

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 15:

12:05 p.m. John Ross Rivet

Tuesday, January 16:

12:05 p.m. Mr. Ellis Lahood

Wednesday, January 17:

12:05 p.m. David Scalfano

Thursday, January 18:

12:05 p.m. Andrew Cannella

Friday, January 19:

12:05 p.m. John L. Dunn and Gauthier Families

Saturday, January 20:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, John Swart, Dr.
George C. Battalora, Jr., Priscilla Babin (living)

Sunday, January 21: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

5:30 p.m. Thomas Elliott

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for Carl A. Jeansonne, Sr., please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$8,061.15
Over or (Short)	\$(438.85)

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY - MONDAY, JANUARY 15

The Church Office will be closed **Monday, January 15, for Martin Luther King Day** and will re-open on Tuesday, January 16.

CATHEDRAL MUSIC SERIES - JANUARY 15

The second concert of the Cathedral Music Series will take place on **Thursday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral**. Soprano Kameryn Lueng will be joined by pianist Joseph Kingma and Hornist Joshua Zona for a recital of music by Franz Schubert, Benjamin Britten, Claude Debussy and more. The concert is free and open to the public. A reception will follow at Xavier Hall.

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE - FRIDAY, JAN. 19

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** will be observed with an Ecumenical Prayer of Service led by **Bishop David Talley on Friday, January 19 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral**. Bishop Talley will preside and be the keynote homilist and will be joined by Rev. George Richard Snow of St. Timothy Episcopal Church, Rev. Grady Blackwell of First St. Mark Baptist Church, and Rev. Ashley McGuire of First United Methodist Church of Alexandria. The public is invited to attend the service.

TAILGATE WITH JESUS GUMBO COOKOFF - JAN. 20

Bring the whole family for a day of fun and fellowship **January 20 for a Tailgate With Jesus Gumbo Cook-off at Maryhill Renewal Center**. Gates open at 7:00 a.m. for non-cook team members. **Mass with Bishop Talley begins at 9:00 a.m.** Gumbo will be served at 12:30 p.m. Vote for best gumbo team with a \$5.00 voting ticket. Team with most votes wins. All proceeds split between Cenla Pregnancy Center and Seminarian Education Fund. Extra food goes to Manna House. **Tickets are not needed to eat. Free for all.** At 2:30 p.m., local teens will lead the Rosary in honor of Bishop Charles P. Greco who died on January 20, 1987 and was ordained a priest 100 years ago on July, 1918. Bring the kids, wear your ACTS shirts. Bring tents, chairs, blankets, tailgate games, finger foods and drinks, but **no alcohol allowed**. For More information, contact Deacon Richard Mitchell at 318-445-6424, ext. 206. Sponsored by the four ACTS communities in the diocese.

9 DAY NOVENA FOR LIFE - JANUARY 18 - 26

As we remember the 45th anniversary of Roe vs Wade, **join the thousands of Catholics across the country in prayer for a 9-day Novena for Life from Thursday, January 18 thru Friday, January 26, 2018**. A 9-day Novena app or a complete printable copy of the novena is available at www.usccb.org/pro-life activities.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN - JANUARY 22

January 22, 2018 has been designated the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children". In all the dioceses of the United States, January 22 is observed as a particular day of prayer for

the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violation to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. **2018 marks the 45th anniversary of Roe vs Wade.**

LOUISIANA LIFE MARCH CENTRAL - FEBRUARY 3

The 3rd annual Louisiana March Central will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2018. The march and accompanying program is from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. The event will begin on the grounds of Louisiana College in Pineville. The 1.6 mile march will go down Main Street toward the Jackson Street Bridge, cross the bridge and conclude at the amphitheater on the Alexandria Side of the Red River, where speakers and musicians will lead the audience in prayer for life. The Baton Rouge Life March will be held Jan 20, 2018, the Shreveport Life March will be held January 27, 2018.

BISHOP TALLEY TO SPEAK AT MAGNIFICAT BRUNCH - FEBRUARY 5

Bishop Talley was raised as a Southern Baptist but has said he left the church as a teenager over the issue of racial segregation. At Auburn University he met Catholics and read the writings of Thomas Merton, which led him to become a Catholic. **Bishop David Talley will be sharing his story of conversion at the Magnificat Brunch in Avoyelles on Saturday, February 10 at the Rateau Center in Hessmer.** The breakfast will be from 9:30 a.m. until approximately 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18.00 each. For more information on how to register, call Mary Wilson at 318-359-7735 or Contact CENLA Magnificat at cenlamagnificat@gmail.com. Check or money orders can be mailed to: Cenla Magnificat, 1462 Bordelon St, Hessmer, LA 71341. Please include a contact number with your check. This breakfast will be open to men and women. Please join us!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEACON ASPIRANT

Luke White

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Helen Bellino, Kim Boeta, Robbie Duffy, Joseph Francis, John Landry, Tommy Nugent, Vickie Paige, Anita Ray, Matthew Ritchie, Mary Treadway, Deacon Mike Young, Jan 17.

NECROLOGY

Rev. Andrew Answuw	+Jan. 14, 1921
Bishop Lawrence P. Graves	+Jan. 15, 1994
Msgr. Paul Conway	+Jan. 15, 1996
Rev. Gerald Bordelon	+Jan. 18, 2008
Rev. Ludovic Enaut	+Jan. 18, 1919
Bishop Charles P. Greco	+Jan. 20, 1987

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.

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, Evan Nugent, Natalie T. Wall.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Richard Alexander, Betty Battalora, Helen Bellino, Richard Brazil, Irene Broussard, Georgia Brown, Ann Marie Bruner, Kimberly Ann Bryant, Patricia Briggs, Marie Burns, Rosa Cannella, Brent Caplan, Wayne & Barbara Cole, Charles "Buddy" Cosenza, Daren Coutee, Joann Cumella, Kathy Cumella, Kevin Jude Cumella, Angelo R. "Brother" D'Angelo, Bob Descant, Kathyleen Dixon, Rose Marie Francis, Bernard Fontenot, Velma Galardo, John Gallent, Barbara Goff, Gloria Goff, Bobby Grant, Gill Murrell, Evan Nugent, Cleta Perry, Bea Phillips, Tammy Rachal, Patsy Rayner, Mark & Alma Reitzell, Barbara Ponthier, Lou Ann Rigby, Kemal Sanli, Kenneth Smentek, Jackie Storer, Janelle Struble, 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.