

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? Drop a Visitor envelope in the basket with your information or call us at 575-374-8894 to register with us!
- ◆ Ash Wednesday Schedule: Mass on Ash Wednesday, March 5, at 7:00a.m and 5:30p.m here at Clayton, and 12:00p.m at Des Moines.
- ◆ 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 and Confession.
- ◆ Be part of the church after your lifetime. Remember the church in your will.
- ◆ "LET PEACE BEGIN WITH ME" ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL. Attention! 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.
- ◆ Parishioners! if you are homebound and unable to come to church, we have members who want to bring the Holy Eucharist to you at home on a weekly basis. Please call the parish office or ask the priest, so that we can schedule someone to meet your spiritual needs.
- ◆ Those who sit in the balcony, please place your Sunday envelopes in the collection box.
- ◆ Congratulations to Robert Montoya & Joyce on their joining in Holy Matrimony!
- ◆ DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS Sunday, March 9, 2025 at 2:00 AM Don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour.
- ◆ Please continue to pray for our sick parishioners and their caregivers.
- ◆ Rice bowls are available at the back of the church. Please take one.
- ◆ We thank Mr. Raymond for his service to our Church.
- ◆ All ushers please check for your names on the bulletin before Mass and go for collections and distribute the bulletins.

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March 2, 2025
Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time



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Fr. Joji Konkala

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Parish Office Hours (CCD Building)

Tuesday: 9:00am—1:00pm
Wednesday: 1:00pm—5:00pm
Thursday: 9:00am—1:00pm

St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

Saturday Mass 5pm & Sunday 10:30am

Weekday Mass: Monday 7am

Wednesday & Friday 12:10pm

Thursday 5:30pm

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

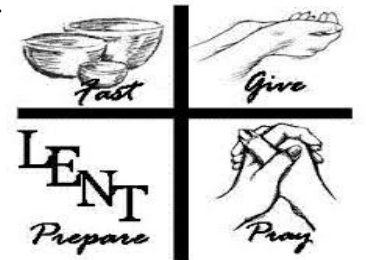
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism classes are offered. Contact Fr. Joji.
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Couples must contact the parish office at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date. They must participate in a Weekend for Engaged Couples and attend an introductory class in Natural 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.

Wednesday of this week is **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of the season of Lent. There are some people who seem to have a mistaken understanding of the reception of ashes and assign more importance to receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday than they do to attending Sunday Mass. Do not be misled. The ashes are NOT a Sacrament. They are what is called a “sacramental” and are no different than blessing yourself with Holy Water when you enter or leave the church. What is exceptional about the reception of ashes is that it normally occurs only one day a year (on Ash Wednesday), and that it is an outward sign – a public declaration, if you will – that one is a sinner and is in need of God’s mercy and forgiveness. If we receive the ashes and then do not follow it up with a Sacramental Confession at some point during Lent, we have done nothing but condemn ourselves as hypocrites. Prayer, fasting, and charitable giving are the traditional penitential practices associated with the season of Lent.

Lent is a time of penance and conversion of heart from sin and sinful ways. The words that are spoken as we receive ashes on Ash Wednesday set the tone for the Lenten season: “Repent and believe in the Gospel.” Although we must continually strive to live sound Christian lives throughout the entire year, Lent offers us a special opportunity to focus more intensely on putting away our misdeeds and becoming more Christ-like. It is particularly important during this season to seek God’s mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). All Catholics who are 14 years of age or older are required to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays during Lent as an act of penance. This includes all forms of meat such as beef, pork, and poultry. Fish and other seafood are permitted. Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are between the ages of 18 and 59. Those who are bound by this rule may eat only one full meal during a day of fasting.

Fasting, Explained: The practice of fasting predates Christianity. The Old Testament is full of examples of righteous men and women mortifying their flesh for the purpose of making atonement or simply to grow closer to God. Jesus himself fasted for forty days and forty nights in preparation for the beginning of his public ministry, and we see his disciples following his example in the Acts of the Apostles. Fasting continues to be an important part of Christian devotional life today. Many people feel the practice of fasting enhances their prayer and helps them fulfill St. Paul’s advice to “put to death the deeds of the body” (Romans 8:13) to grow in the Spirit. Most Catholics will associate fasting with the liturgical season of Lent, which begins and ends with obligatory fasting for all members of the Latin Catholic Church between ages 18 and 59.

Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted, unless required for taking medicine. Bodily fasting is a symbol of our true spiritual fast from sin and vice, as well as a means to attain it. We unite our fasting to that of Jesus who fasted in the desert for forty days as He prepared to begin His public ministry (Matthew 4:2). Fasting and abstinence also enables us, in some small way, to stand in solidarity with the poor throughout the world for whom hunger is a daily reality. Through the penitential disciplines of fast and abstinence, we anticipate the renewal of our baptismal commitment on Easter.



February 22 and 23, 2025

St. Francis Xavier

Saturday/Sunday collection: \$2,850.50

Lectors

Saturday, March 1—Britt Fisk

Sunday, March 2—Mike Diller

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines

Sunday collection: \$467.00

Saturday, March 8—Sammy Wood

Sunday, March 9—Sandy Vaughn

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, March 1—Britt and Andrea
Sunday, March 2—Beverly and Sophie

Saturday, March 8—Rosie and Andrea
Sunday, March 9—Sophie and Beverly

USHERS

Saturday, March 1

Maurillo Valdez & Jeremy Fisk

Sunday, March 2

Robert Montoya and Gus Wood

Wednesday, March 5

Gus Wood and Ross Carter

Saturday, March 8

Maurillo Valdez and Ross Carter

Sunday, March 9

Robert Montoya and Gus Wood

Note: Courtesy Before and After Mass Please be courteous to others attending Mass by limiting the talking before and after Mass in Church and speaking, when necessary, at a lower volume. Many people are praying in the church before and after Mass, and it is very distracting to them when a lot of talking is going on. Please be respectful and try to limit social conversation to outside the church. Thank you for your cooperation.

DAILY MASS: We invite all parishioners to make daily Mass a meaningful Part of your Lenten journey. Attending Mass each day offers an opportunity for deeper prayer, reflection, and connection to Christ’s sacrifice. Daily Masses are celebrated as usual time. Except on Fridays: We begin with Stations of the Cross at 6:00p.m followed by mass and Confession.

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 1 +Jim Doherty by Ross and Shelley Carter

Sun, Mar 2 +Marcello Lucero by Angela Montoya
+Pita Maestas by Angela Montoya

Wed, Mar 5 +Joseph Trujillo (8th anniversary)
by Cindy Montoya

Sat, Mar 8 +Jim Doherty by Ross and Shelley Carter

Sun, Mar 9 +Michael Barreras by Ulibarri family
+Michael Barreras
by Leoray and Lupe Gonzales
S.I. Chelsey Miller by Gary and Kathern Herber

Quotable Saints

“Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if the whole world seems upset.” St. Francis de Sales

Prayer of Christian Life :

Dear Jesus, Help me to pray for and bless everyone I encounter, whether that be easy or hard. Help me to act in the mercy I have known through you. Help me to demonstrate generosity, as you have given so much to me. Amen.

Readings For the Week

3 Mon Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27
4 Tue St . Casimir Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31
5 Wed Ash Wednesday Joel 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
6 Thu Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
7 Fri Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
8 Sat St John of God Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
9 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Dt 26:4-10/
Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13