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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 27:

12:05 p.m. Mr. Ellis Lahood

Tuesday, November 28:

12:05 p.m. David Scalfano

Wednesday, November 29:

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

Thursday, November 30:

9:00 a.m. B.J., Louise & Bubba Difulco

Friday, December 1: First Friday

12:05 p.m. Connie Andrew

Saturday, December 2: First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Lynn Bauman

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Salvator Difulco,
Dr. George C. Battalora, Jr., Mr. & Mrs.
Harry Ducote, Catherine Sloan

Sunday, Dec. 3: First Sunday of Advent

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 Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Wilbert, please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$10,242.00
Over or (Short)	\$1,742.00

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.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO SPONSOR BABY DRIVE - NOVEMBER 25 - 26



The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a drive to aid the **CENLA Crises Pregnancy Center on Saturday, Nov. 25 at the 4 pm Mass, and Sunday, Nov. 26 at the 9 am, 11 am, and 5:30 pm 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.

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

KCs SERVE BREAKFAST – DECEMBER 3



The monthly breakfast social, hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 3200, will be held next weekend **Sunday, December 3, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in Xavier Hall.** All are invited and welcome.

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, Dec. 4 until Noon Thursday, Dec. 7.** Masses will be offered at the Cathedral during those days.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

The 8th 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 - TUESDAY - 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 - DECEMBER 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.**

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

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 p.m. & 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 the 9 am and 11:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND DECEMBER 3 - 4

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up this weekend, Saturday, December 3 and Sunday, December 4. Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Geri Babin, Kenneth Babin, Cheryl Crooks, Lucian Grass, Linda Kemmerly, Gary Laborde, Ronald Mayoux, Sr., Floyd Morgan, Madeline Pharis, Ivette Sologaitoa, 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. 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, Kathyleen 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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