

**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? Drop a Visitor envelope in the basket with your information or call us at 575-374-8894 to register with us!
- ◆ Be part of the church after your lifetime. Remember the church in your will.
- ◆ "LET PEACE BEGIN WITH ME" ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL. Attention! 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 on the back of the church. prayerfully consider to make Pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to our faith community. May God bless you for your support!
- ◆ Parishioners! if you are homebound and unable to come to church, we have members who want to bring the Holy Eucharist to you at home on a weekly basis. Please call the parish office or ask the priest, so that we can schedule someone to meet your spiritual needs.
- ◆ Finance Council will meet on Friday, February 21, at 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ First Reconciliation will be on Sunday, February 23 for Des Moines at 7:30 A.M., and on Thursday, February 27th, for Clayton at 5:30pm. Please join us for mass and adoration.
- ◆ Those in the balcony, please place your Sunday envelopes in the collection box.
- ◆ The Ladies Altar Society will meet this Monday, February 17, at 6:00 P.M.
- ◆ We need a new secretary by 2/28. Due to "extensive medical issues", Raymond's doctor has advised him to step down. We thank him for serving our parish.

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February 16, 2025  
Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time



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**Parish Administrator**

Fr. Joji Konkala

**Parish Staff**

Finance 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

**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:** Listen to the words of Jesus in today's Gospel Reading from the Gospel according to Luke (Luke 6:17, 20-26). This is a great place to start. The Beatitudes are at the very heart of Jesus' preaching. They expand upon Jesus' command that we are to love our enemies and love our neighbor. The Beatitudes are contained in what is called the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel, though in Luke's Gospel this is called the Sermon on the Plain because it is described as taking place on level ground rather than on a sloping hillside. At the core of the sermon is Jesus' teaching on love. This love is characterized by forgiveness and generosity. These qualities are characteristic of the Christian life. They offer us hope in the midst of the trials of life. And they show us what is already ours by virtue of our salvation through Christ. They help us to see the fullness of our lives as God has designed them.

In paragraph 1718 of The Catechism of the Catholic Church, it is stated: "The Beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness. This desire is of divine origin: God has placed it in the human heart in order to draw man to the One who alone can fulfill it." How can it be that those who are poor, those who are hungry, those who are weeping, and those who have been hated and insulted, are blessed by God? Elsewhere in the Gospel, Jesus' disciples were puzzled at his teaching on how difficult it would be for a wealthy person to enter the kingdom of God, because they presumed that such wealth was a sign of God's blessing. Likewise, we today find it difficult to comprehend how poverty, hunger, and sorrow can be signs of God's blessing as well. But perhaps if we take a closer look at what is called the "Judgment of the Nations" scene in Matthew's Gospel (Matthew 25:31-46), we gain a better sense of how Jesus identified himself with the poor, the hungry, the sorrowing, and so on. And if we stand united to Jesus, truly we are blessed. Today, let us heed God's warnings about the dangers of a life apart from his grace, and follow the path of blessing and human flourishing he has described for us in the Beatitudes, for "your reward will be great in heaven."

**Masses offered February/March 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, Feb 15** +Inez and Andres Romero by Debra Thelander  
 +Jim Doherty by Ross and Shelley Carter  
 S.I. Arlo Taylor by Rose Lee Garcia

**Sun, Feb 16**+Andrew Garcia by Brian and Andrea Lansford

**Thu, Feb 20** Living and deceased members of Altar Society

**Sat, Feb 22** +Jim Doherty by Ross and Shelley Carter

**Sun, Feb 23** +Jim Montoya by M/M Carlos Fernandez

**Sat, Mar 1** +Jim Doherty by Ross and Shelley Carter

**Quotable Saints**

"Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart. You must speak to Jesus not only with your lips but with your heart. In fact, on certain occasions you should speak to Him only with your heart..." – St. Pio of Pietrelcina ("Padre Pio")

**Readings For the Week**

**Mon 17** Gen 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13  
**Tue 18** Gen 6:5-8;7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21  
**Wed 19** Gen 8:6-13, 20-22/Mk 8:22-26  
**Thu 20** Gen 9:1-13/Mk 8:22-26  
**Fri 21** Gen 11:1-9/Mk 8:34-9:1  
**Sat 22 Chair of St. Peter** 1 Peter 5:1-4/  
 Mt 16:13-19

**Annual Catholic Appeal 2025:** The Annual Catholic Appeal campaign for 2025 has begun. The theme for this year's campaign is "Let Peace Begin With Me" the Annual Catholic Appeal is our opportunity to consider the needs not just of our own parish, but of Catholics across the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. Who will provide for the education of new priests for their parishes or to visit them in the hospital or in prison? Who will provide for the training of deacons and lay ministers within our Archdiocese? Who will provide for Youth and Young Adult ministry, Respect Life ministry, and ministry to our Catholic university students at the Newman Centers of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe? The pamphlet that you received in the mail or picked up in the church lists the many ministries of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe that are funded by the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Each of us are being asked to step up and make a pledge to the ACA that provides funding for all of these critical ministries and many more. The ACA Foundation represents nearly one third of all operating funds available to the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. Without the ACA, the vital work of the Church would not be possible. Our assigned goal for this year is \$10,500 which is the same as last year. In meeting our goal, we are meeting our obligation to support the ministries of the Archdiocese. In recent years, our parish has been struggling to pay our ACA goal, but it all depends on you. Every pledge is important, regardless of the amount, and every pledge must be paid in order for us to meet our goal. Please prayerfully consider your pledge to ACA and join me in completing a pledge card this weekend and coming weekends, if you have not already done so.

**February 8 and 9, 2025**

**St. Francis Xavier**

**Saturday/Sunday collection: \$2,845.00**

**Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines**

**Sunday collection: \$560.00**

**Lectors**

Saturday, February 15—Rosie DeHerrera  
 Sunday, February 16—Raymond Saccoccia  
 Saturday, February 22—Sammie Wood  
 Sunday, February 23—Beverly Reeser

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

Saturday, February 15—Rosie and Andrea  
 Sunday, February 16—Raymond and Sophia

Saturday, February 22—Britt and Andrea  
 Sunday, February 23—Beverly and Rosie

**USHERS**

Saturday, February 15  
 Gus Wood & Jeremy Fisk  
Sunday, February 16  
 Maurillo Valdez & Andre Wat

Saturday, February 22  
 Gus Wood & Jeremy Fisk  
Sunday, February 23  
 Robert Montoya & Deano Arellano

**The Jubilee Prayer**

Father in heaven,  
 May the faith you have given us  
 In your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
 And the flame of charity enkindled  
 in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
 reawaken in us the blessed hope  
 for the coming of your Kingdom.  
 May your grace transform us  
 Into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
 May those seeds transform from within  
 in both humanity and the whole cosmos  
 in the sure expectation  
 of a new heaven and a new earth,  
 when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
 your glory will shine eternally.  
 May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us,  
 Pilgrims of Hope,  
 A yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
 May that same grace spread  
 the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
 throughout the earth.  
 To you our God, eternally blessed,  
 Be glory and praise for ever.  
 Amen.