

**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.
- ♦ Guest priests will be here for weekend confessions and Masses; please make good use of this time.
- ♦ We welcome and appreciate Father Benny Sebastian, 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 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!

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**January 26, 2025  
3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time**



**St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church**

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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.

**January 26 Gospel Reflection:** Every January we seem to be flooded with advertisements for weight loss programs, exercise machines, or “miracle” pills that all claim to help us achieve our ideal body shape with little or no effort. Right! But as persons made in the image and likeness of God, we have a fundamental dignity that goes beyond anything we might ever achieve in outward appearance. It is a dignity that is inherent in us by virtue of our relationship with the One who has created us and sustains us in life. Knowing this great human truth, it is no surprise that in our Second Reading today (1 Corinthians 12:12-30) St. Paul has chosen the image of the body to teach about his theology of the Christian identity. Paul could have chosen other images to depict the Christian community, but he knew that the image of the human body would speak clearly and symbolically about who we are in Christ.

Just as the human body is made up of many different parts, so it is that each one of us is an important part of the Mystical Body of Christ—the Church. We all know that when the human body is working well, without aches or pains, we feel fine. We also know that at times even the smallest ache or discomfort can undermine our sense of well-being. So it is, too, with the Body of Christ—the Church. St. Paul reminds us that if one part suffers, all other parts suffer with it; just as if one part is honored, all share in its joy. What Paul is telling us is that the pains and sufferings and brokenness of any one member of the Church is the pain and brokenness of the entire Church. And so it is that we must pray for one another and reach out to one another, particularly when we see someone suffering. With God’s grace we can help bring about healing within the individual and likewise within the Church.

The origins of the Catholic tradition of the jubilee year in the Eternal City were surprising. It all started with the faithful themselves in 1300. Numerous pilgrims coming from both the West and East of the Christian world insisted that Pope Boniface VIII (reign: 1294-1303) give them a special blessing. An eyewitness to that event, Guglielmo Ventura, noted that the pilgrims asked the Holy Father: “Give us your blessing before we die. We heard from the antichi (“ancient ones”) that every one hundred years every Christian who had visited the tombs of the Blessed Apostle Peter and Paul would have been free as much from guilt as from punishment”.

Around the year 1300, a Roman man who was more than 100 years old confirmed that he remembered his parents saying that in 1200, the Pope had given a special promise of grace to pilgrims in the holy city of Rome. Pope Boniface did not deny the truth of this assertion, but to ascertain its truth, he gathered his cardinals to discuss the case. Although they were unable to find any document testifying to such an act, he responded positively to the pilgrims’ request, establishing that the pilgrims who came to Rome throughout that year and visited the churches of the Apostles Peter and Paul for 15 days would receive an indulgence. Since then the jubilee year became a Catholic tradition. It was originally intended to be celebrated every hundred years. In 1343 Pope Clement VI reduced the gap between Jubilees to every 50 years. The rule to celebrate it every 25 years was established with the Holy Year of 1470 under Pope Paul II.

According to historical tradition, the jubilee years have almost always been announced by a pontifical “Bull of Indiction: in which the Holy Father indicated the dates of the beginning and end of the Holy Year. The Dicastery of Evangelization announced that Pope Francis released the Bull for the Holy Year of 2025 on May 9, 2024.

**January 18 and 19, 2025**

**St. Francis Xavier**

Saturday/Sunday collection: \$1955.65

**Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines**

Sunday collection: (No Mass)

**Lectors**

Saturday, January 25—Pat Podzemny

Sunday, January 26—Effie Walker

Saturday, February 1—Shelley Carter

Sunday, February 2—Pat Podzemny

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

+Samual Gutierrez by Ross and Shelley Carter

+Gilbert Rael 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

+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

**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

**Saint Quotes**

“Do not put off till tomorrow the good you can do today. You may not have a tomorrow”.

- St. Don Bosco, Priest

**Readings For the Week**

**Mon 27** Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30

**Tue 28 St. Thomas Aquinas** Heb 10:1-10/  
Mk 3:31-35

**Wed 29** Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20

**Thu 30** Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25

**Fri 31 St. John Bosco** Heb 10:32-39/  
Mk 4:26-34

**Sat 1** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

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

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

**USHERS**

**Saturday, January 25**

Gus Wood & Jeremy Fisk

**Sunday, January 26**

Robert Montoya & Deano Arellano

**Saturday, February 1**

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