

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◆ Fr. Joji Konkala will be leaving to India for a one-month vacation, there will be 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.
- ◆ 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!
- ◆ CCD classes continue on Wednesday, January 8.
- ◆ 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 well-being of our parish. Stating your commitment brings many advantages, recognition, and responsibility. A warm welcome 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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**January 5, 2025
The Epiphany Of Our Lord**



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Parish Administrator

Fr. Joji Konkala

Parish Staff

Finance manager: Theresa Gard
Secretary : Raymond Saccoccia

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.

The Feast of Epiphany of the Lord : Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. On this feast, we recall the gifts that the Magi brought to present to the infant Jesus – gold which signifies that he is a King, frankincense to signify that he is God, and myrrh, an ointment used to anoint the dead, to signify that he would suffer, die, and be buried in order to rise again for our salvation. The Church will conclude its observance of the Christmas season on Sunday, January 12th, with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In these closing days of the Christmas season, I would invite you to ask yourself, “What gifts do I bring to the infant Jesus?” Perhaps it is helpful to recall the words of our Lord in Matthew 25:40, “I assure you, as often as you did it for one of the least of these, you did it for me.”

Let us take an honest look at how we make use of our time, talent, and treasure. Are we only interested in ourselves, or are we honestly seeking ways to help others, even (especially!) if it requires sacrifice on our part. The gift of ourselves that we give to others, is the gift that we lay before the infant Jesus. Is it a gift that we can be proud of? On this Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, let us resolve to ever-more-faithfully manifest Christ’s presence in our world. We can do this by seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus, by putting our time, talent, and treasure into the service of building up God’s Kingdom, and by opening ourselves to the grace that comes from continued conversion.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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 4 +Helen Sintas by Ross and Shelley Carter
 +James “Jay” Peeples by Ross and Shelley Carter
Sun, Jan 5 +Elaine Ann Kennedy and Dick Kennedy by Nancy Townley
 +Emma Cruz by Elsie Garcia
 +Melvin Barreras by the Ulibarri family

Sat, Jan 11+Helen Sintas by Ross and Shelley Carter
 +James “Jay” Peeples by Ross and Shelley Carter
 +Viola Ruiz by Ricky Maestas

Sat, Jan 18+Helen Sintas by Ross and Shelley Carter
 +James “Jay” Peeples by Ross and Shelley Carter

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

Quotable Saints

“Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, a human being in God, God in a human being, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body.” – St. Peter Chrysologus

Readings For the Week

Mon 6 St. Andre Bessette
 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tue 7 St. Raymond of Pennyafort
 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
Wed 8 1 John 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
Thu 9 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22
Fri 10 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
Sat 11 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

The year 2025 has been declared a Jubilee Year by our Holy Father, Pope Francis. This sacred year, titled the "Jubilee Year of Hope," invites us to become *pilgrims of hope* and keep hope alive in our hearts and communities. In his Apostolic Letter, Pope Francis encourages us to embrace this Jubilee as a time of grace and renewal, drawing us closer to God and one another.

What is a Jubilee Year?

A Jubilee Year is a special year of grace in the Church, typically celebrated every 25 years. Its roots trace back to the Old Testament, where jubilee years were marked by forgiveness of debts, liberation of slaves, a return to one’s home, and rest for both people and the land (Leviticus 25). These traditions inspire us today to reflect on themes of reconciliation, freedom, homecoming, and rest in our spiritual lives.

Living the Jubilee Year

To fully embrace the graces of the Jubilee Year, we are called to focus on four key areas:

Forgiveness and Reconciliation: This year challenges us to forgive those who have hurt us and to seek forgiveness where we have caused harm. Reconciliation is at the heart of the Jubilee spirit, encouraging us to heal broken relationships and experience the freedom of God’s mercy.

Acts of Mercy: Just as slaves were set free in the Old Testament, we are invited to free ourselves and others from spiritual and material burdens. This includes works of mercy, such as caring for the poor, visiting the lonely, and supporting those in need. Whether it’s volunteering at a shelter or reaching out to someone isolated, these actions embody the Jubilee’s call to love and serve. (Continued.....)

December 21 and 22, 2024

St. Francis Xavier

Saturday/Sunday collection: \$14,800.00

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines

Sunday collection: \$383.00

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, January 4
 Rosie DeHerrera & Andrea Naranjo
Sunday, January 5
 Sophie Arguello & Raymond Saccoccia
Saturday, January 11
 Britt Fisk & Rosie DeHerrera
Sunday, January 12
 Beverly Reeser & Sophie Arguello

USHERS

Saturday, January 4
 Gus Wood & Jeremy Fisk
Sunday, January 5
 Robert Montoya and Deano Arellano
Saturday, January 11
 Gus Wood and Jeremy Fisk
Sunday, January 12
 Maurillo Valdez and Andre Wat

Lectors

Sat., January 4—Raymond Saccoccia
 Sun., January 5—Pat Podzemny
 Sat., January 11—Britt Fisk
 Sun., January 12—Sandy Vaughn
 Sat., January 18—Sammie Wood
 Sun., January 19—Mike Diller

