

January 12, 2025
The Baptism of the Lord



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ♦ Fr. Joji Konkala is away until February 7; there are no weekday masses during this time. For emergency please contact Mr. Raymond (Secretary) cell: 505-603-6964
- ♦ The guest priests will be here for weekend Confessions and masses, please make use of your time.
- ♦ We welcome Father Jeremiah Shryock, CFR, our first guest priest. He will be hearing confessions and offering Holy Mass the weekends of January 11-12 and January 18-19.
- ♦ Calendars are ready to be picked up. Please take one.
- ♦ **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 meets again Sunday, January 12, at 5:00 P.M.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ Mrs. Rosie De Herrera has been officially appointed as the person in charge of ACA, Annual Catholic Appeal, thank you for financial Support for 2024 ACA. God Bless!
- ♦ **We appreciate our advertisers!** They allow us to print this bulletin. Thank you for your generosity. If you would like to place an ad here in our bulletin, please contact Fr. Joji.

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Fr. Joji Konkala

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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.



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January 12 Gospel Reflection: Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, and the official end to the Church's observance of the Christmas season. After Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River, he was praying when Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in the form of a dove; and a voice came from the heavens declaring, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased". (Luke 3:22). God the Father favored his Son, Jesus, Rightfully so, since Jesus is the only begotten Son of God. He is God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, as our Nicene Creed boldly proclaims. If we have any doubt regarding how God felt about his Son or the importance of his mission, the Gospels make it clear for us. The descending of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus in the form of a dove after his baptism was significant for two reasons: (1) it was a clear sign that Jesus was the promised Messiah anointed with the Holy Spirit, and (2) the Holy Spirit gave Jesus strength to fulfill his saving mission.

The baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River marked a pivotal point in salvation history. It marked an end to the ministry of John the Baptist and his role of the one preparing the way for the Messiah, and it marked the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus. John himself stated that he must decrease so that Jesus may increase. This new ministry would consist of Jesus preaching, teaching, and healing, and then climax with his passion, death, and Resurrection. Upon being baptized, Jesus dedicated himself completely to fulfilling the mission his Father sent him to accomplish. The baptism of Jesus must have been a tremendous blessing to John the Baptist. With great longing, he had awaited the Servant of God, proclaimed by the prophet Isaiah. He knew the promised Messiah was coming and spent his life preparing the people to be attentive to the coming of the Christ. Finally he was able to see and hear for himself that Jesus was the Promised One. The baptism of Jesus was a profound moment for John the Baptist and for the world, since it clearly revealed that Jesus was the promised Messiah and Savior.

Masses offered January 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, Jan 11+Helen Sintas by Ross and Shelley Carter
 +James "Jay" Peeples by Ross and Shelley Carter
 +Viola M. Ruiz by Ricky Maestas

Sun, Jan 12 For the needs and intentions of our parishioners

Sat, Jan 18+Helen Sintas by Ross and Shelley Carter
 +James "Jay" Peeples by Ross and Shelley Carter
 +Korae Donnelly Hall by Tim&Bonnie Donnelly

Sun, Jan 19+Elida Valdez by Rose Cardenas
 Living & deceased members-Ladies Altar Society

Sat, Jan 25 +Helen Sintas by Ross and Shelley Carter

Sun, Jan 26 For the needs and intentions of our parishioners

Saint Quotes

"The privilege of our Church is such that it is never stronger, than when it is attacked, never better known than when it is accused, never more powerful, than when it appears forsaken".

—St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Readings For the Week

Mon 13 Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20
Tue 14 Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28
Wed 15 Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39
Thu 16 Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
Fri 17 St. Anthony Heb 4:1-5, 11/
 Mk 2:1-12
Sat 18 Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17

Homecoming and Reconnection: The Jubilee Year is a time to return home-both physically and spiritually. It invites us to reconnect with our families, communities, and faith. Spiritually, it's an opportunity to come home to ourselves, reflecting on areas where we may feel distant from God or our True Purpose. Reducing distractions, such as overuse of media, can help us be present in our relationships and deepen our connection to God.

Rest and Trusting God: Lastly, the Jubilee calls us to rest, stepping back from the busyness of life to create space for renewal. While we may not cease all work, we are encouraged to discern areas where we can simplify, trust in God's providence, and focus on what truly matters.

Pilgrims of Hope

As part of this Jubilee, Pope Francis invites the faithful to embark on pilgrimages, particularly to Rome, where passing through the Holy Doors of the major basilicas symbolizes the journey of renewal and the reception of a plenary indulgence.

This sacred year is a rare gift, offering unique graces and opportunities for growth in faith, hope, and love. Let us journey together as pilgrims of hope, embracing the Jubilee Year's call to forgiveness, service, reconnection, and rest.

Prayer for Healing

Loving and compassionate God, when your Son walked this earth he extended his healing hand toward the sick and cured those afflicted with every disease. We turn to you now in our need and ask you to care for those who are ill. Protect those who face surgery, and watch over those held bound by infirmity. Through the power of your healing love, free from every disease and suffering those who are beset by poor health. Guide with your wisdom all who provide care, and assist doctors, nurses, and medical workers so that they effectively relieve suffering and bring health to all whom they treat. Amen.

January 4 and 5, 2025

St. Francis Xavier

Saturday/Sunday collection: \$4,251.00

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines

Sunday collection: no collection

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, January 11—Britt and Rosie
 Sunday, January 12—Beverly and Sophie

Saturday, January 18—Andrea and Rosie
 Sunday, January 19—Raymond and Sophie

USHERS

Saturday, January 11
 Gus Wood & Jeremy Fisk
Sunday, January 12
 Maurillo Valdez & Andre Wat

Saturday, January 18
 Robert Montoya & Deano Arellano
Sunday January 19
 Maurillo Valdez & Andre Wat

Lectors

Saturday, January 11—Britt
 Sunday, January 12—Raymond
 Saturday, January 18—Sammie
 Sunday, January 19—Mike

