

# 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 8:**

12:05 p.m. John Ross Rivet

**Tuesday, January 9:**

12:05 p.m. Mr. Ellis Lahood

**Wednesday, January 10:**

12:05 p.m. David Scalfano

**Thursday, January 11:**

12:05 p.m. Andrew Cannella

**Friday, January 12:**

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

**Saturday, January 13:**

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

**Sunday, January 14:**

**Second 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)

### VIRTUS TRAINING – JANUARY 9

There will be a Virtus Training session on **Tuesday, January 9 at 6:00 p.m., both at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, Alexandria.** To pre-register, go to [virtus.org](http://virtus.org), and click on Registration (on left side of screen). For more information, call 445-6424 x 213.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SERVE BREAKFAST – JANUARY 7



The monthly breakfast social, hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 3200, will be held this weekend Sunday, January 7, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in Xavier Hall. All are invited and welcome.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND JANUARY 6 - 7

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up, **Saturday, January 6 and Sunday, January 7.** Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

### 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.

### DIOCESE TO PARTICIPATE IN MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY PARADE - JANUARY 15

The Office of Life and Justice is coordinating the Diocese of Alexandria's participation in the **Martin Luther King Day Parade in Alexandria on January 15.** Details to be announced.

### 9 DAY NOVENA FOR LIFE - JANUARY 18 - 26

As we remember the 45<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.usccb.org/pro-life) activities.

### ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING – JANUARY 9

The Altar Society will have their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, January 9, at 4:00 p.m.** at the Xavier Hall Building. Fr. Bill Gearheard will give a talk on **The Church and Sacred Tradition.** (*Getting it right.*) This talk will be given prior to the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

### 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 45<sup>th</sup> 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.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - JANUARY 28 THRU FEBRUARY 3

Sponsored by the National Catholic Education Association, Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. Schools typically observe the week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contribution to Church, local communities and the nation. This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

### 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](mailto: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

Rebecca Alexander, Wanda Campo, Joey Carmouche, Trent Carmouche, Rosemary Delrie, Deborah Deorsan, Darrell Dunlap, Jacob Fitzgerald, Jody Gauthier, Deidra Hughston, Patricia LaCaze, Mae Yvonne Lavalais, Abigail McNeely, Katie Mitchell, Diane Paulk, Joel Pogue, Catherine Shackelford, Stephanie

Tassin, John Treadway, Rev. Ker Texada, Jan. 3, Rev. John Pardue, Jan. 9.

### NECROLOGY

Msgr. John Plauche +Jan. 9, 1956  
Msgr. Leonard Menard +Jan. 12, 1930  
Msgr. Henry A. Thompson +Jan. 12, 1981

### 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, Evan Nugent, Natalie T. Wall.

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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, 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, Gill Murrell, 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.

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