

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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THIRD 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 25:

12:05 p.m. Yvonne Lavalais

Tuesday, March 26:

12:05 p.m. Leonard Michiels

Wednesday, March 27:

12:05 p.m. Carline LaCaze

Thursday, March 28:

12:05 p.m. Anna Metoyer Jones

Friday, March 29:

12:05 p.m. Don Gautreaux

Saturday, March 30:

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

Sunday, March 31: Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

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

5:30 p.m. Dr. Kenneth Kemmerly

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for B.J., Louise & Bubba Difulco, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$8,923.69
Over or (Short)	\$423.69

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.

WELCOME FR. MICHAEL CARSON

Please welcome Fr. Michael Carson, who will be celebrating the 9:00 and 11:00 AM Masses this Sunday. Father Carson is a priest of the Diocese of San Jose and the Assistant Director of Cultural Diversity in the Church for Native American Affairs.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY - THE JEWISH ROOTS OF HOLY WEEK - THE SEVEN LAST DAYS OF JESUS, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 - 5:30 P.M. IN XAVIER HALL

If you knew you only had one week left to live, how would you spend it? What would you do?

Most people know that Jesus celebrated the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, died on Good Friday, and lay dead in the tomb on Holy Saturday. But what about the other days of Holy Week? What did Jesus choose to say and do on the last seven days of his life?

In these riveting presentations, Dr. Brant Pitre takes his knowledge of the Jewish roots of Christianity and uses it to unveil the mysteries of the most sacred and solemn week of the entire year: "Holy Week." In these two presentations, you will discover:

- 1. Palm Sunday:** Why did Jesus ride into Jerusalem on a donkey?
- 2-3. Holy Monday-Tuesday:** Why did Jesus curse the fig tree on holy Monday?
- 4. Spy Wednesday:** What is the hidden meaning to Judas' betrayal of Jesus? And why is this day called "Spy Wednesday"?
- 5. Holy Thursday:** How exactly did the disciples prepare the Passover for Jesus?
- 6. Good Friday:** What is the meaning of the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' side?
- 7. Holy Saturday:** Why did Jesus rest in the tomb? Where did Jesus' soul go on Holy Saturday?
- 8. Easter Sunday:** Why did Jesus rise on the "first day of the week"?

If you're looking to get more out of the season of Lent this year and to truly enter into the mystery of Holy Week with Jesus, then this Bible study is for you.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS – FRIDAY, MARCH 29



Please join us for the Way of the Cross at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral Friday, March 29, at 5:30 p.m. and each Friday during this Lenten season.

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)**

FIRST FRIDAY - APRIL 5

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 - APRIL 6

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

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.

DIocese OF ALEXANDRIA - 2019 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL -

Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare His Own Son." Jesus' death was God's greatest gift to us. He gave his only Son so we may have eternal Life!

Are my gifts to the Lord - of my resources, of my time, of myself - also sacrificial? Do I gratefully and generously share with my parish, the community and the Universal Church? Your support of the 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal is a grateful response to God's greatest gift to us.

The Cathedral Goal is \$35,165.00, pledges to date is \$27,700.00.

NECROLOGY - MARCH 24 - MARCH 30

Rev. Robert DeVriendt + Mar.27, 1951
Rev. Emeric Scallan +Mar. 27, 1990
Msgr. Julius Walle +Mar. 28, 2004
Msgr Joseph Xavier Kidd +Mar. 29, 1963.

Rev. John Cavanagh +Mar. 29, 1974
Msgr. Allen Chenevert +Mar. 29, 1987
Rev. Quirinius Vanderburg +Mar. 30, 1926
Rev. Michael Kammer +Mar. 30, 1979

SPECIAL COLLECTION - CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES - MARCH 31

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection, and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - MARCH 24 - MARCH 30

Nicholas Antoon, Robert Antoon, Carla Couvillon, Lloyd Lee, Martha Lee, LeAnn Raines, Connie Stemmann, Audrey Tiffée

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 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, 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, Nettie Marie Williams, 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

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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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