

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ♦ **A warm Welcome to all our guests.** We are so happy you are here to celebrate with us!! New to Our Catholic Church Parish? You will find forms at the back of the church, please Drop a form at the parish office with your information or call us at 575-374-8894 to register with us!

Holy Week and Easter Schedule:

- ♦ Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025 – Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 6: 30 p.m. (Washing of the feet) followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00 PM
- ♦ Good Friday, April 18, 2025 – Stations of the Cross in the Church at 3:00 PM begin Divine Mercy Novena in Church- Celebration of the Lord’s Passion and Veneration of the Cross at 6:00 PM – Good Friday Collection An offertory will be taken up at the Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion to support the Holy Land.
- ♦ Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025 – **Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 PM** (No Confessions on Holy Saturday)
- ♦ Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025: **Mass of the Resurrection:** 7:30 AM at Des Moines, 10:30 AM at Clayton. The Ladies Altar Society will be distributing Easter gift bags of candy to children after the 10:30 AM Mass. (3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Novena in Church)
- ♦ April 18 through April 26, 2025: Divine Mercy Rosary Novena in Church at 3:00 PM
- ♦ Those wishing to donate lilies in memory or in honor of someone, please call Mary’s flower shop to order for Easter.
- ♦ Fundraiser for the Ladies Altar Society for Kitchen equipment: They will be raffling off \$300 worth of lottery ticket scratchers. They are one ticket/\$10 or three tickets/\$20. Drawing will be held on Mother’s Day May 11th
- ♦ Please Turn in CRS Rice Bowls by April 20th, If you used a (CRS) Rice Bowl as a means of almsgiving during Lent, please return your Rice Bowl to the church or parish office.

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APRIL 13, 2025
Palm Sunday of Lent



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Parish Office Hours (CCD Building)

Monday: 10:00am—4:00pm

Tuesday: 10:00am —4:00pm

Wednesday: 1:00pm—5:00pm

Thursday: 10:00am—2:00pm

St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

Saturday Mass 5pm & Sunday 10:30am

Weekday Mass: Monday 7am

Wednesday & Friday 12:10p

Thursday 5:30pm & Adoration

Confession: Saturday 4pm to 5pm

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.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Holy Week begins today and we should enter this week with reverence, enthusiastically embracing the rituals associated with it. To celebrate Holy Week is, after all, to celebrate who we have become through Christ's Paschal Mystery. I hope that throughout the season of Lent you have prayed, fasted, and performed works of charity. Lent ends with the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. The climax of Holy Week, and of the entire Church year for that matter, is the Easter Triduum.

The Triduum begins on Holy Thursday evening with the Mass of the Lord's Supper in which we commemorate when Jesus established the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper with His Apostles. It continues on the evening of Good Friday with the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord and Veneration of the Cross, and then concludes with the Easter Vigil in the evening of Holy Saturday. The liturgy of the Easter Vigil lasts about two hours, but I heartily encourage parishioners to attend this very special Mass and experience the Liturgy of Light with the blessing and lighting of the Easter candle, the readings from the Bible that trace salvation history, the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, and of course, receiving Our Lord in Holy Communion.

Though we call this time the "Three Days" (or "Triduum"), in spirit it is really seen as one continuous event. What we begin on Holy Thursday is completed with the Easter Vigil (and the subsequent Masses on Easter Sunday) – one long, glorious celebration. How we celebrate these three days is very important. Families mark these days in different ways. Many people make a Good Friday pilgrimage to Chimayo or Tomé Hill or another location.

Others have traditional meals on Good Friday (Remember that Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence). Still others set aside a special time for prayer, especially the Stations of the Cross. These three days are the holiest days of the year for Christians, and should be observed with dignity and respect as days of peace and prayer. The Church does not allow funeral Masses on Holy Thursday through Easter Sunday. We are celebrating one of the central beliefs of our faith – that Jesus, who suffered and died for our salvation, is Risen from the dead! Alleluia!

