

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!
- ◆ Please Join Us for the Stations of the Cross Every Friday 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.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ All those who are Volunteering in different ministries are requested to complete "Virtus" safe Environment program, Log into the Archdiocese Website www.archdiosf.org at the top of the home page you will see "Links" - on the right side of the page click on that, drop down will have-Virtus-Protecting God's Children 4.0 – You can take the training in English or Spanish. those who don't have computer can come to the office and complete the training.
- ◆ **SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:** Next weekend our parish will take up the annual second collection for Catholic Relief Services.
- ◆ Fundraiser for the Ladies Altar Society for Kitchen equipment: They will be raffling off \$300 worth of lottery ticket scratchers. They are one ticket/\$10 or three tickets/\$20. Drawing will be held on Mother's Day May 11th.
- ◆ Lenten Penance Service will be on Tuesday, April 1st at 6:00 P.M.

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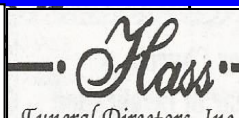


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March 23, 2025
Third Sunday of Lent



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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.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we began this holy season of Lent, I reach out to you as a People of pilgrim on this journey of faith. Lent is not just a time of fasting and prayer—it is an opportunity for us to go back to the Father’s house, where we can rediscover His love, and experience His mercy in a deeper way. ”Return to me with all your heart.” (Joel 2:12). Our meditation on the sufferings of Christ during these forty days will help us rediscover the great love and mercy of the Father. Only such discovery of Father’s mercy can bring true transformation in us. Transformation consists in changing our old patterns of thinking, speaking and acting. We obtain inner peace only when all these three things are done with utmost charity.

This Lent, as we share in the grace of the Jubilee Year, I would like to propose a few reflections on what it means to journey together in hope, and on the summons to conversion that God in his mercy addresses to all of us, as individuals and as a community. First of all, to journey. (1)The Jubilee motto, “Pilgrims of Hope”, evokes the lengthy journey of the people of Israel to the Promised Land, as recounted in the Book of Exodus. This arduous path from slavery to freedom was willed and guided by the Lord, who loves his people and remains ever faithful to them.

It is hard to think of the biblical exodus without also thinking of those of our brothers and sisters who in our own day are fleeing situations of misery and violence in search of a better life for themselves and their loved ones. A first call to conversion thus comes from the realization that all of us are pilgrims in this life; each of us is invited to stop and ask how our lives reflect this fact. Am I really on a journey, or am I standing still, not moving, either immobilized by fear and hopelessness or reluctant to move out of my comfort zone? Am I seeking ways to leave behind the occasions of sin and situations that degrade my dignity? It would be a good Lenten exercise for us to compare our daily life with that of some migrant or foreigner, to learn how to sympathize with their experiences and in this way discover what God is asking of us so that we can better advance on our journey to the house of the Father. This would be a good “examination of conscience” for all of us pilgrims. Second, to journey together. The Church is called to walk together, to be synodal.[2] Christians are called to walk at the side of others, and never as lone travelers.

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 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

Sat, Mar 29 +Viola M. Ruiz (Anniv.) by Ricky Maestas
+Melvin Barreras by Leoray & Lupe Gonzales
&Family
+ Vincent Pete Jimenez by Ross & ShelleyCarter

Sun, Mar 30 +Melvin Barreras by Ulibarri Family

Quotable Saints

"The patient and humble endurance of the Cross, whatever nature it may be, is the highest work we have to do." – St. Katherine Drexel
“Pray with great confidence based upon the goodness and infinite generosity of God and the promises of Jesus Christ. God is a spring of living water which flows into the hearts of those who pray.
St. Louis-Marie de Montfort

Readings For the Week

24 Mon 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
25 Tue THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
26 Wed Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
27 Thu Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
28 Fri Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
29 Sat Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14
30 SUN FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
Jos 5:9a,10-12/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3,11-32

The Holy Spirit impels us not to remain self-absorbed, but to leave ourselves behind and keep walking towards God and our brothers and sisters. [3] Journeying together means consolidating the unity grounded in our common dignity as children of God (cf. Gal 3:26-28). It means walking side-by-side, without shoving or stepping on others, without envy or hypocrisy, without letting anyone be left behind or excluded. Let us all walk in the same direction, tending towards the same goal, attentive to one another in love and patience. This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our lives, in our families, in the places where we work and spend our time, we are capable of walking together with others, listening to them, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed and to think only of our own needs. Let us ask ourselves in the presence of the Lord whether, as bishops, priests, consecrated persons and laity in the service of the Kingdom of God, we cooperate with others. Whether we show ourselves welcoming, with concrete gestures, to those both near and far. Whether we make others feel a part of the community or keep them at a distance. [4] This, then, is a second call to conversion: a summons to synodality. Third, let us journey together in hope, for we have been given a promise. May the hope that does not disappoint (cf. Rom 5:5), the central message of the Jubilee, [5] be the focus of our Lenten journey towards the victory of Easter. [6] Christ, my hope, has risen! [7] He lives and reigns in glory. Death has been transformed into triumph, and the faith and great hope of Christians rests in this: the resurrection of Christ! This, then, is the third call to conversion: a call to hope, to trust in God and his great promise of eternal life. [8] It moves the Church to pray for “everyone to be saved” (1 Tim 2:4) and to look forward to her being united with Christ, her bridegroom, in the glory of heaven. [9] May the Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope, intercede for us and accompany us on our Lenten journey. Amen

March 15 and 16, 2025

St. Francis Xavier

Saturday/Sunday collection: \$2,102.60

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines

Sunday collection: \$589

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, March 22 —Rosie and Andrea
Sunday, March 23 —Beverly and Sophie
Saturday, March 29—Rosie and Andrea
Sunday, March 30— Beverly and Raymond

USHERS

Saturday, March 22
Maurillo Valdez and Andre Wat
Sunday, March 23
Deano Arellano and Robert Montoya
Saturday, March 29
Gus Wood and Jeremy Fisk
Sunday, March 30
Maurillo Valdez and Andre Wat

Lectors

Saturday, March 22 —Sammie Wood
Sunday, March 23 —Beverly Reeser

Saturday, March 29—Rosie Deherrera
Sunday, March 30 —Pat Podzemny

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