

# Solemnity of Christ the King

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## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◆ We appreciate Our advertisers! They allow us to print this bulletin. Thank you for your generosity. If you would like to place ad here with us in our bulletin, please contact Fr. Joji.
- ◆ Thanksgiving Day Mass Schedules: Mass on Wednesday 27th, at 5:30pm, at Des Moines. Day Mass at 9:00 AM on Thursday, November 28th, Parishioners who attend the Mass are invited to bring the bread/rolls/tortillas that will be a part of their Thanksgiving meal for a blessing at the end of the Mass. The Parish Office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. There will be no Mass on Friday.
- ◆ CHOOSING TO BELONG—ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?  
Attending Mass and giving of your time, talent and treasure are an integral part of being Catholic. If you attend Mass here regularly, we encourage you to register as a member of our faith community. If you would like to register as a member of our parish, please call (575) 374-8894 or fill out a form in the back of the church; or we can send you a registration form.
- ◆ **The Youth Group** meets every Sunday at 5:00 P.M. Parents are encouraged to bring their children in grades 8 through 12 .
- ◆ **Annual Catholic Appeal : Pledges Due.** Just a reminder that pledges made last February for the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) Campaign should be paid before the end of December. If you have not yet fulfilled your pledge, please make every effort to do so before the end of this month.
- ◆ **December 9th is The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** Because December 8th falls on the Second Sunday this year, the observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary has been transferred to Monday, December 9th and is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Mass will celebrated at 7 a.m.



## St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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### Parish Administrator

Fr. Joji Konkala

### Parish Staff

Finance manager: Theresa Gard

Secretary : Raymond Saccoccia

DRE: Rose Ramirez

### 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**

**Adoration: Thursday 6pm to 7pm**

### Parish Office Hours (CCD Building)

Tuesday: 9:00am—1:00pm

Wednesday: 1:00pm—5:00pm

Thursday: 9:00am—1:00pm

### 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.

**Dear parishioners:** Today's Solemnity of Christ the King always takes place on the last Sunday in Ordinary Time just before the beginning of Advent and the start of a new liturgical year. In Advent, we prepare for the two comings of Christ - as a baby in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago, and his return as a King in glory at the end of time. Today's celebration of the Kingship of Jesus prepares us for both comings of the Christ. The First Reading on this solemnity comes from the Book of Daniel (Daniel 7:13-14). It speaks of the Son of Man standing before the Ancient One (God the Father) to receive power and dominion over the nations. As Christians, we see this as a depiction of Jesus as the Messiah being given rule over all the nations of the earth. Our Gospel Reading today (John 18:33-37) likewise speaks of the kingship of Christ. It recounts the trial of Jesus before Pilate. Jesus explains to Pilate that his kingdom is not of this world. He did not come into the world to establish a political kingdom or to free the Jews from Roman occupation. Jesus came to set us free from the greater bondage to sin and death. He does this by proclaiming in word and in deed how much the Father loves us. Jesus calls upon his disciples, including us today, to look after the needs of the least among us, knowing that whatsoever we do for the least of the little ones, we do for him.

We serve our King in serving each other, and particularly those most in need, for Jesus identifies himself with the poorest among us. Jesus is a King like no other. The only crown our King ever wore was made of thorns. As we conclude this season of Ordinary Time and move into Advent next Sunday, let each of us make an accounting of our lives before the coming of our King. Have we been loyal subjects? In our prayer and daily living, do we treat Christ as a sovereign over us or as a servant who exists only to do our will? It is important to always keep in mind that God is God, and we are not! It is we who must choose to conform to God's will, and not the other way around. Let us pray with the coming of Advent that Jesus will lead us and guide us in the ways of service, helping us to show our love for God by how we love and serve one another, especially the least among us.

