

**PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- ♦ **A warm Welcome to all our guests.** We are so happy you are here to celebrate with us!! New to Our Catholic Church Parish? You will find forms at the back of the church, please Drop a form at the parish office with your information or call us at 575-374-8894 to register with us!
- ♦ **Annual Catholic Appeal 2025:** Our parish goal is \$10,500 — : If you did not receive a brochure or pledge card for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA), they are available with Mrs. Rosie DeHerrera and at the back of the church. Prayerfully consider making a Pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal.
- ♦ **ALTAR SERVERS :** A great opportunity for children who have made their First Communion, High School Students, College Age and older parishioners to Serve at the Celebration of the Eucharist. Fr. Joji will give training for both boys and girls, please sign up on the sheet. Thanks.
- ♦ Let us come together as a parish family to honor and celebrate the gift of our senior members! Join us for a special Joyful Seniors Day (Elders Day) celebration on **Sunday, July 20, 2025.** The celebration will begin with Holy Mass at **10:30 a.m.**, followed by the Anointing of the Sick at **11:30 a.m.** The Ladies Altar Society will be providing the meal. We will also have Bingo at **2:00 p.m.** It will be \$20/Person. Cash and gift prizes will be awarded. **All are warmly welcome!!**
- ♦ All Ministries must have a background check and current VIRTUS Certificate on file in the Parish Office. Thank you.
- ♦ Fr. Joji would like to schedule family visits on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of each month, after the 10:30 am Mass. On those Sundays, he plans to visit families, spend time with them, and join them for a meal. There will be a sign-up sheet at the back of the church.
- ♦ **There will be no Mass from July 14th through 18th, as Fr. Joji will be on his canonical retreat. Please keep him in your prayers.**

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### Parish Administrator

Fr. Joji Konkala

### Parish Staff

Finance Manager: Theresa Gard  
 Secretary : Esperanza M. Elliott  
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### Parish Office Hours (CCD Building)

Monday: 10:00am—4:00pm  
 Tuesday: 10:00am —2:00pm  
 Wednesday: 1:00pm—5:00pm  
 Thursday: 10:00am—4:00pm

### St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

**Saturday Mass 5pm & Sunday 10:30am**

**Weekday Mass: Monday 7am**

**Wednesday & Friday 12:10pm**

**Thursday 5:30pm & Adoration**

**Confession: Saturday 4 pm 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.

**NOTES FROM FR. JOJI:** I would like to share some information regarding the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, formerly known as “Last Rites” or “Extreme Unction” (“Last Anointing”). In the celebration of this Sacrament of the Church, the Priest lays hands upon the ill person (typically on the top of their head) and then anoints them by applying the Oil of the Sick to the forehead and palms of the hands while offering prayers including: “May the Lord, in His love and mercy, help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin, save you, and raise you up.” Through this Sacrament the Priest prepares a gravely ill person to receive medical care and ultimately prepares such a person for the passage to eternal life. Anyone who is in danger of death from accident, illness, or old age (including those who will undergo surgery, regardless of their age) may receive the Sacrament. If the person recovers and then has another serious illness, he or she can receive the Sacrament again. In providing pastoral care for the sick, the Priest may also administer Holy Communion if the sick person is able to receive it.

In danger of death, the Priest may also offer the Apostolic Blessing which provides a plenary indulgence for the recipient. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick has its origins in the actions of Jesus Himself who healed the spiritual and physical infirmities of people He encountered. The practice of the Sacrament can be found in the Bible in James 5:14-15, in which St. James writes: “Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters [priests] of the Church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven.” The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that “The special grace of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has as its effects: the uniting of the sick person to the Passion of Christ, for his own good and for that of the whole Church; the strengthening, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness or old age; the forgiveness of sins, if the person was not able to obtain it through the Sacrament of Penance; the restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of his soul; the preparation for passing over to eternal life” (CCC #1532).

