

# St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

### INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday, March 11:

12:05 p.m. Ethan Catteruccia

#### Tuesday, March 12:

12:05 p.m. Leonard Michiels

#### Wednesday, March 13:

12:05 p.m. Sylvan A. Juneau

#### Thursday, March 14:

12:05 p.m. Michael J. Monsour III &  
Michael Monsour

#### Friday, March 15:

12:05 p.m. Don Gautreaux

#### Saturday, March 16:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Dr. George C. Battalora, Jr., Garlarido & Lacroix Families, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Tom & Mary Jo Willis, Carl A. Jeanonne, Sr., John Bordelon, Mrs. Lela Texada Johnson

#### Sunday, March 17: Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Flavin Family (living & deceased), Gordon S. Ducote, Carl T. Ducote, Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus, Paula DePriest, David & Stacey Lachney, Sam V. Kemmerly

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

5:30 p.m. Dr. Kenneth Kemmerly

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for Cecile Dunn, please remember her in your prayers.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$11,441.00
Over or (Short)	\$2,941.00

### 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.

### BISHOP DAVID TALLEY APPOINTED BISHOP-ELECT OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE



Bishop David Talley has been named as the bishop-elect of the Diocese of Memphis in Tennessee by His Holiness, Pope Francis. The appointment was announced in Rome on March 5, 2019. Bishop Talley will serve as Diocesan Administrator of the Diocese of Alexandria until his installation as Bishop of Memphis in early April. Bishop David is currently in Memphis through the end of this week.

### 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.

### CLERGY STUDY DAY - MARCH 12

The priests and deacons of the Diocese of Alexandria will be meeting at Maryhill Renewal Center on Tuesday, March 12. **We will have the regularly scheduled 12:05 PM Mass on that day.**

### ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING – MARCH 13

The Altar Society will have their monthly meeting on **March 13, at 10:00 a.m. in the Xavier Hall**. Anyone who is interested in becoming a member is invited to come to the meeting. (Also, if you have not done already, you may pay 2019 dues at the meeting or mail it to the rectory.)

## KCs FISH FRY MARCH 15 & FRIDAYS

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 Friday, March 15 and each Friday through April 12.** Price is \$7.00 a plate, dine-in or take-out. For take-out delivery 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)**

## 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, March 13 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. 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. Please contact the church secretary at 318-445-1451, ext. 14 or email at [aryder@parish.diocesealex.org](mailto:aryder@parish.diocesealex.org) by Monday, March 11, so we will know how much food to prepare for.**

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## Wednesday, 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?

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## THE WAY OF THE CROSS – FRIDAY MARCH 15

Please join us for the Way of the Cross at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral **Friday, March 15, at 5:30 p.m. and each Friday during this Lenten season.**

## CCD CONFESSIONS - MARCH 17

The priests will hear the confessions of the CCD students **after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, Sunday, March 17th.** Students will meet in the church instead of the convent building.

## DIOCESE OF ALEXANDRIA - 2019 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL -

The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishop's pastoral letter on

stewardship reminds us that “there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism...that people place their gifts, their resources - their selves - at God's service in and through the Church.” Prayerfully consider supporting your parish by weekly contributions and the diocesan church by contributing to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. **Cathedral Goal \$35,165.00**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY – MARCH 10-16

Gail Callahan, Chalahand Chalah, Ernest Chenevert, Alaina Gallagher, Bobby Grant, Kenneth Jeansonne, Michelle LaCour, Celine Lee, Andrew Mixon, Jason Tassin,

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEACON ASPIRANTS

Jody Byrd, Jason Lavergne, and Alex Mangini.

## NECROLOGY – MARCH 10-16

There are no necrology listings this week

## SPECIAL COLLECTION – BLACK & INDIAN MISSION - MARCH 10

**This weekend we will be taking up a collection for Black and Indian Missions.** This collection exists to help diocesan communities to build the Church among the African American, Native American and Alaska Native people of God. It supports parish life and catechesis, evangelization, Catholic education, and vocations in Black and Indian Missions across the United States. Please give generously.

## 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: 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, Monica Anderson, 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., Clea Perry, Shirley Price,

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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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