**Masses offered November/December 2024**

+All the Departed Parishioners & Family Members  
**SI** All the Sponsors, Benefactors & Supporters of SFX  
**SI** Good Health & Well-Being of all Parishioners & Families

**Sat, Nov 23** +Michael Barreras by Ross and Shelley Carter  
 +Andrew Garcia by Ross and Shelley Carter

**Sun, Nov 24**  
**8:00 A.M.** +Elaine Ann Kennedy and Dick Kennedy by  
 Nancy Townley

**Sat, Nov 30** +Michael Barreras by Ross and Shelley Carter  
 +Freddie Archuleta, Jr. by Stella Archuleta  
 +Andrew Garcia by Ross and Shelley Carter

**Sat, Dec 7** +Michael Barreras by Ross and Shelley Carter  
 +Andrew Garcia Ross and Shelley Carter

**Sun, Dec 8**  
**8:00 A.M.** +Elaine Ann Kennedy and Dick Kennedy by  
 Nancy Townley

**Quotable Saints**

“Prayer is the wing by which the soul flies to heaven, and meditation is the eye by which we see God.” – St. Ambrose

A special welcome to the newly baptized

**Beighlee Rose Marshall**

Congratulations to their Parents & Godparents!



**Readings for the week**

**25 Mon** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4  
**26 Tue** Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11  
**27 Wed** Rv 15: 1-4/Lk 21:12-19  
**28 Thu** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23, 19:1-3, 9A/  
 Lk 21:20-28  
**29 Fri** Rv 20:1-4, 11-21:2/Lk 21:29-33  
**30 Sat, Saint Andrew, Apostle**  
 Rom: 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22

**NOTES FROM FR. JOJI:** On Thursday of this week we will be celebrating Thanksgiving Day. Family members who may live great distances apart try to come together for Thanksgiving dinner. Thanksgiving is about families. Thanksgiving is also about turkey and stuffing, and cranberry sauce, and all the favorite side dishes that have been passed down from one generation to another. Thanksgiving is about watching football on TV, taking a walk in the autumn sunshine as the falling leaves rustle around your feet, visiting with neighbors, and Thanksgiving is about the afternoon nap to recover from the big dinner. And for some, Thanksgiving is about looking at all the advertising circulars and planning their shopping trips.

Let's not forget that Thanksgiving is also about --- **giving thanks!** Regardless of any difficulties we may be facing – and these can be challenging times - we can all take some time to recognize and appreciate the many blessings that God has put into our lives. We should express our thanks to God every day, but especially on this day. So, please, make it to Mass on Thanksgiving Day if you can. It's not a Holy Day of Obligation. It's really not even one of the official feast days of the Church. But it is a day when we, as Americans, can give thanks to God for so many things. Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving morning, and those attending are invited to bring the bread and/or dinner rolls they will be using for Thanksgiving dinner to be blessed. The offertory collection from the Mass is used to help the poor in our community. Thanksgiving blessings to everyone!



**November 16 and 17, 2024**

**St. Francis Xavier**

Saturday/Sunday collection: \$2,654.00

**Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines**

Sunday collection: \$545.00

**Lectors**

Sat., November 23— Ross Carter  
 Sun., November 24— Mike Diller  
 Thu., November 28—Raymond Saccoccia  
 Sat., November 30—Rael Rivas  
 Sun., December 1—Raymond Saccoccia

**Extraordinary Ministers**

Saturday, November 30  
 Sophie Arguello & Andrea Naranjo

Sunday, December 1  
 Beverly Reeser & Raymond Saccoccia

**Ushers**

Saturday, November 30  
 Gus Wood & Andre Wat

Sunday, December 1  
 Maurillo Valdez & Andre Wat

**Thanksgiving Prayer**

God our Father,  
 Graciously accept from your humble people a thankful heart and spirit.  
 Everything we have and are able to share with others ultimately comes from your love of your creations. Often we think that everything we have is our own creation;  
 we ask you this day to create in us a spirit of gratitude,  
 that we may always know that all good gifts come from you.  
 We ask this through Christ our Lord,  
 Amen.