By its very nature, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick involves absolution from sin and consequently must be administered by a Priest. Like all of the Sacraments, the Anointing of the Sick must be administered while the person is still living. It is neither necessary nor advisable to wait until a sick person is “on death’s door” before calling the Priest. Particularly in the case of hospice patients, the Priest should be called to anoint the person as soon as they enter hospice care. So, we will celebrate the Anointing of the Sick after the Sunday Mass on July 20, 2025

<b><i>Masses offered July 2025</i></b> +All the Departed Parishioners & Family Members <b><i>SI Good Health &amp; Well-Being of all Parishioners &amp; Families</i></b>	
<b>Sat, July 12</b> +Viola M. Ruiz By Ricky Maestas <b><i>SI</i></b> Buster Davis (Health)	By Ross and Shelley Carter
<b>Sun, July 13</b> <b><i>SI</i></b> In memory of parishioners of Sacred Heart Church (Moses, NM)	
<b>Sat, July 19</b> <b><i>SI</i></b> Buster Davis (Health)	By Ross and Shelley Carter
+Helen Sintas	By Teri and Espy
<b>Sun, July 20</b> +Elsie Martinez	By Martinez Family

<b>Quotable Saints</b> Since happiness is nothing else than the enjoyment of the Supreme Good, and the Supreme Good is above us, no one can enjoy happiness unless he rises above himself. — Saint Bonaventure
<b>Readings For the Week</b> 14 Mon Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin <i>Memorial</i> Ex 1:8-14,22/Mt 10:34—11:1 15 Tue Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church <i>Memorial</i> Ex 2:1-15a/Mt 11:20-24 16 Wed <i>Our lady of Mount Carmel</i> Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/ Mt 11:25-27 17 Thu Ex 3:13-20/Mt 11:28-30 18 Fri <i>Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest</i> Ex 11:10—12:14/Mt 12:1-8 19 Sat Ex 12:37-42/Mt 12:14-21 20 Sun Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

## Summer Bulletin Message: Catechesis corner

**The Role of Gestures and Postures in Liturgy:** The Roman Missal provides the rules for celebrating Holy Mass, including gestures and postures for the priest, ministers, and laity. The GIRM emphasizes gestures and postures should enhance the beauty of liturgy, clarify its meaning, and foster active participation. Uniformity in Posture reflects the unity of the faithful, but many today are unaware of the correct actions and inadvertently engage in practices that are not prescribed.

### Key Liturgical Practices According to the Roman Missal

1. Bowing at Divine Names: All should bow their heads when Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary, or the saint of the day is mentioned.
2. Greeting Posture: During "The Lord be with you", the priest extends and joins his hands. Laity should not mimic this gesture.
3. Lifting Hearts, Not Hands: During "Lift up your hearts", the laity’s response is verbal only—hands should remain lowered.
4. Gospel Proclamation: When proclaiming the Gospel, the deacon does not extend his hands, and the laity should avoid imitating this gesture.

### Liturgical Discipline

Canon law prohibits deacons and laypersons from reciting priest-only prayers (e.g., the Eucharistic Prayer) or using priestly gestures, as this is a grave abuse.

### Conclusion

Imitating the priest’s gestures is not in line with liturgical norms. By respecting the distinct roles of clergy and laity, the Mass remains a reverent and unified act of worship.

### July 5 and 6, 2025

**St. Francis Xavier**

**Saturday/Sunday collection: \$2617.00**

**St. Joseph, Folsom**

**Sunday collection: \$564.00**

**Peter’s Pence: St. Joseph \$77.00**

*Thank you for your Generosity!!*

### Lectors

**Saturday, July 12**—Britt Fisk

**Sunday, July 13**—Sandy Vaughn

**Saturday, July 19**—Shelley Carter

**Sunday, July 20**—Effie Walker

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

**Saturday, July 12**—Britt and Shelley

**Sunday, July 13**—Rosie and Sophie

**Saturday, July 19**—Andrea and Rosie

**Sunday, July 20**—Beverly and Kelley

### USHERS

**Saturday, July 12**

Jeremy Fisk & Ross Carter

**Sunday, July 13**

Deano Arellano & Maurilio Valdez

**Saturday, July 19**

Jeremy Fisk & Ross Carter

**Sunday, July 20**

Deano Arellano & Maurilio Valdez

**Courtesy Before and After Mass:** Please be courteous to others attending Mass by limiting the talking before and after Mass in Church and speaking, when necessary, at a lower volume. Many people are praying in the church before and after Mass, and it is very distracting to them when a lot of talking is going on. Please be respectful and try to limit social conversation to outside the church. Thank you for your cooperation.

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**Prayer for the Sick :** O Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are facing illness today. We ask that You bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of Your love. In Jesus’ name. Amen