

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.
- ♦ We are in need of more **Eucharistic Ministers and Ushers** 18 years of age and older for weekend Masses, Please give your Time, talents and treasure Be the first to welcome our Parishioners and visitors to mass, assist with collections, and distribute bulletins, Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church. Training will be provided.
- ♦ All those who are Volunteering in different ministries are requested to complete “**Virtus**” safe environment program. Log into the Archdiocese Website www.archdiosf.org All participants must have a background check and current VIRTUS Certificate on file in the Parish Office.
- ♦ 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 if you are interested.
- ♦ **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
- ♦ **Second Collection:** There will be a second collection at all the Masses on the weekend of June 28/29 for Peter’s Pence. Thank you for your generosity.
- ♦ **Baptizing a child:** Parishioners who are planning to baptize a child or may be acting as godparents for another couple should call the parish office as soon as possible so you can schedule a time to complete the pre-baptism instruction which is required by the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.
- ♦ Please note: The information published in the newspaper is incorrect. St. Francis Xavier Catholic church CCD did not award any scholarships or prize money to any graduates this year.
- ♦ Next Weekend is the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. There will be 30 minutes of Eucharistic Adoration before Masses offered for peace in the Middle East and around the world. Please join us for this special time of prayer and Benediction. Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

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JUNE 15, 2025
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (Solemnity)



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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.

Gospel Reflection: Today we celebrate one of the most fundamental beliefs of Christianity: The Most Holy Trinity – three distinct, coequal Persons in one God. For the Church, Trinity is considered a mystery. There are aspects of the Trinity that we will never fully grasp while we are on this side of Heaven. But it is something we hold as revealed truth. We may never comprehend its totality, but we experience its presence and accept its reality. Today’s Scripture Readings touch on the distinctions, as well as the linkages, between and among the Persons of the Trinity. There are references to the Holy Trinity in the Old Testament, but their meaning was mostly hidden. When Jesus became man through the Incarnation, he revealed the three Persons of the Trinity more fully. The Baptism of Jesus is one such “Trinitarian moment” when all three Persons are explicitly mentioned in the Bible – Jesus is being Baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River, the Father’s voice is heard from Heaven saying “This is my Beloved Son with whom I am well pleased,” (Matthew 3:13-17) and the Holy Spirit is descending upon Jesus in the form of a dove.

The Solemnity of the Holy Trinity has been an official and universal celebration in the Catholic Church since the 1300’s. It is even celebrated by many Protestant denominations as it is a fundamental belief shared by all Christians. During today’s Mass, special prayers honor each of the Persons of the Trinity, but every Mass is full of references to the Trinity and prayers showing our devotion. This is evident in the simplest of prayers – the Sign of the Cross. We make this action upon entering and leaving the Church, and at the beginning and end of Mass, and even sometimes during Mass. The words that accompany the action express our belief in the Holy Trinity – “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.” Even when done silently, the action itself becomes a prayer! The next time that you attend Mass, make a point to notice how many times we make the Sign of the Cross. Think about the words. Listen, too, for other prayers throughout the Mass that honor the Holy Trinity. Of course, the Creed (Profession of Faith) is probably the most obvious, but you will find others that express our belief in the Holy Trinity - three Divine Persons in one God.

Masses offered June 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, June 14 +Viola M. Ruiz by Ricky Maestas
+Sharon Chosvig by Ross & Shelley Carter
+Richard Sintas by Teri Mansfield

Sun, June 15 +Jose & Evelyn Maestas
by Gloria Lucero & Family
***SI** Gary Herber (Health)*
By Gary Herber Family

Thu, June 19 Living and Deceased of Ladies Altar Society

Sat, June 21 +Evelyn Sintas by Teri Mansfield
***SI** Buster Davis (Health)*
By Ross and Shelley Carter

Quotable Saints

“Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible.” -Saint Francis of Assisi

