

## 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 on the back of the church. prayerfully consider to make 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](http://www.archdiosf.org) All participants must have a background check and current VIRTUS Certificate on file in the Parish Office.
- ♦ **Congratulations**, graduates! Whether you're graduating from high school, college, or trade school, this is a significant milestone worth celebrating. You've worked hard, persevered through challenges, and are now stepping into an exciting new chapter of life.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ Please note that there will be no Mass from Wednesday to Friday, June 4–6, 2025
- ♦ **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
- ♦ **MINISTRY OF CARE:** The Home-bound Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring the Body of Christ to parishioners who cannot attend the Celebration of the Eucharist. Just a little bit of your time each Sunday before mass, makes such a difference to our homebound parishioners who are in need of our Lord in the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist!. Please sign up.
- ♦ San Antonio de Padua Parish in Peñasco is holding their 2025 annual raffle to benefit their parish. If anyone is interested in purchasing raffle tickets, a limited amount of tickets are available at the SFX parish office. They are \$5 each and the drawing will be held on June 15, 2025. Prizes include: \$600, \$300, \$150, a bench, Crazy Quilt, Chico's, and more exciting prizes!!

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JUNE 1, 2025  
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD ( Solemnity)



## 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.

**Gospel Reflections:** We, as a Christian community, are a living testament of a people who adheres to the power of the resurrection and ascension and the presence of the Spirit in our life. As a people, we proclaim Christ’s message of love and liberation through our word and example. This is the basis of our Christian tradition. He is with us: yes to the end of time.

There is a story about a woman who saw a poorly dressed and ill-nourished little girl playing in the street. The woman became angry and said to God: “*Why do you let a thing like that happen in the world you created? Why don’t you do something about it?*” *God replied: “I did do something about it: I created you”*. The story invites us to ask ourselves “How serious do we take the mandate of Jesus to transform our world into the kind of place God created it to be”? Today’s celebration marks the beginnings of the Church’s outreach in continuing the work of Christ in our world.

For a few moments, let us mentally put ourselves among the Apostles. There we are, experiencing each event for the first time, and we are afraid. We cannot yet fully understand why Jesus, our teacher, great healer and wonder-worker, had to die such a terrible death. We had begun to see that he had been sent by God, and yet he was suddenly taken away from us, suffering a horrible death. We wonder if we might be the next ones to be arrested, tortured, and crucified. Then comes the third morning, and the women are telling us that the tomb is empty – the body of Jesus is gone! Gathered together in the Upper Room, we do not know what the future holds when suddenly Jesus is right there in our midst! He shows us the wounds in his hands and side – he even eats a piece of fish. We are amazed, and still afraid. Later, we remember what Jesus had said before about sending another Paraclete, but something else must happen first. Several days pass, and we are gathered once again on a hillside in Galilee, only to witness Jesus rise into the sky and disappear into a cloud. In the Gospel of Matthew (Matthew 28:19-20), the final words that Jesus spoke to his disciples before ascending into heaven were: “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” What does it all mean? How can we possibly do what he asks of us? Where do we go from here? Where, indeed? If we return to the present day, we recognize that our mission as modern day Christians is really no different from the mission entrusted to the Apostles on that hillside as Jesus rose from their sight. We are to spread the Gospel message to the ends of the earth, and ensure that those who believe are baptized, for the Lord has told us: “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned.” Proclamation of the Gospel is critical to our lives as Christians, and remember that this is accomplished as much by our actions as by our words. Recall well the words of St. Francis of Assisi who said: “Proclaim the Gospel always, and when necessary, use words.”

