

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!
- ♦ Join us on Sunday, May 18, for the Blessing of the Kitchen, also a farewell party to our former secretary, Mr. Raymond Saccoccia, and to welcome our new secretary, Mrs. Esperanza Elliott followed by a Potluck Lunch! The Ladies Altar Society will be providing Pulled Pork, Sausage, and drinks. Side dishes and Desserts are welcome. Everyone is warmly invited! Come and be part of this joyful celebration as we share fellowship together as a parish family.
- ♦ **Annual Catholic Appeal 2025:** Our parish goal is \$10,500 — and we need everyone's help to reach it. Please make your pledges and be part of this mission of love and service.
- ♦ We are in need of ushers 18 years of age and older for weekend Masses and Holy Days of Obligation. Be the first to welcome our Parishioners and visitors to mass, assist with collections, and distribute weekly bulletins, especially Saturday, 5:00 PM and Sunday, 10:30 AM Masses. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ Finance Council Meeting will be on Wednesday, May 21, at 6:00p.m
- ♦ 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.

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May 18, 2025
Fifth Sunday of Easter



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Fr. Joji Konkala

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Finance Manager: Theresa Gard

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Parish Office Hours (CCD Building)

Monday: 10:00am—4:00pm

Tuesday: 10:00am —4:00pm

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 12:10 pm

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.

“God Gives Us The Pope That We Need At That Point In History”
“Peace be with you all. Dearest brothers and sisters, this is the first greeting of the risen Christ, the Good Shepherd, who has given His life for God’s flock. I too would like that this greeting of peace enters into your heart, reaching your families, and all people, wherever they are, to all peoples, to all the earth. Peace be with you,” Leo said in his opening lines. The peace of the risen Christ, he said, is a “disarming, humble and persevering peace” that comes from God—a God who “loves us all unconditionally.”
“God loves us, God loves all of us, and evil will not prevail. We are all in the hands of God. Therefore, without fear, united, hand in hand with God and among ourselves, let us go forward. We are disciples of Christ. Christ precedes us. The world needs His light. Humanity needs Him like a bridge to be reached by God and His love,” Leo said. The pope asked those present to help the Church to build bridges through dialogue and encounter, working for unity and peace. He thanked Pope Francis and the cardinals who chose him to be the successor of St. Peter, history’s first pope. The pope added that he wants to “walk together as a united Church, always searching for peace, justice and trying to always work as men and women Faithful to Jesus Christ, without fear to proclaim the Gospel, to be missionaries.” Pointing out that he is a member of the Augustinian religious order, Leo paraphrased the words of his founder, St. Augustine, who once said in a sermon: “With you I am a Christian and for you I am a bishop.”
In a special greeting to the Catholic Church of Rome, of which he is bishop, Leo said: “We must learn together how to be a missionary Church, a Church that builds bridges, dialogue, always open to receive, like this square with its ‘arms’ open to all, everyone who sees our charity, our presence, dialogue, love.” Breaking off from Italian into Spanish, the pope greeted the people of the Diocese of Chiclayo in Peru, where he was bishop from 2015 until Pope Francis brought him to the Vatican as prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops in 2023. Speaking again in Italian, the pope said the Faithful want “a synodal Church, one that looks always for peace, for charity, and to be close to those who suffer.” Recalling the day’s feast day of Our Lady of Pompei, Pope Leo invited those present to pray a Hail Mary with him “for this new mission, but for the whole Church, for peace in the world.” After the prayer asking for the intercession of the Virgin Mary, the new pope then bestowed his first apostolic blessing, “urbi et orbi,” on the city and the world.

Masses offered May 2025 <i>+All the Departed Parishioners & Family Members</i> SI <i>All the Sponsors, Benefactors & Supporters of SFX</i> SI <i>Good Health & Well-Being of all Parishioners & Families</i>
Sat, May 17 +Sharon Chosvig by Ross and Shelley Carter +Arlene Webster by Ross and Shelley Carter
Sun, May 18 +Pita Maestas by Gloria Lucero & Family +Vicky Herrera by Gloria Lucero & Family
Sat, May 24 +Michael Encinias by Stella Archuleta +Freddie Archuleta by Stella Archuleta +Sharon Chosvig by Ross & Shelley Carter
Sun, May 25 8:00 A.M. +Carlos Montoya by M/M Carlos Fernandez
Sun, May 25 +David & Marilyn Leal by Gloria Lucero & 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
“Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him." John 14:23

Readings For the Week
19 Mon Easter Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26
20 Tue Easter Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a
21 Wed Easter Saint Christopher Magallanes, Martyrs Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8
22 Thu Easter Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11
23 Fri Easter Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17
24 Sat Easter Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21

Gospel Reflections: Everyone, believers non believers alike, is familiar with the and Golden Rule: “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” In other words, treat others in the way that you, yourself, would like to be treated. We can all agree that this is very reasonable and practical, and makes good sense. Even Jesus seems to endorse it! But as we hear in today’s Gospel (John 13:31-33a, 34-35), Jesus is never one for simply minimums or convenient half-measures. He always calls us to a higher standard or way of thinking – one that exceeds human expectations and aligns itself with the ways of God. In today’s Gospel, Jesus gives us a new commandment - one that will take commitment, perseverance, and self-giving on our part, even at those times when it may not seem practical or even desirable. We are told that we must love as Jesus loved. Note that Jesus called this a commandment – not an option, but a mandate for every Christian. “As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” Jesus is using himself as the standard by which we are to measure ourselves.

Now that is quite a demand! So how can we describe this Christ-like love? One key word that the ancient Greeks used was *agape* which is a self-less, unconditional, and self-giving love. We have only to look upon the cross to see that love poured out for each one of us in the outstretched arms of the crucified Christ. We see this level of love demonstrated by Jesus repeatedly throughout the Gospels as he brings forgiveness to sinners, heals the sick, preaches the word, and is faithful to his heavenly Father in all things. Today, as we ponder his command to love one another as he has loved us, we might ask ourselves whether love is at the heart of our lives. And keeping in mind that we can do all things with God’s help, let us commit to love of God and love of neighbor. Let us commit to serving one another lovingly, speaking gently, and forgiving abundantly. For a Christ-like love is the hallmark of the true Christian.

April 26 and 27, 2025
St. Francis Xavier
Saturday/Sunday collection: \$2771.00
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines
Sunday collection: \$175.00

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Saturday, May 17—Rosie and Andrea
Sunday, May 18—Sophie and Beverly
Saturday, May 24—Andrea and Britt
Sunday, May 25—Sophie and Beverly

USHERS
Saturday, May 17
Robert Montoya & Jeremy Fisk
Sunday, May 18
Andre Wat & Deano Arellano
Saturday, May 24
Gus Wood & Jeremy Fisk
Sunday, May 25
Maurilio Valdez & Andre Wat

Lectors
Saturday, May 17—Rosie DeHerrera
Sunday, May 18—Raymond Saccoccia
Saturday, May 24—Sammie Wood
Sunday, May 25—Effie Walker

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: If you desire Anointing of the Sick for your loved one who is seriously ill, please do not wait until they are near death. It is better to receive the sacrament at the onset of a serious illness than to risk waiting for the moment of death. It is not necessary to receive the sacrament more than once during an illness, but as one approaches the end of life, it is beneficial to make arrangements to have a priest hear Confession and give Communion as viaticum. Call the parish office to make arrangements for a Priest to anoint your loved one. For emergency call the Rectory telephone number, thanks.

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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