

# St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Father James Ferguson, JCL, Rector • Father William Gearheard, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Richard Mitchell • Deacon Cliff Pelto

### INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, December 11:**

12:05 p.m. Mr. Ellis Lahood

**Tuesday, December 12:**

12:05 p.m. Evelyn Delacerdo

**Wednesday, December 13:**

12:05 p.m. David Scalfano

**Thursday, December 14:**

12:05 p.m. R.J. Ducote

**Friday, December 15:**

12:05 p.m. Lynn Bauman

**Saturday, December 16:**

4:00 p.m. Sam & Velma Galardo, Hope Farrar  
Kramer, Dr. George C. Battalora, Jr., Mr. & Mrs.  
Harry Ducote, John Cox Moreau, Rita Hope  
Robichaux Clark, Janelle Haise, Linda Chenevert,  
Clayton Normand, Joseph B. Wolf, Jr.

**Sunday, Dec. 17: Third Sunday of Advent**

9:00 a.m. Abraham Mickel, Gilchrist & White  
Families (living & deceased), R.J. Ducote,  
Elsie Poche, Gordon S. Ducote, Carl T.  
Ducote

11:00 a.m. People of SFX Cathedral Parish

5:30 p.m. Mr. Ellis J. Lahood

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for John L. Dunn & Gauthier Families, please remember them in your prayers.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$13,397.78
Over or (Short)	\$4,897.78

### RED RIVER CHORALE CHRISTMAS CONCERT - TUESDAY - DECEMBER 12



The Red River Chorale Christmas concert will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12 here at the Cathedral. Admission is \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

### OPEN HOUSE AT THE RECTORY – DEC. 16 - 17

Everyone is cordially invited to the Annual Open House at the Rectory after the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass, December 16 and after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses on Sunday, December 17.

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE – DECEMBER 20



The Advent Penance Service will be on Wednesday, December 20 at 5:30 p.m. Several priests will be available for Confession.

### CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

#### December:

12 -- Red River Choral Christmas Concert at 7:30 pm  
16 -- Open House at Rectory after 4:00 p.m.  
17 -- Mass and after 9 am and 11:00 a.m. Masses  
20 -- Advent Penance Service

### SCHEDULE FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, THE CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASSES, AND CHRISTMAS DAY

#### ▪ Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Saturday, December 23, 2017*

4:00 p.m. - Fourth Sunday of Advent Vigil Mass

*Sunday, December 24, 2017*

9:00 a.m. - Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass

11:00 a.m. - Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass

#### ▪ Christmas Vigil Masses

*Sunday, December 24, 2017*

4:00 p.m. - Christmas Vigil Mass

5:30 p.m. - Christmas Vigil Mass

12:00 a.m. - Christmas Midnight Mass

#### ▪ Christmas Day Masses

*Monday, December 25, 2017*

9:00 a.m. - Christmas Day Mass

11:00 a.m. - Christmas Day Mass

5:30 p.m. - Christmas Day Mass

**Please note: We are obligated to go to Mass twice this weekend, to fulfill both the Sunday and Christmas Masses.**

## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 25 - 26

The Church Office will be closed **Monday, December 25 through Tuesday, December 26.** Bishop David Talley, Father Ferguson, Father Gearheard, and the Cathedral staff wish you a safe and blessed Christmas.

## REMEMBER A LOVED ONE THROUGH A MEMORIAL GIFT OF CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Provide the name of the person to be remembered and place it with \$13.00 in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers." You can drop the envelope in the Mass collection basket or bring it to the parish office.

## DEADLINE FOR DEACON APPLICATIONS - DECEMBER 15

Deacon Richard Mitchell, assistant director for the Office of Permanent Diaconate, is still fielding questions and taking applications from men who may be interested in becoming a permanent deacon. The deadline to apply is Friday, December 15. Deacon Richard's contact information is: phone 318-445-6424, ext. 206 or email him at: [dcnrmitchell@diocesealex.org](mailto:dcnrmitchell@diocesealex.org).

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Shelley Alston, Terry Aubin, Ainsley Grace Gauthier, Corrine Jenkins, Andrea LeBlanc, Donald Metoyer, Cody Riche, Mary Roy, Ruth Voorhies, Derik Watts, Charlotte White,

## NECROLOGY

Rev. Harvey Joseph Fortier +Dec. 10, 1999  
Rev. Alphonse Blomme +Dec. 12, 1927  
Rev. Robert Maure +Dec. 14, 1968

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEACON ASPIRANT

Luke White

## SPECIAL COLLECTION - RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS - DECEMBER 9 - 10

"Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good work of their elders!

## FOR OUR MILITARY

If members of your family have been called to active military duty, or are already on active duty, please let us know, and we will place their names for prayer in the church bulletin. Please call the church secretary at telephone 445-1451, ext. 14, or you may email her at [aryder@parish.diocesealex.org](mailto:aryder@parish.diocesealex.org).

Known military are: Gerard A. Abair, Jr., Brent Marcus Barbour, Byron P. Barbour, Quincy Bordelon,

Christopher Fraser, Bryce Gadway, Garrett Gilchrist, Andrew Hill, Jeffrey Kelso, Natalie T. Wall.

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Betty Battalora, Helen Bellino, Irene Broussard, Ann Marie Bruner, Kimberly Ann Bryant, Marie Burns, Rosa Cannella, Brent Caplan, Wayne & Barbara Cole, Daren Coutee, Joann Cumella, Kathy Cumella, Kevin Jude Cumella, Angelo R. "Brother" D'Angelo, Bob Descant, Kathyleen Dixon, Richard "Dick" Ducote, Rose Marie Francis, Bernard Fontenot, Velma Galardo, John Gallent, Barbara Goff, Gloria Goff, Bobby Grant, Helena Ledet, Delta Maillet, Gill Murrell, Evan Nugent, Clea Perry, Bea Phillips, Tammy Rachal, Patsy Rayner, Mark & Alma Reitzell, Barbara Ponthier, Lou Ann Rigby, Kemal Sanli, Kenneth Smentek, Jackie Storer, J. B. Theriot, Ruby J. Williams, Jacob Williamson.

We encourage our parishioners to call with the name of family members who are ill and wish to be remembered in prayer in the weekly church bulletin. Their names will remain on the list for approximately one month. Please notify the church secretary by the 1st Wednesday of the Month at 318-445-1451 x 14 so they can be included for the upcoming weekly church bulletin. If we do not hear from you, we will assume that your family member may be taken off the list.

Before someone's name is placed in prayer, be sure to have permission from that person to publicize his or her name in the bulletin.

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