

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Father James Ferguson, JCL, Rector • Father William Gearheard, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Richard Mitchell • Deacon Luke White

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 18:

12:05 p.m. Karen Horn

Tuesday, February 19:

12:05 p.m. William Gearheard, Sr.

Wednesday, February 20:

12:05 p.m. Gervais & Mavis Authement

Thursday, February 21:

12:05 p.m. William Gearheard, Sr.

Friday, February 22:

12:05 p.m. Janice Lockwood

Saturday, February 23:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Dr. George C. Battalora, Jr., Felix LaCaze, John Bordelon, Weston Charles Johnson, Jr., Luczak Family (living & deceased), Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, J.E. Wallace Family.

Sunday, February 24: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Gordon S. Ducote, Carl T. Ducote, Paula DePriest

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

5:30 p.m. Kathy Yates

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for Margo Trueblood, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$7,676.59
Over or (Short)	\$(823.42)
Church Today	\$829.00

VIRTUS TRAINING – FEBRUARY 21

There will be a Virtus Training session on **Thursday, February 21, at 6:00 p.m., at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, Alexandria.** To pre-register, go to www.virtus.org.

C.C.D EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - 10:00 A.M.

Our C.C.D. classes will gather in the Cathedral on Sunday, February 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m. to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament. We will begin with Exposition, followed by the Litany of the Sacred Heart and Benediction. Everyone is invited to join our students in prayer.

Fr. Ferguson

FIRST FRIDAY - MARCH 1

11:00 a.m. Holy Hour

11:00 a.m. First Friday Devotions

11:15 a.m. Confessions

12:05 p.m. Holy Mass

FIRST SATURDAY - MARCH 2

8:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
First Saturday Devotions

8:30 a.m. Rosary for Life
Confessions

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SERVE BREAKFAST – MARCH 3



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

SCOUT SUNDAY MASS, MARCH 3

The annual Scout Sunday Mass will be celebrated at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral at the **11:00 a.m. Mass.** Please join us as we recognize the achievements of our young people participating in scouting activities in our diocese. **For more information you can contact Fr. Steve Brandow at sbran62261@aol.com.**

ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 6



Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the season of Lent, is a day of fasting and abstinence. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses on **Ash Wednesday, March 6. There will be two Masses; 12:05 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

MARCH 6 & FRIDAYS DURING LENT until APRIL 12

Our local Knights of Columbus council 3200 will have their annual Lenten Fish Fry in Xavier Hall from **11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, March 6, and each Friday during Lent from March 12 through April 12. Price is \$7.00 a plate**, dine-in or take-out. For take-out call 447-3663 with a minimum of four orders. Menu includes fried fish, french fries, hush puppies, and coleslaw. **(Please note that the Fish Fry will not be served on Good Friday)**

SPECIAL COLLECTION – THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE - MARCH 6

On March 6, Ash Wednesday, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

POSITION AVAILABLE - MANNA HOUSE

Manna House currently has an open position for Cook/Supervisor. All applicants are encouraged to apply at indeed.com (Search "Manna House" under "What"). Requirements include 3 years of food service experience, food safety and sanitation certification, ability to lead a team, maintain a safe and positive work environment, ability to work under stress in a high-speed environment, lift objects up to 50 lbs. and work standing for long periods of time.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORIE - MAY 30 - JUNE 7

Join Radio Maria US on a Marian 2019 pilgrimage to Medjugorje on May 30 to June 7. Pilgrims have been flocking to Medjugorje since 1981. The last three Popes supported Medjugorje through comments and actions. Receive the life-changing fruits of the Queen of Peace, daily Mass, Rosary and much more for \$2600. Priest Director, Fr. Emilio Garreaud, will be our spiritual director for this pilgrimage. For more information, contact Kathie at (318) 640-4570, or Carla at 1-888-408-0201.

STEUBENVILLE SOUTH YOUTH CONFERENCE JUNE 21 - 23

Registration is now open for the "Steubenville South Youth Conference", June 21-23, 2019. For group registration go to www.steubenvillesouth.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – FEBRUARY 17-23

Robert Belgard, Rebecca Dauzat, Gail Deville, Kenneth Memmerly, Amanda Lacombe, Bonnie LeBlanc, Rodney LeBlanc, Ethel Moreau, Rev. John Cunningham, Feb. 21

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEACON ASPIRANTS

Jody Byrd, Jason Lavergne, and Alex Mangini.

NECROLOGY – FEBRUARY 17-23

Rev. Francis Oge Couvillion +Feb. 18, 1978
Rev. Leo P. Van Hoorn +Feb. 21, 2006
Rev. Leopold P. Van Lint +Feb. 22, 1926
Rev. A. Chorin +Feb. 23, 1894

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, Garrett Gilchrist, Andrew Hill, Jeffrey Kelso, Evan Nugent, Natalie T. Wall.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Rebecca Alexander, Vera Jackson Alexander, Brittney Arabie, Hailey Avila, Loraine Barham, Betty Battalora, Helen Bellino, John Bordelon, Richard Brazil, Patricia Briggs, Irene Broussard, Marie Bruner, Kimberly Ann Bryant, Marie Burns, Elise Coco, Wayne & Barbara Cole, Daren Coutee, Joann Cumella, Kathy Cumella, Kevin Jude Cumella, Angelo R. "Brother" D'Angelo, Cecile Dunn, Mary Simon Dupas, Rose Marie Francis, James French Bernard Fontenot, John Gallent, Ruth Gilchrist, Barbara Goff, Ann Gonzales, Gloria Goff, Mike Grant, John Gremillion, Melvin Hicks, Wright Kemmerly, Cody & Scott Lachney, Joshua Lachney, Sabastian Lachney, Yvonne Lavalais, Kimberly Lemoine, Bobbie Maddox, Nate Maples, Ann McQuagge, Emma Medlin, Brenda Mercer, James Moreau, Gill Murrell, Evan Nugent, Michael Perry, Jr., Cieta Perry, Shirley Price, Mary Simon Pupas, Tammy Rachal, Mark & Alma Reitzell, Barbara Ponthier, Diane Rabalais, Lou Ann Rigby, Kemal Sanli, Preston Stemann, Mamie Sterkx, Jackie Storer, Janelle Struble, J. B. Theriot, Olga Velarde, C.E. (Judge) Wallace, Tom Webb, Robert Welch, Ruby J. Williams, Kenneth Wood.

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.

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