Masses offered April 2025

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

Sat, Apr 12 +Viola M. Ruiz by Ricky Maestas
+Vincent Pete Jimenez by Ross & Shelley Carter

Sun, Apr 13
8:00 A.M. +Zander Osborn by Nino & Nina

Thu, Apr 17 Living and deceased of Ladies Altar Society

Sat, Apr 19 +Richard, Evelyn, & Jim Sintas
by Teri Mansfield
+Helen Sintas by Teri Mansfield

Sun, Apr 20 +Andres & Inez Romero by Debra Thelander

Quotable Saints

"For by the sacrifice of his own body, Christ did two things: he put an end to the law of death which barred our way, and he made a new beginning of life for us, by giving us the hope of resurrection!" – St. Athanasius

Readings For the Week

14 Monday: Isaiah 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14
John 12:1-11

15 Tuesday: Isaiah 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a,
5ab-6ab, John 13:21-33, 36-38

16 Wednesday: Isaiah 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-
22, 31 and 33-34 Matthew 26:14-25

17 Thursday: Mass Lord's Supper: Exodus
12:1- 8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-18, 1 Corinthians
11:23-26/John 13:1-15

18 Friday: Isaiah 52:13--53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-
13, 15-16, 17, 25

19 Sat Easter Vigil: Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

April 18, Good Friday : On this most holy night, we celebrate the suffering endured by Our Lord Jesus Christ for our salvation; commemorating the spittle, the slaps, the scourging, the insults, the mockery, the purple robe, the reed, the sponge, the vinegar, the nails, the lance, and, above all, the cross and death—all of which He willingly endured for us.

We also remember the profession of faith made by the good thief who was crucified right next to Him and found salvation on that tree. This good thief opened the doors of Paradise that were locked against him and stole heaven by using the key, "Jesus remember me!" By the infinite love with which You embrace us, Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us! Amen. On God Friday our altar is completely bare. The priest and deacons, vested in red, process to the altar and prostrate. This prostration is a sign of submission and powerlessness before the God who made us. He is in control; he is God and we are not. We hear the reading from the Old Testament prophesying of the coming Suffering Servant. He bore infirmities and our sufferings. He was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins; upon him was the punishment that makes us whole, by the stripes of the whip we were healed. We hear in the Letter to the Hebrews that we have a high priest who offers himself, not animal sacrifices to his Father for us. Jesus knew in his own flesh human weaknesses and he can sympathize with ours, yet he never sinned. Our Lord learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was raised, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. Finally, we once again hear the Passion of the Lord, this time according to St. John. St. John gives us many details and we can learn many things about our God through his Gospel. We pray for the needs of the Church and the world in the long, ancient prayers of kneeling. We are presented with the cross; "...on which was hung our salvation..." In normal times we come to kiss the cross. The cross we venerate is the one that we pray before throughout the year which hangs above our altar. Tonight, we hold it in church for all to see and meditate on. We kiss it and we give thanks to the Lord we love for the great love he has shown us. I will kiss the cross for all of you.

April 5 and 6, 2025

St. Francis Xavier

Saturday/Sunday collection: \$1553.75

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines

Sunday collection: \$554.00

Lectors

Saturday: April 12—Sammie Wood

Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday:

Rosie DeHerrera—Narrator Britt Fisk—Speaker

Sunday: April 13—Effie Walker

Palm Sunday:

Mike Diller—Narrator Sandy Vaughn—Speaker

Holy Thursday, April 17—Pat Podzemny

Good Friday, April 18—Raymond Saccoccia

Sandy Vaughn—Narrator Beverly Reeser—Speaker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, April 12—Britt and Andrea

Sunday, April 13—Rosie and Sophie

Saturday, April 19—Britt and Andrea

Sunday, April 20—Beverly and Sophie

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Saturday, April 12

Gus Wood and Jeremy Fisk

Sunday, April 13

Maurillio Valdez and Andre Wat

Thursday, April 17

Robert Montoya and Deano Arellano

Friday, April 18

Maurillio Valdez and Andre Wat

Easter Prayer of Thanksgiving

Good and gracious heavenly Father, we come before you on this Easter Sunday with full and grateful hearts for the gift of the Paschal Mystery that you showed us in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, our brother by adoption, Jesus Christ. Bless us and all those who profess belief in your saving love. Bless also those who have yet to profess belief in you. You are God for all. We ask all this in Christ's name. Amen

"A Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe"

"Virgin of Guadalupe, Patroness of unborn children, we implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. ... Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen."