

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, March 4:

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

Tuesday, March 5:

12:05 p.m. Gervais & Mavis Authement

Wednesday, March 6: Ash Wednesday

12:05 p.m. People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral
5:30 p.m. People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

Thursday, March 7:

12:05 p.m. Bessie & Otis Gaspard

Friday, March 8:

12:05 p.m. Don Gautreaux

Saturday, March 9:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Dr. George C. Battalora, Jr., John Bordelon, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Dr. Warren Joubert, Carl A. Jeanonne, Sr., Lloyd J. Lachney & Mary B. Lachney

Sunday, March 10: First Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R.J. Ducote, Gordon S. Ducote, Carl T. Ducote, Paula DePriest, David & Stacey Lachney, Mary Bush Lachney, Lonnie Lachney
11:00 a.m. People of SFX Cathedral Parish
5:30 p.m. Lucille & Ellis LaHood

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for Carl A. Jeansonne, please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$6,863.05
Over or (Short)	\$(1,636.95)

SPECIAL COLLECTION: RESTORATION FUND MARCH 2-3

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

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members from age 14 onwards.

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.**

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.**

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY – 2-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, Mar. 13 from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM in Xavier Hall.** The video series on the Seven Sacraments and Holy Week developed by Dr. Brant Pitre, bible scholar and best-selling author; will be facilitated by Fr. Ferguson. A light meal will follow. Handouts of the presentations will be available, **please contact the church secretary at aryder@parish.diocesealex.org or call at 318-445-1451, ext. 14 by Monday, Mar. 11, if you plan to attend.**

Wednesdays, March 13: The Seven Sacraments: Are They Biblical? (Part 1)

- 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 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?

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

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)**

2019 RITE OF ELECTION - SUNDAY, MARCH 10

The Rite of Election of Catechumens and Call to Continuing Conversion for Candidates for Full Communion in the Catholic Church will be celebrated by the parishes of the Diocese of Alexandria on **Sunday, March 10, at 2:30 p.m., at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral.** Parishes from throughout the diocese will send those who will celebrate the sacraments of initiation this Easter, as well as their sponsors, family, and friends. The celebration is one part of a year-long process that is called the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).** It also includes adaptations for those who were baptized in another Christian denomination and seek to become members of the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. A reception will follow in Xavier Hall.

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 – MARCH 3-9

Mrs. Terry Antoon, Mrs. Lesley Ashworth, Debbie Dunlap, Patrick Flavin, Megan Kelso, William Lacombe,

Dot Mickel, M. J. Monsour, Diana Pharis, Linda Stringfield, Rev. Peter Kuligowski, Mar. 5, Rev. William Gearheard, Mar. 5, Rev. Thomas Paul, Mar. 7

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEACON ASPIRANTS

Jody Byrd, Jason Lavergne, and Alex Mangini.

NECROLOGY –MARCH 2-9

Rev. Regis Gimbert	+Mar. 5, 1912
Msgr. Leon Roy Aycock	+Mar. 6, 1961
Msgr. Napoleon Roulleaux	+Mar. 9, 1918
Rev. John Girards+	+Mar. 9, 1947
Rev. Bernard Zagst	+Mar. 9, 2012

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: 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, Debby & Dee Dee Dunlap, Kathy Cumella, Kevin Jude Cumella, Angelo R. "Brother" D'Angelo, Cecile Dunn, Mary Simon Dupas, Alex Ekermeier, 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, Corey Young.

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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