

# 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 25:**

12:05 p.m. Karla Horn

**Tuesday, February 26:**

12:05 p.m. Julia Peterman Burden

**Wednesday, February 27:**

12:05 p.m. Gervais & Mavis Authement

**Thursday, February 28:**

12:05 p.m. Janice Lockwood

**Friday, March 1: First Friday**

12:05 p.m. Betty Basco

**Saturday, March 2: First Saturday**

9:00 a.m. Julia & Abraham Mickel

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Dr. George C.

Battalora, Jr., Sam & Velma Galardo, John Bordelon, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, J.E. Wallace Family (living).

**Sunday, March 3: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Gordon S. Ducote, Carl T. Ducote, Paula DePriest, Deceased Members of the Altar Society, David & Stacey Lachney

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

5:30 p.m. Julia Peterman Burden

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for Lloyd J. Lachney, please remember him in your prayers.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$8,331.50
Over or (Short)	\$(168.50)

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST IS BEING CANCELLED FOR MARCH & APRIL



The Knights of Columbus will not be having their monthly breakfast social for March & April due to their annual Lenten Fish Fry they sponsor in Xavier Hall during Lent.

### 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

### LENTEN BIBLE STUDY - A TWO PART SERIES:

1) "THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS: ARE THEY BIBLICAL" AND 2) "THE JEWISH ROOTS OF HOLY WEEK: THE LAST 7 DAYS OF JESUS"

Everyone is invited to join our bible study on four Wednesdays during Lent, beginning Wednesday, March 13 from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM in Xavier Hall. The video series on the Seven Sacraments and Holy Week was developed by Dr. Brant Pitre, bible scholar and best-selling author; and it will be facilitated by Fr. Ferguson. A light meal will follow. Hand-outs of the presentations will be available, **so please contact the church secretary by email at [aryder@parish.diocesealex.org](mailto:aryder@parish.diocesealex.org) or call at 318-445-1451, ext. 14 by Monday, March 11, if you plan to attend.**

### Wednesdays, March 13 & March 20: The Seven Sacraments: Are They Biblical?

- Is Baptism necessary for salvation? What did Jesus teach? Is it biblical to baptize babies, or should we only baptize adults?
- Is the Eucharist really the Body and Blood of Jesus, or is it just a symbol? What does it mean when Jesus says we must eat his flesh and drink his blood?
- Is Confirmation biblical? How is it different from Baptism, and why is it a separate sacrament?
- Is the Anointing of the Sick in the Bible? And what kind of healing does it bring?
- Is Confession biblical? Why do Catholics go to a Priest for Confession? Can't we just pray directly to God? Is mortal sin a biblical teaching? Did Jesus himself really institute this sacrament?
- Why does Paul call Marriage "the great sacrament"? And why did Jesus forbid remarriage after divorce?
- Are bishops, priests, and deacons in the Bible? Or should we just have "pastors" and "preachers"? And what about celibacy? Who are the 144,000 celibate men described in the book of Revelation?

### 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.

### 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.**

### 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.

### KCS FISH FRY MARCH 6 & FRIDAYS DURING LENT THROUGH 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)

### THE WAY OF THE CROSS – FRIDAY MARCH 8

Please join us for the Way of the Cross at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral Friday, March 8, at 5:30 p.m. and each Friday during this Lenten season.

### DIOCESE OF ALEXANDRIA - 2019 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



As a Catholic community we are called to be one body in Christ and to live as His disciples. The Annual Diocesan Appeal offers each of us the opportunity to become one in His body by supporting the ministries of the local Church and contributing to the ADA.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY – FEBRUARY 24-MARCH 2

Nannette Chenevert, Nancy Ferguson, Seth Guillotte, Diana Lamartiniere, Susan Lofton, Neil Martinez, Allison Paige, Rylee Parker, Caroline Randall, Lisa Ritchie, Samantha Waldron, Robert Welch, Dcn. Ted Moulard Mar. 1, Rev. Adam Travis, Mar 2.

### SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND MARCH 2 - 3

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up, **Saturday, March 2 and Sunday, February 3.** Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEACON ASPIRANTS

Jody Byrd, Jason Lavergne, and Alex Mangini.

### NECROLOGY – FEBRUARY 24-MARCH 2

Bishop Anthony Durier +Feb. 28, 1904  
Rev. Emile Peufier +Feb. 28, 1910

### 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, 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, Kimberly Lemoine, Bobbie Maddox, Nate Maples, Ann McQuagge, Emma Medlin, Brenda Mercer, James Moreau, Gill Murrell, Evan Nugent, Michael Perry, Jr., Cleta Perry, Shirley Price, Mary Simon Pupas, Tammy Rachal, Mark & Alma Reitzell, Barbara Ponthier, Diane Rabalais, Lou Ann Rigby, Kemal Sanli, Preston Stemmann, 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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