Readings For the Week

16 Mon Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time
2 Cor 6:1-10/Mt 5:38-42 Pss III
17 Tue 2 Cor 8:1-9/ Mt 5:43-48
18 Wed 2 Cor 9:6-11/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
19 Thu Saint Romald, Abbot
2 Cor 11:1-11/ Mt 6:7-15
20 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/ Mt 6:19-23
21 Sat Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
2 Cor 12:1-10/ Mt 6:24-34
22 SUN THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi) Solemnity
Gn 14:18-20/ 1 Cor 11:23-26/ Lk 9:11b-17 Pss Prop

Question: Why are some saints honored as “patron saints”? **Answer:** Each person is unique and each of us has different gifts, interests, talents, and, yes, even struggles and areas where we need to grow. This is no less true of those holy women, men, and children who have been canonized or beatified. Because we believe that the saints and blessed are both models of faith and intercessors, Christians have looked to certain holy people as role models and heavenly protectors for occupations, spiritual charisms, and even places. Although the Church sometimes names a person as a patron saint (e.g. Saint Philip Neri as the patron of Rome, Saint Clare of Assisi as the patroness of television, or Saint Francis Xavier is the patron saint of Missions and missionaries), more often it is popular devotion that inspires lay Christians to turn to a particular saint or blessed for heavenly help and support. This is how, for example, Saint Cecilia came to be honored as the patroness of musicians, Saint Toribio Romo as patron of migrants coming into the United States, and Saint Gertrude of Nivelles as patroness of cat lovers. Although there are official and unofficial lists of patron saints, we should always feel free to ask any and all the saints to give us their patronage and protection in whatever it is that we need

Question: What is the “Miraculous Medal” and why is it called that? **Answer:** The medal of the Immaculate Conception that has come to be called simply the “Miraculous Medal” dates back to an apparition of Mary to Saint Catherine Laboure, who was then a novice sister with the Daughters of Charity. On November 27, 1830, Our Lady appeared to her standing on a globe, with shafts of light streaming from her hands and the words, “O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee,” surrounding the image. In the same vision, Catherine saw a capital “M” with a cross above it and below two hearts. Catherine seemed to hear a voice telling her to have what she saw struck as a medal and a promise that those who wore the medal would have the protection and intercession of the Mother of God. The first 1,500 of medals were distributed in 1832. Many miraculous favors were attributed to the use of the medal. Saint Catherine’s “Miraculous Medal” is among the recognizable and popular symbols of modern Catholicism. Reflecting on its widespread use, the 2001 Vatican document, “Directory on Popular Piety and Liturgy,” observes that the medal “recalls the mystery of Redemption, the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of the Sorrowful Heart of Mary. It signifies the mediatory role of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mystery of the Church, the relationship between Heaven and earth, this life and eternal life.”

June 7 and 8, 2025

St. Francis Xavier
Saturday/Sunday collection: \$2773.55
St. Joseph, Folsom
Sunday collection: \$383.00

Thank you for your Generosity!!

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Saturday, June 14—Rosie and Shelley
Sunday, June 15—Sophie and Beverly
Saturday, June 21—Andrea and Shelley
Sunday, June 22—Beverly and Sophie

USHERS
Saturday, June 14
Gus Wood & Robert Montoya
Sunday, June 15
Deano Arellano & Maurilio Valdez
Saturday, June 21
Jeremy Fisk & Robert Montoya
Sunday, June 22
Andrew Trujillo & Deano Arellano

Lectors

Saturday, June 14—Sammie Wood
Sunday, June 15—Sandy Vaughn
Saturday, June 21—Rosie DeHerrera
Sunday, June 22—Effie Walker

Father’s Day Prayer: God and Father of all creation, we come before you today with humble hearts. You are our model of a loving father. When we fail and fall short of your expectations, you are always there at the end of the day with open arms, ready to heal the cuts and scrapes of the day and to encourage us to try again and not to give up. We hold up these men in our midst who act in the world as fathers to their children or models of fathers for others. Bless them in their moments of doubt and frustration with their children. Give them warm and open hearts to forgive failures. Provide them with the words needed for encouragement and perseverance. We ask all this in the name of Jesus. Amen

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