

# St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

### INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday, November 20:

12:05 p.m. Mr. Ellis Lahood

#### Tuesday, November 21:

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

#### Wednesday, November 22:

12:05 p.m. Cannella Family (living & deceased)

#### Thursday, November 23:

9:00 a.m. People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

#### Friday, November 24:

12:05 p.m. Charles DeKeyzer

#### Saturday, November 25:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Weston Charles Johnson, Jr., Dr. George C. Battalora, Jr., Tim & Jerry Powdrill, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Ducote, Catherine Sloan, Lynn Bauman

#### Sunday, Nov. 26: 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, 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 Ross Rivet, please remember him in your prayers.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$11,755.00
Over or (Short)	\$3,255.00

### FOOD DRIVE FOR THE FOOD BANK



Boxes will be placed at the main entrance of the Cathedral for donations of non-perishable food items for the Food Bank to help provide food for Thanksgiving. The boxes will remain through Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

### HAPPY THANKSGIVING



The Cathedral staff would like to wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving. I will be away from the parish this week. Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at 9:00 a.m. only. The Church office will be closed from **noon November 22 through Friday, November 24** to celebrate Thanksgiving. ~ Fr. James Ferguson

### FIRST FRIDAY – DECEMBER 1

11:00 a.m. Holy Hour  
11:15 a.m. First Friday Devotions  
11:30 a.m. Confessions  
12:05 p.m. Holy Mass

### FIRST SATURDAY – DECEMBER 2

8:15 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
First Saturday Devotions  
8:30 a.m. Rosary for Life  
Confessions  
9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

### PRIESTS CONVOCATION - DECEMBER 4 - 7

The priests of the Diocese of Alexandria will be attending a Priests Convocation at Maryhill, along with Bishop David Talley, beginning 5:30 p.m. Monday, December 4 until Noon Thursday, December 7. Masses will be offered at the Cathedral during those days.

### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

The 8<sup>th</sup> of December is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation. The Church teaches: "The Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first moment of her conception, by a special grace and privilege of Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ the Savior of the human race, was preserved from all stain of original sin." There will be three Masses offered at the Cathedral:  
▪ Thursday, December 7 at 4 p.m.  
▪ Friday, December 8 at 12:05 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

### RED RIVER CHORALE CHRISTMAS CONCERT - DECEMBER 12

The Red River Chorale Christmas concert will be at 7:00 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.**

## SPECIAL COLLECTION - CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, NOVEMBER 18-19

Please be generous in this week's second collection for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. In the United States, one in six people lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those who are struggling across the country. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects including:

- **33% to Manna House**
- **33% to Homeless Coalition**
- **33% to Office Life and Justice**

Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO SPONSOR BABY DRIVE - NOVEMBER 25

The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a drive to aid the CENLA Crises Pregnancy Center on Saturday, November 25 at the 4:00 p.m. Mass and Sunday, November 26 at the 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. Masses. Suggested items to donate are diapers, baby bottles, wipes etc. Boxes will be at the front of the church where you may place your items.

## PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION SESSION - NOVEMBER 25 & 27

Deacon Richard Mitchell will be hosting information sessions for men interested in learning more about the 2018 Deacon Program. Sessions will include an overview of the program and the life of a deacon. There will also be time for questions and answers.

The two sessions will be held at the St. Joseph Center, 400 Coliseum Blvd. on the following dates:

- **Saturday, November 25, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.**
- **Monday, November 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**

## CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

### November:

23: Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 am

### December:

- 1: First Friday – Holy Hour begins at 11:00 a.m.
- 2: First Saturday – Holy Hour begins at 8:15 a.m.
- 4-7: Priests Convocation at Maryhill
- 5: Altar Society meeting at 4:00 p.m. in the hall
- 7: Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m.
- 8: Immaculate Conception Masses at 12:05 & 5:30 p.m.
- 12: Red River Choral Christmas Concert at 7:30 pm
- 16-17: Open House at Rectory after 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and after 9 am and 11 am Masses Sunday.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Geri Babin, Kenneth Babin, Cheryl Crooks, Lucian Grass, Linda Kemmerly, Gary Laborde, Ronald Mayoux, Sr., Floyd Morgan, Madeline Pharis, Ivette Sologaistoa, Joe Veillon, Rev. Blake Deshautelle, Nov. 20, Rev. Clemente Mauricio, Nov. 25.

## NECROLOGY

Rev. Roy DeCaigny +Nov. 20, 1956  
Rev. Paul Smith +Nov. 23, 1998

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEACON ASPIRANT

Luke White

## 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, Rosa Cannella, Brent Caplan, Wayne & Barbara Cole, Daren Coutee, Joann Cumella, Kathy Cumella, Kevin Jude Cumella, Angelo R. "Brother" D'Angelo, Bob Descant, Kathyeen Dixon, Richard "Dick" Ducote, Rose Marie Francis, Bernard Fontenot, Velma Galardo, John Gallent, Barbara Goff, Bobby Grant, Helena Ledet, Delta Maillet, Gill Murrell, Clea Perry, Bea Phillips, Tammy Rachal, Patsy Rayner, Mark & Alma Reitzell, 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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