

**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.
- ♦ 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 are currently serving, as well as those who would like to become Altar Servers, are required to attend.

**Schedule: Saturday, August 2, and Sunday, August 3** —immediately after Mass. Please stay for a few minutes for instructions and practice.

We kindly ask you to make every effort to attend. Thank you for your continued dedication and service to our parish!

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## St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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### Parish Administrator

Fr. Joji Konkala

### Parish Staff

Finance Manager: Theresa Gard

Secretary: Esperanza M. Elliott

DRE: Rose Ramirez

### 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.

Summer Bulletin Message: Catechesis Corner  
Introduction to the Roman Missal – Part III

The Sunday cycles of the Roman Missal are divided into three years: Year A, Year B, and Year C. Each year is associated with a specific Gospel: Year A corresponds to the Gospel according to Matthew, Year B to the Gospel according to Mark, which also includes Chapter 6 from the Gospel of John, and Year C to the Gospel according to Luke. During the Easter season and on some special feast days, readings from the Gospel of John are included. However, there is no year dedicated solely to the Gospel of John; instead, its passages are spread across all three liturgical years.

The first reading typically comes from the Old Testament. However, during the Easter season, this reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. Following the first reading, the Responsorial Psalm is proclaimed as a response. The refrain of the psalm is either sung or recited by the congregation, fostering participation.

Next comes the second reading, which is taken from an epistle—a letter from Paul, James, or John. Unlike the first reading and the Gospel, which are thematically connected, the second reading often stands independently as part of a continuous reading from a particular epistle.

If one attends Mass every Sunday and on all holy days of obligation, they will hear approximately 3.7% of the Old Testament and 40.8% of the New Testament. This amounts to less than half of the Bible, emphasizing the importance of personal Scripture reading. For those who attend daily Mass, the percentages increase to 13.5% of the Old Testament and 71.5% of the New Testament. While this is significantly more, it still does not cover the entire Bible. Therefore, personal Bible study remains essential for a fuller understanding of God’s Word.

After the second reading, the congregation stands for the Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia), a gesture of reverence for the Word of God. The Gospel reading holds a unique place in the liturgy, as Christ is present in its proclamation in a special way. The priest or deacon, standing at the ambo, begins by saying, "The Lord be with you," and the congregation responds, "And with your spirit." Without any hand gestures, he then announces, "A reading from the Holy Gospel," making the sign of the cross with his thumb over the book, his forehead, lips, and chest—a gesture mirrored by the congregation, symbolizing the desire to keep God’s Word in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

Link to Part III of Fr. Keith: <https://youtu.be/ZxUjrMT2UOg?si=I4hEiMWCGIm19wRR>,

***Masses offered July and August 2025***  
*+All the Departed Parishioners & Family Members*  
***SI Good Health & Well-Being of all Parishioners & Families***

**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  
**SI** Shirley Anne Saccoccia by Ray Saccoccia  
(Health and Conversion)

**Sun, Aug. 3** **SI** In memory of parishioners of Sacred Heart Church (Moses, NM)

**Quotable Saints**

“There is no sinner in the world, however much at enmity with God, who cannot recover God's grace by recourse to Mary, and by asking her assistance.” —St. Bridget—

**Readings For the Week**

28 Mon Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35  
29 Tue Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus *Memorial*  
Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42  
30 Wed [*Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*] Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46  
31 Thu Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest *Memorial*  
Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53  
1 Fri Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church *Memorial* Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/ Mt 13:54-58  
2 Sat[*Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest; BVM*] Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12  
3 **SUN EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** Eccl1:2;2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

**Gospel Reflections:** We live in a world where the internet has become an essential method of communication. Friends and family members no longer have to wait several days to receive a letter. Communication is now instantaneous. Email (and texts, Facebook, Twitter, etc.) have replaced “snail mail” in many cases. Although the speed of internet messaging is a blessing, it may also reduce the intimacy and sensitivity that generally comes from face-to-face conversations, making it easier to be less tactful in our internet dialogue. Indeed, there is a certain sense of anonymity that comes with internet communications that may reduce inhibitions and heighten the level of uncivil language. When Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in today’s Gospel (Luke 11:1-13), he is giving them something much more than a speedier form of communication. He is providing them with an intimate way to communicate with God, and he spells out the expectations that come with this new way of relating with God.

Consider for a moment the words Jesus tells us to use when we pray. “Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test.” This version of the Lord’s Prayer found in the Gospel according to Luke is clearly worded differently from the version found in the Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 6:9-13) with which we are most familiar since it is used in every celebration of the Mass. Still, both versions convey the same essential message. In these few words, Jesus is teaching his disciples, and all future generations who offer this prayer, that God is our Father, who loves us as a parent and seeks an intimate relationship with us. Whereas past generations relied on patriarchs and prophets to speak on their behalf, through Jesus we discover that we can communicate directly with God.

Even though we are sinners, we, too, can presume to speak with God. Even if we have done dreadful and terrible things, God continues to love us, forgive us, and draw us closer. As the old saying goes, God hates the sin but loves the sinner. And that is precisely why Jesus gave us the Sacrament of Penance or Confession. But the Lord’s Prayer also reminds us: If we are children of God who have experienced the Lord’s forgiveness, we are expected to forgive those who have sinned against us! This call to forgive is challenging. It begins with simple acts of kindness and a desire to forgive our neighbor when they have offended us. Our resolve to live the Lord’s Prayer will be tested, but the same Jesus who taught us how to pray also gave us the Eucharist – his Body and Blood – so that we are nourished and strengthened for the daily challenges we will face. Perhaps most especially the challenge of forgiving those who have sinned against us, as we have been forgiven by God.

**July 19 and 20, 2025**  
**St. Francis Xavier**  
**Saturday/Sunday collection: \$2175.00**  
**St. Joseph, Folsom**  
**Sunday collection: \$423.00**

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**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**  
**Saturday, July 26**—Shelley and Britt  
**Sunday, July 27**—Sophie and Kelley  
**Saturday, August 2**—Shelley and Rosie  
**Sunday, August 3**—Kelley and Beverly

**USHERS**  
**Saturday, July 26**  
Gus Wood & Jeremy Fisk  
**Sunday, July 27**  
Robert Montoya & Deano Arellano  
**Saturday, August 2**  
Robert Montoya & Jeremy Fisk  
**Sunday, August 3**  
Deano Arellano & Maurilio Valdez

**Lectors**  
**Saturday, July 26**—Sammie Wood  
**Sunday, July 27**—Ray Saccoccia  
**Saturday, August 2**—Shelley Carter  
**Sunday, August 3**—Pat Podzemny



**Ladies Altar Society (LAS) – President: Cindy Montoya**  
Open to all members of the parish, LAS supports parish life through service, spirituality, and fellowship. Corporate Mass is celebrated every third Thursday, followed by Adoration. We thank them for their faithful support of our church.