

# **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!
- ◆ **Annual Catholic Appeal 2025:** Our parish goal is \$10,500 — : If you did not receive a brochure or pledge card for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA), they are available with Mrs. Rosie DeHerrera and at the back of the church. Prayerfully consider making a Pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal.
- ◆ **Family Visits Sign-Up**  
Fr. Joji would like to schedule family visits. If you're interested, please sign up on the sheet located at the back of the church.
- ◆ **Training for Ushers and Altar Servers**  
Fr. Joji will lead a brief training session **today after Mass**. All current Altar Servers and those who would like to become Altar Servers are **required to attend**.  
  
Please stay for a few minutes after Mass for instructions and practice. We kindly ask everyone to make every effort to attend. Thank you for your continued dedication and service to our parish!
- ◆ **OCIA Team Members Needed:** Each year many people enter the Catholic faith through the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA), consciously seeking the living God by journeying through inquiry into the faith, the catechumenate, purifying and enlightening their minds in anticipation of the Sacraments. We are looking for adult volunteers who are interested in helping with the formation process for those interested in entering full communion with the Roman Catholic Church.
- ◆ **Folsom Only:** We will have a Mass on Wednesday, August 6 at 6:00 PM. Fr. Joji would like to have a server training session at 5:30 PM, so please arrive on time. All altar servers, including those who received First Communion in 2023 through 2025, are expected to be present and participate in this practice.

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### **Parish Administrator**

Fr. Joji Konkala

### **Parish Staff**

Finance Manager: Theresa Gard

Secretary: Esperanza M. Elliott

DRE: Rose Ramirez

### **Parish Office Hours (CCD Building)**

Monday: 10:00am—4:00pm

Tuesday: 10:00am —2:00pm

Wednesday: 1:00pm—5:00pm

Thursday: 10:00am—4:00pm

### **St. Francis Xavier, Clayton**

Saturday Mass 5pm & Sunday 10:30am

Weekday Mass: Monday 7am

Wednesday & Friday 12:10pm

Thursday 5:30pm & Adoration

Confession: Saturday 4 pm 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.

Gospel Reflections:

“Fool” is not a word we are accustomed to hearing Jesus’ use in the Gospels. Jesus’ use of the word in today’s parable (Luke 12:13-21) is done so as to drive home a very important reality. If we are going to spend our lives chasing after things that in the end will not follow us in a U-Haul on the way to the cemetery, instead of following the Lord, we may not like where we end up. Jesus does not condemn the rich or call everyone to live in extreme poverty. It is about balance. It is about perspective. Saint Paul puts it this way in our Second Reading today (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11): “Put to death . . . immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed that is idolatry.” Another way to approach this would be to ask ourselves about our most fundamental and underlying motives for our decisions, behaviors, and actions.

Is it to serve others or simply to get ahead in life? If we approach whatever we do with an attitude of service to others, we will be rich beyond our imagination. If we approach our actions only with the attitude of “bigger is better; status is important; success at the expense of others is part of the cost of doing business;” then we are headed toward spiritual poverty, which can produce catastrophic consequences. If we measure our lives by how much “stuff” we have accumulated in our lifetime, then no amount of “stuff” will be sufficient. We will always be wanting more. We must see each person, including ourselves, as equally contributing to their own abilities and blessings. Remember, God does not show favorites. We are all to be on the same path, for Christ is guiding us, and sometimes pulling us toward the finish line. So, let us spend our time growing rich in the things of God and not of this world. The Gospel story reminds us that one day each one of us will be called home by God, and we will leave everything behind as we enter eternal life.

When we are called from this world, will we even know where to begin to look for the tranquility and repose our souls so desperately need? We cannot be hoarders, pursuers of vanity, or greedy. They just don’t work as they are too dependent on things that can fall apart. Rather than always feeling the need for more, we need to learn how to be grateful for what we have. By learning to look inward we can learn how to live lives of faithful service to others. “Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has, and this requires transforming greed into gratitude (St. John Chrysostom).” We all need to be good stewards of what has been entrusted to our care. Grateful hearts recognize the true source of what we have and realize that our true treasure lies not in what matters to us but to God. Let us make sure that we are investing our time and energy in the right things today, living properly in the world today with the expectation of eternal life in the world to come.

