

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◆ Fr. Joji Konkala is away until February 7; there are no weekday masses during this time. For emergencies please contact the secretary at (505) 603-6964.
- ◆ We welcome and appreciate **Father John Trambley**, our guest priest, who is here to hear confessions and offer Mass this weekend.
- ◆ **Sunday envelopes are ready for pickup.** Please take yours from the back of the church. We encourage you to use the envelopes for the following reason: Using the envelopes helps us to prepare an accurate letter for your tax purposes. For more info, please call the church office. Thanks for your understanding. God bless!
- ◆ The Youth Group, for 8th grade through high school, meets on Sundays at 5:00 P.M. Please join us.
- ◆ **CHOOSING TO BELONG: ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?** Attending Mass and giving of your time, talent and treasure is an integral part of being Catholic. If you attend Mass here regularly we encourage you to register as a member of our faith community. Registering in the parish is a declaration of your desire to be a part of the Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life and wellbeing of our parish. Stating your commitment brings many advantages, recognition and responsibility. A warm to all our guests. We are so happy you are here to celebrate with us!! New to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Parish? Drop a Visitor envelope in the basket with your information or call us at 575-374-8894 to register with us!

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**February 2, 2025
The Presentation Of the Lord**



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Finance Manager: Theresa Gard
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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.

February 1 Gospel Reflection: Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, a moment filled with profound significance. In the Gospel, Mary and Joseph, united as loving parents, journey to Jerusalem to present Jesus in the Temple as required by the Law of Moses. This act is a model of faith and devotion, showing the importance of parents working together to raise their children in faith. The law required every firstborn of Israel to be offered to God as a memorial of their deliverance from slavery in Egypt.

For the first time, Jesus enters His Temple, and His presence transforms those around Him, especially Simeon and Anna. Simeon, having long awaited the Messiah, proclaims that he is now ready to die, not because of old age but because his encounter with Jesus fulfills his deepest longings. This reminds us that only Jesus can truly satisfy the human heart. We also reflect on the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Although free from sin, Mary humbly fulfills the law, showing her deep obedience and devotion to God. Her humility teaches us the path to lasting peace and intimacy with God.

Additionally, we celebrate Candelaria, the blessing of candles, which symbolizes Christ as the Light of the World. Simeon's joyful proclamation, "a light for revelation to the Gentiles", reminds us that Jesus is the light who dispels the darkness of sin and brings salvation to all. The candles we bless today—used at Mass, baptisms, and other sacred moments—represent to warmth and love of Christ, calling us to be His light in the world. As we celebrate these Three events—the Presentation of the Lord, the Purification of Mary, and Candelaria—let us strive to imitate Simeon's joy, Anna's Faith, and Mary's humility. May we become candles of Christ, spreading His light, love, and hope to those around us.

Masses offered January/February 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 1 +Helen Sintas by Ross and Shelley Carter
 +Samuel Gutierrez by Ross and Shelley Carter
 +Gilbert Gutierrez by Ross and Shelley Carter

Sun, Feb 2 +Andrew Garcia by Brian and Andrea Lansford
 S. I. Arlo Taylor by Rose Lee Garcia
 +Steven Richardson by Debra Thelander

Sat, Feb 8 +Viola Ruiz by Richy Maestas
 +Samuel Gutierrez by Ross and Shelley Carter
 +Gilbert Rael by Ross and Shelley Carter

Sun, Feb 9 +Melvin Barreras by Leoray and Lupe Gonzales
 +Korae Konnelly Hall by Tim and Bonnie Donnelly
 +Jose Valdez by Rose Cardenas

Sat, Feb 15 +Inez and Andres Romero by Debra Thelander

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

Prayer For the Sick and Suffering

Lord, we lift up to you those who are sick and suffering. We ask that you would bring them healing and relief from their pain. May they feel your presence with them, and may they be comforted by your love. We pray that you will strengthen them in body, mind, and spirit, and that they will be restored to health. Amen.

Readings For the Week

Mon 3 Heb 11:32-40/Mk 5:1-20
Tue 4 Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43
Wed 5 St. Agatha Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/
 Mk 6:1-6
Thu 6 St. Paul Miki and companions
 Heb 12:19-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13
Fri 7 Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29
Sat 8 Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34

The Jubilee Year 2025 is a time of grace and an occasion for all of us to renew our spiritual lives. It is an opportunity to reflect on our relationship with God, see forgiveness for our sins, and deepen our commitment to living a truly Christian life.

The Jubilee Year is also a time of gaining indulgences aimed at remitting temporal punishment for sins, Providing a chance for spiritual purification and holistic growth. The various ways to obtain indulgences during this year have been outlined in the official Church guidelines.

The Jubilee Year of 2025 became the second under the pontificate of Pope Francis. The extraordinary Jubilee, the Year of Mercy, was celebrated in 2016. This time, Pope Francis invited the faithful to live the holy year as "Pilgrims in Hope"—the motto of the jubilee of 2025. The jubilee logo designed by Italian artist Giacomo Trivisani, showed four stylized figures representing all of humanity coming from the four corners of the earth. They embraced each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The rough waves under the figures symbolized the fact that life's pilgrimage did not always go smoothly in calm waters. The anchor became a symbol of hope. The dynamic cross of Christ bent down towards humanity, not leaving them alone, but stretching out to offer the certainty of His presence and the security of hope.

January 25 and 26, 2025

St. Francis Xavier

Saturday/Sunday collection: \$2153.40

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines

Sunday collection: (No Mass)

Lectors

Saturday, February 1—Shelley Carter
 Sunday, February 2—Pat Podzemny
 Saturday, February 8—Britt Fisk
 Sunday, February 9—Sandy Vaughn

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, February 1—Shelley and Andrea
 Sunday, February 2—Sophie and Beverly

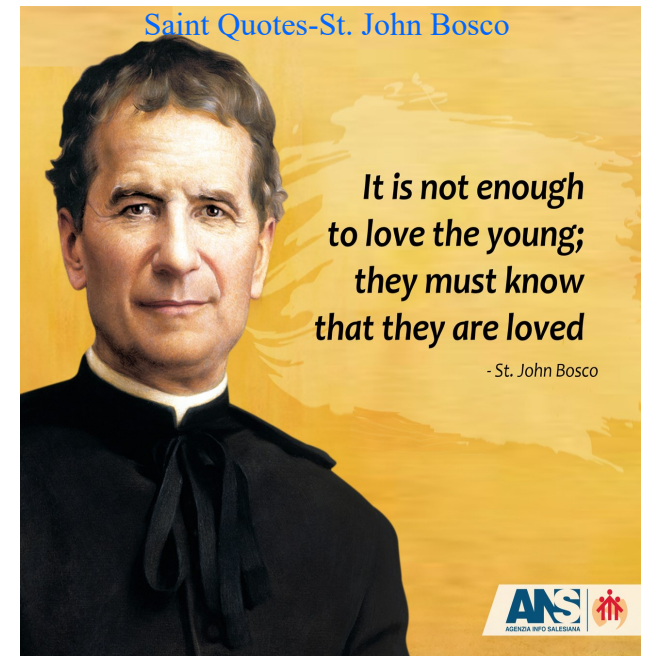
Saturday, February 8—Britt and Andrea
 Sunday, February—Sophie and Rosie

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Saturday, February 1
 Gus Wood & Jeremy Fisk
Sunday, February 2
 Robert Montoya & Deano Arellano

Saturday, February 8
 Maurillo Valdez & Andre Wat
Sunday, February 9
 Robert Montoya & Deano Arellano

Saint Quotes-St. John Bosco



- St. John Bosco

