

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
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is on Friday, June 27th. Mass will be as usual at 12:10 p.m.
- ♦ 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!!**

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JUNE 22, 2025
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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.

Today we celebrate the Feast of the **Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**. The Catholic Church has consistently taught from Apostolic times that during a valid celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the bread and wine are truly changed into the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. This is what is meant by the “True Presence” or “Real Presence” of Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist. Although the elements still have the appearance of bread and wine, they have – through the power of the Holy Spirit – actually changed into Jesus’ Body and Blood, just as they did at the Last Supper. The Second Vatican Council referred to the Eucharist as “the source and summit” of our faith. As such, there is the need for proper respect regarding the Eucharist. This respect for the Eucharist means observing the rule that we must fast from food and beverages for one hour before receiving Holy Communion, including abstaining from chewing gum. It is permissible to drink water, and a small amount of food is permissible if needed to take with medicine. Respect for the Eucharist also means arriving for Mass on time and not leaving early.

Respect for the Eucharist means observing silence or very quiet conversation both before and after Mass as a courtesy to others who are praying in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Respect for the Eucharist means that those who are physically able should genuflect reverently when entering and leaving a pew when they arrive for Mass and leave from Mass in a church in which the Blessed Sacrament is kept. If unable to genuflect, a deep bow is an appropriate sign of respect. Respect for the Eucharist means that we should not receive Holy Communion if we are aware of being in a state of serious sin (see 1 Corinthians 11:27-29). Such persons should go to Confession, or in the case of cohabitation or a marriage outside of the Church, should see a priest about having their situation corrected so that they may worthily receive the Sacraments of the Church. On this feast of Corpus Christi, established by Pope Urban IV in the year 1264, we celebrate the miracle of the Eucharist. When we share in the Eucharist, we share in Jesus’ miraculous love for us and for all sinners. Our Lord Jesus Christ, truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, is worthy of our worship, our respect, and our love. In the Most Holy Eucharist, we truly receive Jesus – his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity – nourishing us for those lonely moments that are so often part of our human experience, and reassuring us that God is always present in our lives.

Masses offered June 2025

+All the Departed Parishioners & Family Members
SI Good Health & Well-Being of all Parishioners & Families

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

Sun, June 22 +Mary Archuleta by Gloria Lucero & Family
SI Mary Burton (98th Birthday)
By Becky Gonzales

Sat, June 28 ***SI*** Buster Davis (Health)
By Ross and Shelley Carter

Sun, June 29 +Ralph Martinez by Gloria Lucero & Family

Quotable Saints

"The Sacred Heart of Jesus is an inexhaustible fountain and its sole desire is to pour itself out into the hearts of the humble so as to free them and prepare them to lead lives according to his good pleasure." —St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Readings For the Week

23 Mon Gn 12:1-9/Mt 7:1-5
24 Tue THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST (Solemnity)
Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
25 Wed Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Mt 7:15-20
26 Thu Gn 16:1-12, 15-16/Mt 7:21-29
27 Fri THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS (Solemnity) Ez 34:11-16/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7
28 Sat *The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary* Gn 18:1-15/Lk2:41-51
29 Sun SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES (Solemnity)
Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt

Vatican Recognizes Eucharistic Miracle in Kerala Church, India

In a moment that has deeply touched the Catholic faithful, the Vatican has officially recognized a Eucharistic miracle at Christ the King Church in Vilakkannur, Kerala, India. The event occurred on November 15, 2013, during a regular morning Mass celebrated by Fr. Thomas Pathickal. While elevating the large host during the consecration, the priest noticed a mysterious spot on it. As the Mass progressed, the spot grew brighter and gradually revealed what appeared to be the face of Jesus Christ. Moved by the experience, Fr. Pathickal carefully set aside the host, continued the Mass with another, and later placed the original in a monstrance for adoration. The image remained visible even after the host was secured in the tabernacle. It was eventually transferred to the Archbishop’s House and, in 2020, sent to Rome for scientific and theological investigation.

On May 9, 2025, after several years of study and discernment, the Vatican officially declared the event a true Eucharistic miracle—an extraordinary sign affirming the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, the appearance of Christ’s face on the host is a true Eucharistic miracle. Archbishop Joseph Pamplany of the Syro-Malabar Archdiocese of Tellicherry shared the news with the faithful, calling it a powerful sign to deepen devotion to the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Fr. Mathew Paravarakath, the current parish priest, expressed hope that this miracle will inspire renewed faith not just within the parish, but throughout the global Church. This recognition places Vilakkannur among the few places worldwide honored with a Vatican-affirmed Eucharistic miracle—offering a profound reminder of the mystery and majesty of the Holy Eucharist. It stands as a powerful reminder of the mystery and majesty of the Holy Eucharist, reinforcing the Catholic belief that Jesus is truly present—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—in the consecrated host.

June 14 and 15, 2025

St. Francis Xavier
Saturday/Sunday collection: \$2398.00
St. Joseph, Folsom
Sunday collection: \$359.00

Thank you for your Generosity!!

Lectors

Saturday, June 21—Rosie DeHerrera
Sunday, June 22—Effie Walker
Saturday, June 28—Sammie Wood
Sunday, June 29—Ray Saccoccia

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, June 21—Andrea and Shelley
Sunday, June 22—Beverly and Sophie
Saturday, June 28—Shelley and Britt
Sunday, June 29—Rosie and Sophie

USHERS

Saturday, June 21
Jeremy Fisk & Robert Montoya
Sunday, June 22
Andrew Trujillo & Deano Arellano
Saturday, June 28
Jeremy Fisk & Gus Wood
Sunday, June 29
Robert Montoya & Maurilio Valdez



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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