

**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 back of the church, please Drop a with your information or call us at 575-374-8894 to register with us!
- ◆ Please see the bulletin for the new office days and hours.
- ◆ During the Lenten days daily Masses are celebrated as usual time except on Fridays: We begin with Stations of the Cross at 6:00p.m followed by mass.
- ◆ **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL:** 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 request all our Ushers please check for your names on the bulletin before Mass and go for collections and distribute the bulletins.
- ◆ We thank Altar servers who serve during our Masses / Lectors who read the Holy Scripture / Eucharistic ministers who serve the blood of Christ/Ushers who collect donations and Greeters who welcome people and distribute bulletins. We thank anyone for sharing time, talent and treasure for the good of catholic Church. God bless!
- ◆ **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT COME AND SPEND AN HOUR IN PRAYER.** Every Thursday We have mass at 5:30 P.M. followed by Adoration, please make use of Lenten Confessions during the time.
- ◆ The Ladies Altar society group will meet on March 17, Monday at 6:00p.m (CCD Building)
- ◆ Please return all the keys of our Church, Office and Parish hall who ae no longer in the position of various ministries.

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March 16, 2025  
Second Sunday of Lent



**St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church**

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**Parish Administrator**

Fr. Joji Konkala  
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**Parish Office Hours (CCD Building)**

Monday: 10:00am—4:00pm  
Tuesday: 10:00a.m —4:00p.m  
Wednesday: 1:00pm—5:00pm  
Thursday: 10:00am—2:00pm

**St. Francis Xavier, Clayton**

Saturday Mass 5pm & Sunday 10:30am  
Weekday Mass: Monday 7am  
Wednesday & Friday 12:10p  
Thursday 5:30pm & Adoration  
Confession: Saturday 4pm 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.

**St. Patrick** : On March 17 the Church honors St. Patrick, who in the fifth century came to Ireland as a missionary and converted all the country a span of thirty-three years. He changed Ireland forever. Not only did St. Patrick convert Ireland, his influence was universal. With his work, religious orders and monasteries were established and spread. These orders preserved the Faith during the period often referred to as the "Dark Ages." And his work continues for many centuries. As the Irish emigrated, they took their Faith with them all over the world. In the eyes of the Church his sanctity isn't about the marvelous accomplishments of his life, but the actual living his Catholic faith. He was saintly. In other words, he lived the Gospel and loved Christ above all things. And that is what makes his life exemplary. In the United States, March 17 now is mainly equated with all things Irish and green. It is understandable that honoring this saint would remind an Irishman of his heritage. The transition from the motherland to the United States was difficult and full of persecution, and there should be a day to unite the Irish worldwide.

**Solemnity of St. Joseph:** March 19 marks the Solemnity of St. Joseph on the Universal Calendar of the Church. This is the other great saint of March, actually considered after Mary to be one of the greatest saints of the Church. St. Joseph is now included into the Eucharistic Prayer at every Mass. St. Joseph was the foster-father of Jesus and the husband of Mary. He had such a privileged position to be in such intimate company of the Son of God and Mother of God. But he also had such a great responsibility to care for his wife and foster-son. There is not one recorded word of St. Joseph. We know so little about him, and yet his silence, his obedience, his tender care speaks volumes of his sanctity. So many people think of St. Joseph as the Italian saint, but almost every nationality and religious order have great devotion to St. Joseph. The Church universally honors St. Joseph's Day as a solemnity, counted among the most important days. The liturgical color is white for a solemnity. For the Mass, there will be an extra reading and the Nicene Creed is prayed. The Gloria has not been sung all through Lent, but this is also prayed today. The only prayer that is missing is the Alleluia. In the United States, St. Joseph's Day is not a holyday of obligation, but in many other countries it still is celebrated as such.

### **Masses offered March 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, Mar 15** +Jim Doherty by Ross and Shelley Carter

**Sun, March 16**

**8:00 A.M.** S.I. Patty Postoak by M/M Carlos Fernandez  
**10:30 A.M.** +Michael Barreras by Leoray &Lupe Gonzales

**Thu, Mar 20** Living and deceased of Ladies Altar Society

**Sat, Mar 22** +Clare Wood by Joseph Archuleta

**Sun, March 23**

**8:00 A.M.** +Petra Montoya by M/M Carlos Fernandez  
**10:30 A.M.** +Melvin Barreras by Leoray &Lupe Gonzales

### **Quotable Saints**

"We should, indeed, honor St Joseph, since the Son of God himself was graciously pleased to honor him by calling him father. If then, the King of Kings was pleased to raise Joseph to so high a dignity, it is right and obligatory on our part to endeavour to honor him as much as we can." -

St Alphonsus Liguori

### **Readings For the Week**

17 Mon Saint Patrick, Bishop  
 Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38  
 18 Tue Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop  
 Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12  
 19 Wed SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF MARY  
 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21  
 20 Thu Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31  
 21 Fri Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a,Mt 21:33-46  
 22 Sat Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
 23 Sun Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-1  
 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12/Luke 13:1-9

**Gospel Reflections:** Each of us is familiar with at least one – if not several – what we might call “God moments” in which God reveals himself in Sacred Scripture. We find one of those profound “God moments” in today’s First Reading from Exodus 3:1 8a, 13-15. Here we read of Moses’ encounter with God speaking to him from a burning bush that was not being consumed by the flames! Wouldn’t we give anything to witness such a profound “God moment”? The reality is that when we witness the birth of a child, or that child’s Baptism, we witness a most profound “God moment.” When we lovingly prepare a special meal for our family or serve a warm meal to the homeless, we witness a most profound “God moment.” We should not allow ourselves to think that all the God moments have passed by and are only history. These profound holy moments of God’s love intersecting with our lives play out every day. We must be attentive or they may pass by unnoticed. As we heard in today’s Gospel (Luke 13:1-8), we are not to grumble like an unbeliever about a non-producing fig tree. Rather, we are to till the soil and fertilize around the fig tree in hopes that it will bear abundant fruit. As believers in God’s unconditional love for us, we know that all of God’s holy moments have not passed us by. Every time that we gather for Mass, we participate in one of the most profound “God moments” known to humankind, and we are invited to partake in one of the most profound ways that God is made present to us. During Holy Communion, when Christ is really and truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Lord Jesus nourishes us with the gift of Himself. We come forward to receive the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation, so that we may be drawn closer to him and then share his light and love with others by the witness of our lives. Let us always be open to the many and varied ways that God wants to work in and through us, so that others might experience God’s love for them in and through our actions. May we recognize those “God moments,” appreciate them, and share them with others.

### **March 8 and 9, 2025**

**St. Francis Xavier**

Saturday/Sunday collection: \$4,536

### **Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines**

Sunday collection: \$517.17

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS**

Saturday, March 15 —Britt and Rosie  
 Sunday, March 16—Raymond and Sophie

Saturday, March 22 —Rosie and Andrea  
 Sunday, March 23 —Beverly and Sophie

### **USHERS**

**Saturday, March 15**

Gus Wood and Jeremy Fisk

**Sunday, March 16**

Robert Montoya and Deano Arellano

**Saturday, March 22**

Maurillo Valdez and Andre Wat

**Sunday, March 23**

Deano Arellano and Robert Montoya

### **Lectors**

Saturday, March 15 —Britt Fisk

Sunday, March 16 —Raymond Saccoccia

Saturday, March 22 —Sammie Wood

Sunday, March 23 —Beverly Reeser

### **DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?**

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

### **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