathan Fernandez by the Fernandez family

Sat, Nov 9
+Viola Ruiz by Ricky Maestas
+Michael Barrera by Ross and Shelley Carter

Sun, Nov 10
The needs and intentions of our parishioners

Sat, Nov 16
+Robert Rael by Joe and Rosie DeHerrera
+Sam Britt by Rosa Lee Britt
+Michael Barrera by Ross and Shelley Carter

Sun, Nov 17
+Geneva Benavidez by Judy Steen
+Eloisa Valdez by Judy Steen
+Sam Britt by Rosa Lee Britt

Mon, Nov 18 by Rosa Lee Britt

Readings for the week

- 4 Mon** Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Memorial Phil 2:1-4/Lk 14:12-14
- 5 Tue** Weekday green Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24
- 6 Wed** Weekday green Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33
- 7 Thu** Weekday green Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10
- 8 Fri** Weekday green Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 16:1-8
- 9 Sat** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Feast
Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

During November...CHERISH THE MEMORY...Our Catholic Faith teaches us to cherish the memory of our dead. It urges us to commune in prayer, especially at Mass, with the souls of those we loved while they walked this Earth. We are continually reminded that “life is changed, not ended.”

THE GOD OF LOVE...It is our belief that at the moment of death, we will experience our ultimate encounter with the God of Love. In this encounter, we will experience God more vividly than ever before because our spirit will be free of all human constraints. For some, this will be a very painful encounter because they will see their faults magnified in contrast with the goodness of God. Many believe that the pain of this encounter constitutes the essence of the doctrine of Purgatory. To own up to one’s selfishness and meanness can be terribly painful, as we all know. To do so in the presence of Holiness Itself must constitute the ultimate purgation.

“LOVE NEVER FAILS”...It is useless to speculate on the duration of this final, cleansing encounter with our God because “time,” as we understand it on Earth, has no meaning in the realm of eternity. Hence, our Faith very sensibly teaches us to forget “time” and commune in prayer with our dead. Just as “the living” are helped over the rough spots of this early life by experiencing the love, sympathy and solidarity of their friends, so also we believe that the dead are consoled and helped as they pass through the often painful “cleansing” of their ultimate encounter with God. How sad it is when we get so hung up on the earthly concept of “time” that we allow our active love and concern to stop at the moment of earthly death.

FULL OF HOPE AND LOVE...During the month of November, we will offer Mass each day for the Holy Souls. As Christ commanded that the Mass be offered for all time so that the meaning of His death would never be forgotten, so we offer Mass for our dead in the sure and certain knowledge that, because of Christ’s death, they have eternal life. Our Catholic devotion to the Holy Souls, far from being morbid, is actually full of hope and

October 26th & 27th, 2024
St. Francis Xavier
Saturday/Sunday collection: \$2526.00

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines
Sunday collection: \$659.00

- Eucharistic Ministers:
- Saturday, Nov. 2—Rosie DeHerrera
Shelley Carter
- Sunday, Nov. 3—Sophie Arguello
Raymond Saccoccia
- Saturday, Nov. 12—Rosie DeHerrera
Shelley Carter
- Sunday, Nov. 13—Beverly Reeser
Raymond Saccoccia

Lectors
Sat., November 2—Ross Carter
Sun., November 3—Effie Walker
Sat., November 9—Britt Carter
Sun., November 10—Sandy Vaughn
Sat., November 16—Shelley Carter
Sun., November 17—Pat Crisp

Please keep our sick parishioners and their caregivers in your prayers.
Prayer for Healing
Loving and compassionate God, when your Son walked this earth he extended his healing hand toward the sick and cured those afflicted with every disease. We turn to you now in our need and ask you to care for those who are ill. Protect those who face surgery, and watch over those held bound by infirmity. Through the power of your healing love, free from every disease and suffering those who are beset by poor health. Guide with your wisdom all who provide care, and assist doctors, nurses, and medical workers so that they may effectively relieve suffering and bring health to all whom they treat. Amen.