*Masses offered August 2025*  
+All the Departed Parishioners & Family Members  
*SI Good Health & Well-Being of all Parishioners & Families*  
**Sat, Aug. 2** +Clare Wood by Chip & Sammie Wood

**Sun, Aug. 3**  
**8:00 A.M.** *SI* Marcie Harris Charles (Health)  
by Carlos & Bernie Fernandez

**Sun, Aug. 3** *SI* In memory of parishioners of Sacred Heart Church (Moses, NM)  
+Clare Wood by Chip & Sammie Wood

**Mon, Aug. 4** +Clare Wood by Chip & Sammie Wood  
**Wed, Aug. 6** +Clare Wood by Chip & Sammie Wood  
**Thu, Aug. 7** +Clare Wood by Chip & Sammie Wood  
**Fri, Aug. 8** +Clare Wood by Chip & Sammie Wood

Quotable Saints

“Not the Goods of the world, but God.  
Not riches, but God. Not honors, but God.  
Not distinction, but God. Not dignities, but God.  
Not advancement, but God.  
God always and in everything.”-St. Vincent Pallotti

Readings For the Week

4 Mon Saint John Vianney, Priest *Memorial*  
Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21  
5 Tue [*The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major*] Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14  
6 Wed The Transfiguration of the Lord *Feast*  
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36  
7 Thu [*Saint Sixtus II, Pope and companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan, Priest*] Nm 20:1-13/Mt 16:13-23  
8 Fri Saint Dominic, Priest *Memorial*  
Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28  
9 Sat [*Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr*] Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20  
10 SUN Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12  
Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

Summer Bulletin Message: Catechesis Corner  
INTRODUCTION TO THE ROMAN MISSAL - PART III B

The Homily

The homily is an integral part of the liturgy and is highly recommended as it nurtures the Christian life. It should provide an explanation of some aspects of the readings from Sacred Scripture or other liturgical texts from the Ordinary of the Mass or the Proper of the Mass for the day. The Ordinary of the Mass includes prayers that remain the same at every Mass, such as the Gloria and the Our Father. The Proper of the Mass consists of prayers and readings that change depending on the liturgical calendar. The homily should consider both the mystery being celebrated and the specific needs of the congregation. It is ordinarily delivered by the priest celebrant, a concelebrating priest, or a deacon, never by a layperson. In certain cases, and for just cause, a bishop or another priest who is present at the celebration but not concelebrating may also give the homily.

The Creed

On Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, a homily is required at every Mass with a congregation and cannot be omitted without grave reason. However, on weekdays, the priest has the option to omit it. Following the homily, the congregation stands to recite the Creed. During its recitation, specific gestures are to be observed: At the name of Jesus, a bow of the head is made. At the words "He came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man," a profound bow from the waist is required. On two solemnities, the Annunciation (March 25th) and the Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas, December 25th) instead of a bow, the congregation genuflects during these words. The practice of genuflecting in the Creed dates back to St. Louis IX, King of France, in the 13th century, though the tradition of bowing is even older. By understanding these elements of the Mass, the faithful can participate more fully in the liturgy and appreciate the rich traditions of Catholic worship.

**July 26 and 27, 2025**  
**St. Francis Xavier**  
**Saturday/Sunday collection:** \$2133.85  
**St. Joseph, Folsom**  
**Sunday collection:** \$293.00

*Thank you for your Generosity!!*

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**  
**Saturday, August 2**—Shelley and Rosie  
**Sunday, August 3**—Kelley and Beverly  
**Saturday, August 9**—Britt and Andrea  
**Sunday, August 10**—Sophie and Beverly

**USHERS**  
**Saturday, August 2**  
Ross Carter & Jeremy Fisk  
**Sunday, August 3**  
Deano Arellano & Gus Wood  
**Saturday, August 9**  
Jeremy Fisk & Ross Carter  
**Sunday, August 10**  
Maurilio Valdez & Robert Montoya

Lectors

**Saturday, August 2**—Shelley Carter  
**Sunday, August 3**—Pat Podzemny  
**Saturday, August 9**—Britt Fisk  
**Sunday, August 10**—Mike Diller

**Stewardship:**  
Stewardship opens an avenue of thought that allows us to give without always questioning what we will get in return. Every one of us is talented in some way. Stewardship encourages us to use any talent we have to benefit an individual, the Church or the community.  
"What shall I return to the Lord for all the Lord has given to me?" (Psalms 116:12). Jesus asks us to demonstrate our love for Him through our generosity to others. In our everyday lives, He calls us to share our gifts of time, talent, and treasure with others. "While we have the opportunity, let us do good to all people, but especially to those of the household of the faith." (Galatians 6:10).