

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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SECOND 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 18:

12:05 p.m. Yvonne Lavalais

Tuesday, March 19:

12:05 p.m. Leonard Michiels

Wednesday, March 20:

12:05 p.m. Bishops of Louisiana (living)

Thursday, March 21:

12:05 p.m. Yvonne Lavalais

Friday, March 22:

12:05 p.m. Don Gautreaux

Saturday, March 23:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Dr. George C. Battalora, Jr., Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Karlina Pinkerton, Carl A. Jeanonne, Sr., John Bordelon, Diana Lamartiniere, Monica Anderson (living), Paula G. DePriest

Sunday, March 24: Third Sunday of Lent

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

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

5:30 p.m. Kathy Yates

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for William E. Jones Family (living), please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

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

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members from age 14 onwards. Fasting is to be observed on Good Friday. 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.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY - WEDNESDAY

MARCH 20 AT 5:30 P.M.

We will continue with the second part of the video series: The Seven Sacraments: Are They Biblical? 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?

THE WAY OF THE CROSS – FRIDAY, MARCH 22



Please join us for the Way of the Cross at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral **Friday, March 22, at 5:30 p.m. and each Friday during this Lenten season.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY - MARCH 22 & 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 Friday 22 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)**

MASS OF FAREWELL AND RECEPTION FOR BISHOP TALLEY - SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Please join us at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral for a **Farewell Mass for Bishop David Talley, Saturday, March 23 at 4:00 p.m.** Following Mass there will be a reception in Xavier Hall. This will be an opportunity to offer prayers and well-wishes to Bishop Talley as he prepares to become the new Bishop in the Diocese of Memphis on April 2.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL MUSIC SERIES - THURSDAY, MARCH 28

The Cathedral will host a concert of B.R.E.V.E. (Baton Rouge Early Vocal Ensemble), a Louisiana-based chamber choir of 10 professional singers, in a Lenten concert of sacred music by Thomas Tallis, Giuseppe Tartini and Felix Mendelssohn on Thursday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public. A reception will follow in Xavier Hall.

VIRTUS TRAINING – APRIL 4

There will be a Virtus Training session on Thursday, April 4, at 6:00 p.m., at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, Alexandria. To pre-register, go to www.virtus.org.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDIUGORIE - MAY 30 TO 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.

CENLA PREGNANCY CENTER - THANK YOU

Cenla Pregnancy Center sends our deepest thanks to the entire church family of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral for the most recent baby bottle campaign fundraiser! The generous financial contribution allows us to continue providing service for our mothers and babies throughout Central Louisiana. Our pro-life ministry could not function without the generosity of our donors, prayers of the faithful, and the grace of our Lord? The cathedral has donated \$1,977.44.

May God continue to bless each of you. We ask you to remember Cenla Pregnancy Center in your prayers, and we commit our prayers to you. Thank you, Claire Lemoine, Executive Director

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 Annual Diocesan Appeal.

Cathedral Goal \$35,165.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – MARCH 10-16

John Benjamin, Shirley Bolyard, Kerry Callahan, Casey Carter, Joanie Credeur, Michael Haise, Alayha Harmson, Kathleen Lacour, Yvonne LaGrange, Alex Mangini, Norma McCann, Greg Pharis, Deborah Smith, Julian Zona, Dcn. Tommy Robichaux, Mar. 17, Dcn. William Travis, Mar. 17, Rev. Marc Noel, Mar. 18

REQUIRED ONGOING TRAINING NOTICE

This is to notify volunteers and employees who are required to maintain ongoing-training to check their online accounts to ensure they are "caught up" with all items. Assistance is always available from the safe environment office.

NECROLOGY - MARCH 17 - MARCH 23

Rev. Van Bokhoven

+March 20, 1932

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEACON ASPIRANTS

Jody Byrd, Jason Lavergne, and Alex Mangini

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, Monica Anderson, Brittney Arabia, 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, Yvonne Moore James Moreau, Gill Murrell, Evan Nugent, Michael Perry, Jr., Cleta Perry, Shirley Price, Mary Simon Pupas, Tammy Rachal, Mark & Alma Reitzell, James Roland, 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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