

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◆ Wednesday January 22 is a “Day Of Prayer For the Legal Protection of the Unborn” on the Church calendar. Please remember, and pray for, the most vulnerable in our society.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Guest priests will be here for weekend confessions and Masses; please make good use of this time.
- ◆ We thank Father Jeremiah Shryock for hearing confessions and offering Mass these two weeks.
- ◆ **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 on Sundays 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!
- ◆ **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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January 19, 2025
2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time



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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.

January 19 Gospel Reflection: The image of a wedding is frequently used throughout the Old Testament to describe God’s relationship with his Chosen People, Israel, such as in our First Reading today (Isaiah 62:1-5). Though Israel was often unfaithful, God always took her back, forgave her, and turned her sadness into joy. As she awaited the coming of the Messiah, Israel’s hopes were expressed in terms of a wedding – a time of great rejoicing and celebration. Like abundant wine, God’s blessings would be poured out on his people in full measure. As we hear the account of the miracle at Cana (John 2:1-11), it is hard not to notice the shadow of the cross. Like all of Jesus’ signs and miracles, the miracle at the wedding feast at Cana points to the greatest of all his signs; when he will be lifted up on the cross in obedience to the Father, for the salvation of humanity. This is how the new covenant between God and his people will be brought about. Here Jesus speaks about his “hour” – a reference to that time when his truest identity and glory will be revealed. For Christians, the cross is the ultimate blessing, as it is the source of eternal life. The Gospel concludes by telling us that “the disciples began to believe in him.” This was just the beginning of their faith journey. As they stayed and traveled with Jesus, they would come to even deeper insights. We, likewise, are on a journey of faith. We gather at Mass today because we believe and rejoice in the Risen Lord speaking to us and encouraging us to follow him. Jesus continues to call us beyond all human understanding into a deeper sharing of his Paschal Mystery. We strive to remember that God always delights in us and wants us to be with him. In our Second Reading, from the First Letter to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 12:4-11), St. Paul reminds us that we all have unique gifts to offer for the encouragement and strengthening of others who join us on this journey of faith. We never travel alone! The image of the family and friends gathered at the wedding feast shows us that we are all in this together. Through faith our lives gain a new depth and meaning if we simply do as the Blessed Mother instructs us: “Do whatever he (Jesus) tells you”.

This year on Christmas Eve, 2024, Pope Francis, like Pope John Paul II in 1999, opened the Holy Door to begin the Jubilee Year of 2025. It was an ordinary holy year — in accordance with the tradition of the Church to celebrate such a year every 25 years, giving every generation a chance to experience that special time of grace and mercy in their life. Those who participated in a Holy Year pilgrimage were granted a plenary indulgence; those who were unable to attend in person for concrete reasons were invited to participate spiritually, “offering up the sufferings of their daily lives, and participating in the Eucharistic celebration.” The last ordinary holy year, the Great Jubilee Year of 2000, which took place under John Paul II, was one of the biggest events in the history of mankind. Pope Francis encouraged the faithful to live the Jubilee Year of 2025 as a “year of hope,” symbolic in times when the world’s wars seemed unending and multiplying. Catholic tradition referred back to the Jewish tradition of the “jubilees” present in the Bible (cf. Leviticus 25:8-13), although in Rome it started simply for pilgrims. In preparation for the holy year, Pope Francis dedicated the year 2024 to prayer in its personal and community dimensions. The term “Jubilee” came from the name of an instrument, the yobel, the ram’s horn, used by Jews in Biblical times to proclaim the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur).

Masses offered January/February 2025
+All the Departed Parishioners & Family Members
SI *All the Sponsors, Benefactors & Supporters of SFX*
SII *Good Health & Well-Being of all Parishioners & Families*

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

Sat, Feb 1 +Helen Sintas by Ross and Shelley Carter
 +Samuel Gutierrez by Ross and Shelley Carter

Sun, Feb 2+Andrew Garcia by Brian and Andrea Lansford

Saint Quotes

“I feel the greatest destroyer of peace today is “Abortion”, because it a war against the child...A direct killing of the innocent child, “Murder” by the mother herself...And if we can accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another? As always, we must persuade her with love...And we remind ourselves that love means to be willing to give until it hurts”.—St. Mother Teresa

Readings For the Week

Mon 20 Heb 5:1-10/Mk 2:18-22
Tue 21 St. Agnes Heb 6:10-20/Mk 2:23-28
Wed 22 Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/ Mk 3:1-6
Thu 23 Heb 7:25-8:6/Mk 3:7-12
Fri 24 St. Frances de Sales Heb 8:6-13/ Mk 3:13-19
Sat 25 Conversion of Saint Paul
 Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18

January 11 and 12, 2025
St. Francis Xavier
 Saturday/Sunday collection: \$2884.20

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines
 Sunday collection: \$255.00

Lectors

Saturday, January 18—Sammie Wood
 Sunday, January 19—Mike Diller
 Saturday, January 25—Pat Podzemny
 Sunday, January 26—Effie Walker

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

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

Saturday, January 25—Britt and Andrea
 Sunday, January 26—Raymond and Beverly

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

Saturday, January 25
 Gus Wood & Jeremy Fisk
Sunday, January 26
 Robert Montoya & Deano Arellano

