



St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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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.

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.
- ♦ Fr. Joji will be leading a training session for all **Ushers** and **Altar Servers**. All Altar Servers who received their First Communion from 2020 to 2025 are encouraged to attend.

Schedule: Saturday, July 26, 2025

• **10:00 AM—Altar Servers**

• **10:30 AM—Ushers**

Please make every effort to attend. Thank you for your dedication and service to our parish!

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Gospel Reflections: Today’s Gospel story of Martha and Mary (Luke 10:38-42) shows the futility of active service which, because it is not based on attentive listening to God’s word and nourished by such listening, becomes mere busyness. When Jesus says to Martha, “You are anxious and worried about many things,” he is not criticizing her for performing the duties of hospitality, but for doing so without first attending to his word. Martha, we might say, is the kind of person who likes to go about doing good without understanding and embracing the underlying reasons for the good that she does. It is almost like being busy just for the sake of being busy! Some would claim that she was providing hospitality to Jesus and his disciples, but would not the first order of hospitality be to attend to what Jesus was saying? This story in today’s Gospel does not ask us to choose between being a Mary or a Martha. The true disciple of Jesus must be both. Mark’s Gospel (Mk 3:14) tells us that when Jesus called his Twelve Apostles, he called them for a dual purpose: to be with him, and to be sent out to proclaim the message.

The very word “Apostle” comes from the Greek word “apóstolos” which means “one who is sent.” Which is more important: to be with Jesus, or to proclaim his message to others? Being with the Lord and listening to his words must be the basis for all we do for him. Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta understood this. She would spend several hours a day in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and this is what empowered her and directed her activities in reaching out to the poorest of the poor. When we act without listening, we are guilty of a subtle kind of pride. We are assuming that we already know what must be done and have no need of guidance – divine or otherwise. Acting without first attending to God’s word can mean doing what we want to do, rather than doing what God requires of us.

The remedy is to sit attentively at the Lord’s feet, like Mary of Bethany in today’s Gospel, and listen to his word. How can we do this? We can spend time praying, especially before the Blessed Sacrament, Every Thursday, we have Mass and Adoration—an opportunity to spend time with the Lord and to reflect on His word. We can set aside a part of our prayer time each day for listening to the Lord, who speaks in the silence of our hearts. And we can listen attentively to the word of God preached and proclaimed at Mass. When we do these things, we are like Mary of Bethany choosing what Jesus calls “the better part,” which will not be taken from us.

Masses offered July 2025 <i>+All the Departed Parishioners & Family Members</i> <u>SI Good Health & Well-Being of all Parishioners & Families</u> Sat, July 19 <i>SI</i> Buster Davis (Health) By Ross and Shelley Carter +Helen Sintas By Teri and Espy +Emilio & Tommy Mestas By Angie & Charles Davis & Mestas Family Sun, July 20 +Elsie Martinez By Martinez Family +Ronnie Steen (7th anniv.) By Judy Steen Thu, July 24 Living and Deceased of Ladies Altar Society Sat, July 26 +Cresenciano Garcia By Garcia Family +Emma Garcia By Garcia Family +Isaac & Lucita Martinez By Angie & Charles Davis Sun, July 27 +Elfido & Faustina Padilla by Becky Gonzales	
Quotable Saints “The world will only change if we change.” ~Saint Mary Magdalene	
Readings For the Week 21 Mon <i>Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i> Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42 22 Tue <i>Saint Mary Magdalene Feast</i> 2 Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18 23 Wed <i>Saint Bridget, Religious</i> Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9 24 Thu <i>Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest</i> Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Mt 13:10-17 25 Fri <i>Saint James, Apostle Feast</i> 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28 26 Sat <i>Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary Memorial</i> Ex 24:3-8/Mt13:24-30 27 SUN SEVENTEETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13	

Summer Bulletin Message: Catechesis corner

INTRODUCTION TO THE ROMAN MISSAL PART II

The Entrance Rites At the beginning of Mass, we all stand for the Entrance Rites, remaining standing from the first bell or the start of the entrance hymn until the final *Amen* of the Collect prayer (the priest’s prayer before the readings). By long-standing custom, Catholics bow their heads when the processional crucifix passes them, though this is not mandated by rubrics. Similarly, it is customary to bow to a bishop in procession, and some also bow to the priest.

The Penitential Act

There are four options for the Penitential Act:

1. The Confiteor (I confess to Almighty God) – At the words "through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault," we strike our breast.
2. Versicles – This form does not require any specific gestures.
3. Invocations – These may include names requiring a bow of the head.
4. Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling of Water – It is customary for the faithful to make the sign of the Cross when sprinkled with holy water.

Gloria and the Collect

During the *Gloria*, we mention the name of Jesus twice, and it is proper to bow the head at each mention. Following this, the priest prays the Collect, which gathers all the prayers and devotions expressed since the beginning of the Mass—including the sign of the Cross, entrance hymn, and Gloria—uniting them into one prayer. When we respond *Amen*, we affirm our readiness to hear the Word of God with open hearts and grace.

By understanding and faithfully observing these postures and gestures, we deepen our reverence for the sacred liturgy and align ourselves more fully with the Church’s rich tradition of worship.

July 12 and 13, 2025

St. Francis Xavier

Saturday/Sunday collection: \$2425.65

St. Joseph, Folsom

Sunday collection: \$354.00

Lectors

Saturday, July 19—Shelley Carter

Sunday, July 20—Effie Walker

Saturday, July 26—Sammie Wood

Sunday, July 27—Ray Saccoccia

Thank you for your Generosity!!

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, July 19—Andrea and Rosie

Sunday, July 20—Beverly and Kelley

Saturday, July 26—Shelley and Britt

Sunday, July 27—Sophie and Kelley

USHERS

Saturday, July 19

Jeremy Fisk & Ross Carter

Sunday, July 20

Deano Arellano & Maurilio Valdez

Saturday, July 26

Gus Wood & Jeremy Fisk

Sunday, July 27

Robert Montoya & Deano Arellano

HALFWAY THROUGH SUMMER—TIME TO PLAN

FOR FAITH FORMATION: Summer vacation is already halfway over, and a new school year is just around the corner! As you begin preparing, don’t forget to consider your child’s faith formation. Whether your child is ready for Religious Education, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation, now is the time to start thinking ahead. Registration planning for fall classes is in the works, so please stay tuned for more information and be prepared to register early. We will also be in need of catechists for the coming year, so if you feel called to share the faith, please consider volunteering your help makes a lasting difference in the lives of our children.