

JULY 6, 2025

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!!**
- ♦ **There will be no Mass on Wednesday, July 9th.**
- ♦ A special welcome to the newly baptized Rudy Ignacio Rael. Congratulations to his Parents and Godparents!

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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.

July is dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus: It is a recognition of Jesus’ sacrifice and how He spilled his blood for the salvation of humanity. Furthermore, this blood is made present through the gift of the Eucharist, along with the body of Christ, under the appearance of bread and wine. Like the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Precious Blood has long been venerated for its role in our redemption.

Over time the Church developed various feasts of the Precious Blood, but it wasn’t until the 19th century when a Universal Feast was established. During the First Italian War for Independence in 1849, Pope Pius IX went into exile to Gaeta. He went there with Don Giovanni Merlini, third superior general of the Fathers of the Most Precious Blood. While the war was still raging, Merlini suggested to Pope Pius IX that he create a universal feast to the Precious Blood to beg God’s heavenly aid to end the war and bring peace to Rome. Pius IX subsequently made a statement on June 30, 1849, that he intended to create a feast in honor of the Precious Blood. The war soon ended, and he returned to Rome shortly thereafter. On August 10, he made it official and proclaimed that the 1st Sunday in July will be dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. Later, Pope Pius X assigned July 1 as the fixed date of this celebration.

After Vatican II the feast was removed from the calendar, but a votive Mass in honor of the Precious Blood was established and can be celebrated in the month of July and Catholics are encouraged to meditate on the profound sacrifice of Jesus and the pouring out of his blood for humanity.

In addition to the Sacred Heart and the Precious Blood, there are devotions to the Five Wounds (in Christ’s hands, feet, and side), to the shoulder wound, where Christ carried the Cross and to the wounds caused by the crown of thorns, to name just a few. Faced with Protestant discomfort with these devotions, many Catholics have downplayed or even abandoned them. But we should not do that. These devotions provide a living witness to our belief in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. Our Savior, Jesus Christ is not an abstraction, He is God-Made-Man. And as the Athanasian Creed tells us, (which we say on Trinity Sunday), in becoming man, Christ assumed humanity into the Godhead. Christ’s Precious Blood, like His Sacred Heart, is a symbol of His love for all mankind. The Most Precious Blood which recalls the shedding of His Blood and asks, that He may guide our lives so that we may be worthy of Heaven.

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| <i>Masses offered July 2025</i> <i>+All the Departed Parishioners & Family Members</i> <i><u>SI Good Health & Well-Being of all Parishioners & Families</u></i> | |
| Sat, July 5 | <i>SI</i> Buster Davis (Health) By Ross and Shelley Carter |
| Sun, July 6 | 8:00 A.M. +Maryann Marquez By Pat Gregory |
| Sun, July 6 | + Mary Helen Garcia By Gloria Lucero & Family <i>SI</i> Gary Herber (Health) By Gary Herber Family |
| Sat, July 12 | +Viola M. Ruiz By Ricky Maestas <i>SI</i> Buster Davis (Health) By Ross and Shelley Carter |
| Sun, July 13 | <i>SI</i> In memory of parishioners of Sacred Heart Church (Moses, NM) |

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| Quotable Saints “If you are judging others, you have no time to love them.” -Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta |
| <u>Readings For the Week</u> 7 Mon Gn 28:10-22a/Mt 9:18-26 8 Tue Gn 32:23-33/Mt 9:32-38 9 Wed <i>Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest and Companions, Martyrs</i> Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a/Mt 10:1-7 10 Thu Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Mt 10:7-15 11 Fri Saint Benedict, Abbot <i>Memorial</i> Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Mt 10:16-23 12 Sat Gn 49:29-32;50:15-26a/Mt 10:24-33 13 Sun Dt 30:10-14/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37 |

Gospel Reflections: In today’s Gospel, Jesus is sending out 72 disciples in pairs to go to every town he intended to visit. This Gospel passage provides several points for us to reflect upon. First, it challenges us to reflect upon the baggage we carry with us throughout life – material possessions as well as emotional guilt and grudges that weigh us down and prevent us from sharing the peace of Christ with others or even experiencing it ourselves. The point is not that possessions are bad in and of themselves. We simply need to be careful not to let our possessions possess us. How can we let go of those things or feelings that hold us back from loving God as completely as we should? Second, today’s Gospel invites us to look at how we are doing at trusting God and others.

We profess with our lips that God will provide, and yet in our society today, we face the enormous power of a consumer culture that tries to convince us that more is better and that even with as much as we already have, we still need more. At the same time, we live in a society that promotes fierce independence, where you rely on no one but yourself to get ahead in the world. In contrast, Jesus instructed his disciples to go on the journey empty-handed and have a profound trust that as they went about the Lord’s work, God would always provide for their needs through the kindness and generosity of others. Finally, today’s Gospel is not just about what happened a long time ago in a land far away. It is clear that Jesus continues to instruct us as surely as he instructed the followers of his time. How am I doing at responding to God’s call to spread the Good News to others? In what ways do I help build God’s kingdom here on earth? Are the laborers really so few, or have I simply resisted committing my time, talent, and treasure to serving God and others?

Let us start proclaiming the Gospel in our families by leading exemplary Christian lives, in which spouses love and respect each other, raise their children in the spirit of obedience and service, discipline them with forgiving love and teach them through persistent example to pray, love and help others by sharing their blessings.

June 28 and 29, 2025
St. Francis Xavier
Saturday/Sunday collection: \$2034.33
St. Joseph, Folsom
Sunday collection: \$525.00
Peter’s Pence: SFX & St. Joseph \$148.00
Thank you for your Generosity!!

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Saturday, July 5—Rosie and Andrea
Sunday, July 6—Kelley and Beverly
Saturday, July 12—Britt and Shelley
Sunday, July 13—Rosie and Sophie

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Saturday, July 5
Jeremy Fisk & Ross Carter
Sunday, July 6
Deano Arellano & Maurilio Valdez
Saturday, July 12
Jeremy Fisk & Ross Carter
Sunday, July 13
Deano Arellano & Maurilio Valdez

Lectors
Saturday, July 5—Rosie DeHerrera
Sunday, July 6—Mike Diller
Saturday, July 12—Britt Fisk
Sunday, July 13—Sandy Vaughn

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