

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 on the back of the church. prayerfully consider to make Pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal.
- ♦ 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 bulletins, 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.
- ♦ The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2025, in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.
- ♦ CCD Teachers Meeting will be on Wednesday, May 28, at 6:00p.m
- ♦ Congratulations to John Luke Doherty, Braxton Benjamin Doherty, and Asa Sebastian Guerrero for making their First Holy Communion at Our Lady Of Guadalupe Church.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ 2024-2025 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ARE FINISHED! MAKE PLANS TO ENROLL FOR 2025-2026 CLASSES IN AUGUST! Thanks to all who participated in this year's Religious Education Classes! Especially to our dedicated teachers!
- ♦ The Ladies Altar Society would like to thank the generous donors who made this project drive possible. Thank you to everyone who donated their time, money, cleaning prowess, and setting up the new appliances in the Parish Hall Kitchen. The repairs and renovations to the kitchen will allow us to make many more meals together.

****Thank You to Our Sponsors—We are Grateful for Your Support!****



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May 25, 2025
Sixth Sunday of Easter



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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.

What exactly is the Ring of the Fisherman? During the Mass of Inauguration of his pontificate on May 18, Pope Leo XIV received the Ring of the Fisherman—a symbol of the Petrine Ministry with deep roots in the New Testament. Bearing an image of St. Peter, the ring has New Testament roots and significance. In the Gospel of Matthew (16:19), St. Peter was given the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven, and in the Gospel of Luke 22:32, Jesus tells Peter he must strengthen his brothers in the faith and mission. The Ring of the Fisherman thus authenticates the faith and symbolizes the duty with which the first Pope was entrusted. St. Peter was given the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. As Peter is known as the fisherman Apostle, the ring is referred to as the Ring of the Fisherman, or the Piscatory Ring, symbolizing the continuous lineage from the first Pope to today.

A ring for ages: This ring has been part of the symbols of the papacy since at least the 13th century. It was used as a signet ring to seal official documents signed by the Pope until 1842. Now, it is used symbolically, but every Pope still has a ring. When the Pope dies, his Ring of the Fisherman, along with the Lead Seal, is marked with a chisel, thereby ensuring the seal cannot be forged. Therefore, every ring is unique and personal to each Pope.

Pope Benedict XVI had a gold ring engraved with a bas-relief of St. Peter fishing from a boat. In 2013, Pope Francis received a gold-plated silver ring, which was previously owned by the secretary to Pope Paul VI. His predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI, had a gold ring engraved with a bas-relief of St. Peter fishing from a boat. Now, Pope Leo XIV continues the tradition of the Ring of the Fisherman, with an image of St. Peter with the keys and the net—signaling the passing of the torch, as the 267th Successor to St. Peter now officially undertakes the mission entrusted to St. Peter over 2 millennia ago.



Masses offered May 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, 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

Sat, May 31+Sharon Chosvig by Ross & Shelly Carter
+Arlene Webster by ross & Shelly Carter
+Nick Taruffelli, Jr. by Taruffelli Family

Quotable Saints

“The Holy Rosary is the best artillery against demons and their followers. Whoever devoutly serves the Blessed Virgin through the recitation of the Rosary will infallibly receive blessings according to their spiritual and temporal needs.” -Saint Dominic

Readings For the Week

26 Mon Saint Philip Neri, Priest
Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a
27 Tue Easter Saint Augustine of Canterbury,
Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
28 Wed Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15
29 Thu Easter Saint Paul VI, Pope
Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
30 Fri Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23
31 Feast Sat The Visitation of the B. Virgin

Gospel Reflections: In the First Reading, we see the Church, in the faith, as a support system to help us understand what is required of us. The earliest Gentile disciples in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia were misled into believing that they had to follow the ancient Mosaic law if they were to be saved – if they were to be Christians. They were essentially told that they must first become Jewish and follow the laws of Judaism in order to become Christians. But the Apostles, guided by the Holy Spirit in their discussions, realized that Gentile believers were not called to the same strict code of law that the Jewish people had been, and the sent emissaries led by Paul and Barnabas to encourage the Gentiles and lighten their burden. Sometimes, as in this case, the Holy Spirit speaks to us through the word of those around us, the faithful people who listen to the voice of the Spirit and help us to understand.

In today’s Gospel (John 14:23-29), Jesus assures us that the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, will be with us if we stay close to God, if we listen to God’s word and allow God to make his dwelling with us. After his Ascension into heaven, Jesus sent his Holy Spirit to guide us to the truth – to remind us of the words that Jesus spoke to the Apostles and continues to speak to us through Scripture. The Holy Spirit who dwells within us as a result of Baptism and Confirmation, speaks to our heart particularly during times of prayer, and guides us to the truth and to form a proper conscience. How do we know that the Holy Spirit is speaking to us? One way is to stay close to God through daily prayer, reading of Scripture, and reception of the Sacraments. One particular form of prayer is the nightly Examen, in which we review the day past and see how God has worked in that day – where we received special blessings, where we were effective in our discipleship, and where we might have failed. Through the daily practice of examining our lives, we can more easily see how God has spoken to us that day, whether through prayer or through the words or actions of others. As we prepare to celebrate Pentecost in just two weeks from now, let us always remember that the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, longs to speak God’s word to us and guide us. We only need to be open to the promptings of that Holy Spirit.

May 17-18, 2025
St. Francis Xavier
Saturday/Sunday collection: \$2134.40
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines
Sunday collection: \$401.00

Thank you for your Generosity!!

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS
Saturday, May 24—Andrea and Britt
Sunday, May 25—Sophie and Beverly
Saturday, May 31—Andrea and Rosie
Sunday, June 1—Sophie and Beverly

USHERS
Andre Wat & Deano Arellano
Saturday, May 24
Gus Wood & Jeremy Fisk
Sunday, May 25
Maurilio Valdez & Andre Wat
Saturday, May 31
Robert Montoya & Andre Wat
Sunday, June 1
Andrew Trujillo & Gus Wood

Lectors

Saturday, May 24—Sammie Wood
Sunday, May 25—Effie Walker
Saturday, May 31—Rosie DeHerrera
Sunday, June 1—Mike Diller

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.

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