

## Who's in Charge?

**T**here are lots of reasons one could be in charge. You might be the only one left to do the job. Or, in the case of babysitting, you might simply be older. You could be in charge because you are a bully with the biggest fists, sticks, or guns. Or you might be in charge because you are the best qualified for the job. Today's readings offer us two stories about being chosen for leadership.

In the Old Testament reading, Shebna, an official in King Hezekiah's court, overreached his position of authority. He was demoted and replaced by Eliakim. Carrying the key symbolizes authority over the entire household. Placing it on the shoulder suggests an investiture ceremony. In the Gospel, entrusting Peter with the keys to the kingdom of heaven suggests similar authority, though in a significantly different household.

In both instances the position of authority is meant to be exercised for the benefit of the members of the

respective household. It was precisely because of his failure in this matter that Shebna was demoted and Eliakim placed in charge. What about Peter? The Gospel tells us that the choice of Peter followed his remarkable statement of faith: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16).

These stories tell us that God chooses very ordinary people for positions of leadership. Why them? Are they the only ones left? Are they the oldest? Were they the best qualified? It was not because they were bullies. Obviously God thought they could do the job.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- *It's not easy being a leader of God's people. Pray for those who have been called to that role.*
- *Have you ever thought of volunteering to serve on a church committee?*

*[Jesus said,]  
"You are Peter, and upon  
this rock I will build my  
church, and the gates of  
the netherworld shall not  
prevail against it."*

MATTHEW 16:18





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### Parish Office Hours (CCD Building)

W, TH, F 1:00pm -5:00pm  
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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 23RD

#### St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

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

**Daily Mass: (Wed-Spanish)-Fri at 12:10pm  
Thurs at 5:30pm**

**Adoration /Confession: Tue 5:30-7:30pm Thurs 6:00-7:00pm**

**Honor of Our Blessed Mother Mass: 1ST Sat 10:30am**

**Confession: Saturday 4:00-5:00pm OR By Appointment**

#### 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)

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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 August 2020  
+ 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, Aug 22 +Stephen 'JR' O'Donnell by Ross & Shelley Carter  
+Jim Miller by Ross & Shelley Carter  
+Lorri Montoya by Chip & Sammie Wood

Sun, Aug 23 +Lorri Montoya by Chip & Sammie Wood  
+John Luther by Ross & Shelley Carter  
OLOG - +Anne Conder by Frances Green  
OLOG - SI- Helen Mary Varner by Carlos & Bernie Fernandez

Thur Aug 27 +Betty Fogarty by The Kirk & Gurule Families

Sat, Aug 29 +Jim Miller by Ross & Shelley Carter  
+John Luther by Chip & Sammie Wood  
+Eloy Gonzales by Ross & Shelley Carte

Sun, Aug 30 OLOG - +Anne Conder by Frances Green  
+John Luther by Chip & Sammie Wood  
+Jim Miller by Chip & Sammie Wood

**Weekly Collections Summary: July/August 2020**

|              | <u>SFX</u>  | <u>OLOG</u> |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| August 15-16 | \$ 1,743.00 | \$ 385.00   |
| August 08-09 | \$ 2,591.00 | \$ 229.00   |
| August 01-02 | \$ 1,293.00 | \$ 607.00   |
| July 25-26   | \$ 1,305.00 | \$ 244.75   |

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**Lectors and Sanitizing after Masses**

Sat, Aug 22 5:00pm - Shelley Carter—Lector  
- Sammie Wood—Sanitizing  
Sun, Aug 23 10:30am - Craig Reeves—Lector  
- JoAnn Padilla--Sanitizing  
Sat, Aug 29 5:00pm - Effie Walker—Lector  
- April Geary—Sanitizing  
Sun, Aug 30 10:30am - Pat Crisp—Lector  
- Donna Kimble--Sanitizing

**ACA Pledge Goal Report**

*St. Francis Xavier-Clayton  
% of Participation - 11.82  
Number of Families -313  
Parish Goal - \$13,500.00  
% Goal Pledged -71.81%  
% Goal Paid -71.29%  
Total Pledge-\$9,694.00 Total Paid-\$9,659.00  
Short-\$3,841.00*

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)!!

# Dear Padre,

## What does the Church teach about body art?

I'm a bit squeamish when I see a piercing in a place other than an ear, and when I see a tattoo covering a large part of a person's body I wonder what that person will think about that tattoo in twenty years. But these things are a matter of taste; for example, I don't think there is anything wrong with earrings, but others might.



The Church has no teaching on tattoos, piercings, or shaping (when a body part is purposely reshaped to fit a cultural ideal). "Do not lacerate your bodies for the dead, and do not tattoo yourselves," say Leviticus 19:28, clearly outlawing piercings and tattoos. But it also says, "Do not...spoil the edges of your beard" (Leviticus 19:27). I broke that law this morning when I shaved.

In their introduction to the Book of Leviticus in the *New American Bible*, revised edition, the bishops teach that the laws in this book are "not merely legislative." They were designed to instill "a way of life in the book's hearers and readers."

We may not have the same obligation to adhere to those rules, but it is important for Catholics to remember 1

Corinthians 3:16: "You are the temple of God." We should do nothing to deface the temple of God. So if you do get a piercing or a tattoo, remember that you're God's temple.

—Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR  
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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*The acceptance of our body as a gift from God is vital for welcoming and accepting the entire world as a gift from the Father...Thinking that we enjoy absolute power over our own bodies turns, often subtly, into thinking that we enjoy an absolute power over creation.*

—ADDRESS TO PONTIFICAL ACADEMY FOR LIFE, JUNE 26, 2018

## Calendar

### Monday

AUGUST 24  
St. Bartholomew,  
Apostle  
Rv 21:9b-14  
Jn 1:45-51

### Tuesday

AUGUST 25  
Weekday  
2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17  
Mt 23:23-26

### Wednesday

AUGUST 26  
Weekday  
2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18  
Mt 23:27-32

### Thursday

AUGUST 27  
St. Monica  
1 Cor 1:1-9  
Mt 24:42-51

### Friday

AUGUST 28  
St. Augustine,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church  
1 Cor 1:17-25  
Mt 25:1-13

### Saturday

AUGUST 29  
The Passion of  
St. John the Baptist  
1 Cor 1:26-31  
Mk 6:17-29

### Sunday

AUGUST 30  
Twenty-second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Jer 20:7-9  
Rom 12:1-2  
Mt 16:21-27

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