**Masses offered May and 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, May 31**+Sharon Chosvig by Ross & Shelley Carter  
+Arlene Webster by Ross & Shelley Carter  
+Nick Tarufelli, Jr. by Tarufelli Family

**Sun, June 1** +Nellie Bodine by Gloria Lucero & Family  
***SI*** Father Joel Bugas (25th) Ordination Anniv.  
by Della & Leroy Wetsel  
***SI*** Father Charlie Urnick (51st) Ordination Anniv.  
by Della & Leroy Wetsel

**Sat, June 7** +Sharon Chosvig by Ross & Shelley Carter  
+Arlene Webster by Ross & Shelley Carter

**Sun, June 8** +Orlando Lucero by Gloria Lucero & Family  
+Steve & Jane Arellano by Family

**Quotable Saints**

“Remember that the Christian life is one of action; not of speech and daydreams. Let there be few words and many deeds, and let them be done well.” – St. Vincent Pallotti

**Readings For the Week**

2 Mon Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs  
Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33  
3 Tue Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions,  
Martyrs Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a  
4 Wed Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19  
5 Thu Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr  
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26  
6 Fri Saint Norbert, Bishop  
Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19  
7 Sat Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25  
8 SUN PENTECOST SUNDAY Solemnity  
Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/  
Jn 20:19-23

**The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**, a devotion which began in the 12th Century and gained popularity after Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 1670s, revealing to her the image of His Sacred Heart. It is a month dedicated, therefore, to contemplating the wonderful mystery of the human heart of Jesus that contains all of God’s eternal, infinite, self-giving love for each person. Pope Francis has said that it is easier for us to believe in our own love for God than it is for us to believe in God’s love for us; in this month, the Church invites us to contemplate the Sacred Heart of Jesus and let ourselves be convinced of God’s passionate love for us. In Jesus’ first apparition to St. Margaret Mary, after revealing His Heart to her, he said to her, “My divine Heart is so passionately fond of the human race, and of you in particular, that it cannot keep back the pent-up flames of its burning charity any longer. They must burst out through you.” As we look at the images of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we notice many symbols. Each of these expresses some aspect of God’s love for us.

**Flames:** The Sacred Heart of Jesus burns with divine love. In the Gospel, Jesus says that He has come to set fire to the earth—the fire that He longs to set is the fire of divine love, the fire of the Holy Spirit, in each human heart. One prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus says, “Oh Heart of Jesus, burning with love for us, inflame our hearts with love for You.” The Sacred Heart of Jesus is aflame with love for you and for me, and in this month, He wants to set our hearts on fire with His love, to consume all that is not His love, and for this fire of His love to spread to others who so need to know God’s love for them.

**Rays of Light:** The Sacred Heart of Jesus is surrounded by rays of light, as if rays of light are emanating from it. In the Gospel of John, Jesus says He is the light of the world. What does light do? It shines in and dissipates the darkness, and it reveals the truth. The Sacred Heart of Jesus reveals to us the eternal truth of God’s love for us, bringing the light of God’s love into the darkness of our sin and suffering, our fear and doubt. ( Continues in next bulletin).....

**May 24-25, 2025**  
**St. Francis Xavier**  
**Saturday/Sunday collection: \$2221.97**  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines**  
**Sunday collection: \$605.00**

*Thank you for your Generosity!!*

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**  
**Saturday, May 31**—Andrea and Rosie  
**Sunday, June 1**—Sophie and Beverly  
**Saturday, June 7**—Andrea and Britt  
**Sunday, June 8** —Sophie and Beverly

**USHERS**  
**Saturday, May 31**  
Robert Montoya & Andre Wat  
**Sunday, June 1**  
Andrew Trujillo & Gus Wood  
**Saturday, June 7**  
Robert Montoya & Jeremy Fisk  
**Sunday, June 8**  
Maurilio Valdez & Andrew Trujillo

**Lectors**  
**Saturday, May 31**—Rosie DeHerrera  
**Sunday, June 1**— Mike Diller  
**Saturday, June 7**—Britt Fisk  
**Sunday, June 8**—Pat Podzemny

**Ordination of New Priests:** At 10:00 am on Saturday, June 7, 2025, Archbishop John C. Wester will ordain two new priests for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe at a Mass in the Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi in Santa Fe. The ordination of new priests is a beautiful liturgical event and is open to all who wish to attend.

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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