

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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THIRTIETH 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, October 30:

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

Tuesday, October 31:

12:05 p.m. People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

4:00 p.m. **Anticipated Mass for All Saints Day**

Wednesday, November 1: All Saints Day

12:05 p.m. People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

5:30 p.m. People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

Thursday, November 2: All Souls Day

12:05 p.m. People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

Friday, November 3: Memorial Mass for Law Enforcement and Firefighters

12:05 p.m. Police Officers, Firefighters & Emergency Medical Providers

Saturday, November 4: First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Mr. Ellis Lahood

4:00 p.m. Charles & Aleda DeKeyzer, Hope Farrar Kramer, Salvatore Difulco, Dr. George C. Battalora, Jr., Tim & Jerry Powdrill, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Ducote, Catherine Sloan.

Sunday, November 5: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Gordon S. Ducote, Carl T. Ducote, Mr. Huey Peterman

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

5:30 p.m. Margo Trueblood

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for Helen Collins, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$8,178.82
Over or (Short)	\$(321.18)
World Mission Sunday	\$718.00

THE EQUESTRIAN ORDER OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE - OCTOBER 29



The Knights and Ladies of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem will be in attendance at the **11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 29**. The Holy Order strives to be a witness to the Faith, to lead an exemplary Christian life of continuing charity in support of the Christian communities in the Holy Land, and to maintain the true charitable commitment of a Christian.

ALL SAINTS DAY – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

The Vigil Mass for All Saints Day will be offered **Tuesday, October 31, at 4:00 p.m. Masses for All Saints Day, Wednesday, November 1, will be offered at 12:05 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.** All Saints Day is a day that the Church celebrates the solemnity of All Saints. This is a wonderful way to honor the [saints](#) who constantly intercede with God for us.

(All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation.)

ALL SOULS DAY – NOVEMBER 2

Thursday, November 2 is All Souls Day; we will remember the souls of all the Faithful Departed at the **12:05 p.m. Mass** and throughout all the month of November.

ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES

Names of your loved ones who have died can be listed on the All Souls Day envelopes available in the pews, and at all of the entrances to the church. They can be placed in the collection basket for remembrance throughout the month of November.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Our annual "Blue Mass" will be held in the Cathedral on **Friday, November 3, at the 12:05 p.m. Mass with Bishop David Talley as celebrant**. The "Blue Mass" so named because the predominantly blue-colored uniforms of police officers, firefighters and emergency medical providers, honors those who have fallen in the line of duty and those currently serving, and gives the community an opportunity to show gratitude for those who serve so courageously, as well as their families, who risk so much that others can live more safely and without fear.

Please note: Because of the time of the Blue Mass there will be no First Friday Holy Hour or devotion that day.

FIRST SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 4

- 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

HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS - NOVEMBER 10

Everyone is invited to participate in a Holy Hour with the priests of the diocese at the Cathedral on **Friday, November 10, 2017**, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Mass will follow at 12:05 p.m. We plan to continue the Holy Hour for Priests on the 2nd Friday of every month. Again, everyone is invited to pray with the Priests and attend Mass.

ANNUAL ALTAR SOCIETY BAKE SALE – NOV. 11 - 12

The Cathedral Altar Society will have their annual Bake Sale in Xavier Hall, on **November 11 - 12, after the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and after the 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday.**

Donations of baked goods can be dropped off in the church hall on **Saturday between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., or before each weekend Mass.** Please come by and support us. Your contributions help pay for the many necessary items for the upkeep of the sanctuary.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING – NOVEMBER 14

The Altar Society will have their meeting on **Tuesday, November 14, at 4:00 p.m.** at Xavier Hall. Anyone interested in becoming a member is invited to come to the meeting.

ANNUAL PRO-LIFE-CHAIN - SUNDAY, OCT. 29

The annual Alexandria Pro-Life-Chain will be from **2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Sunday, October 29** starting at the bottom of the Jackson St. Bridge in Alexandria. It will be held this year, all along 2nd Street with shade under the Riverfront Center. Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans praying in public witness for our Nation and an end to abortion. We will be collecting **aluminum cans** and the money obtained for the cans will go to the New "**Cenla Pregnancy Center**". Our silent Prayer will be joined by our great organist- Nick Lena. Bring your cans in a plastic bag. Thank you for helping.

RADIO MARIA FALL MARIATHON – OCT. 30 – NOV. 4

Radio Maria will host its annual **Fall Mariathon October 30 thru November 4.** Radio Maria is a Catholic radio station located in Alexandria that is part of the World Family of Radio Maria. It is 100 percent supported and receives no funding from any other sources. Please prayerfully consider making a donation or pledge during the Fall Mariathon October 30 thru November 4 by calling 888-408-0201. Keep Our Lady's mission of evangelization alive on Radio Maria. Listen to us on 580 AM in Alexandria, 89.7 FM in Natchitoches or on online at radiomaria.us.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Toni Benjamin, Zach Faircloth, Billie Fox, Tyler Knowles, Michael Monsour, Phillip Page, Patrick Moore, Mary Roshto, Joshua Travis, Kitty Wallace, Cindy Vanlangendonck, Rev. Paul Kunnumpuram, Oct. 29, Rev. Wade DeCoste, Nov. 3

ST. JOHN the BAPTIST CHURCH MINI FAIR – NOV. 4-5

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church is having its Mini Fair on November 4 & 5. The fair opens Saturday, November 4 after the 4:00 p.m. serving a variety of food and drinks. Prize Bingo and Kids Games at 5:00 p.m. Music provided by "Doc" Couty.

On Sunday, November 5 Mass is at 8:00 a.m. and the kitchen opens at 11:00 a.m. providing more great food. Regular monthly MONEY BINGO (first Sunday of the month) begins with early bird games at 1:00 p.m.

For additional information, you may call the Church Rectory at 318-379-2231 on Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday.

NECROLOGY

Rev. Louis Gagnard +Nov. 3, 2008

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, Rose Marie Francis, 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, 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.

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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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