

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Father James Ferguson, JCL, Rector • Father William Gearheard, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Richard Mitchell • Deacon Cliff Pelto

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 7:

12:05 p.m. Galvin Murphy (living)

Tuesday, August 8:

12:05 p.m. Hugo Pereira de Mello (living)

Wednesday, August 9:

12:05 p.m. Helen Collins

Thursday, August 10:

12:05 p.m. Ben H. Baker

Friday, August 11: First Friday

12:05 p.m. Agalice & J. D. Harris

Saturday, August 12: First Saturday

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Galardo & Lacroix Families, John Swart, Dr. George C. Battalora, Jr., Pilar Lorio, Joseph B. Wolf, Jr.

Sunday, August 13: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Gordon S. Ducote, Carl T. Ducote, Brian Smith & Family (living)

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

5:30 p.m. Ernest & Fern Wilbert

SANCTUARY LIGHT

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

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$ 7,497.36
Over or (Short)	\$ (1,002.64)

VIRTUS TRAINING – AUGUST 2 & 29

There will be a Virtus Training session on **Tuesday, August 29 at 6:00 p.m., both at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, Alexandria.** To pre-register, go to virtus.org, and click on Registration (on left side of screen). For more information, call 445-6424 x 213.

KCs SERVE BREAKFAST – AUGUST 6

The monthly breakfast social, hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 3200, will be held **Sunday, August 6, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in Xavier Hall.** All are invited and welcome.

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - HOLY DAY - AUGUST 15

Tuesday, August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **It is a holy day of obligation.**

Three Masses will be offered:

Monday, August 14 at 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 15 at 12:05 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

The Solemnity invites us to recall and remember the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary body and soul into heaven. This event speaks to us in a number of important ways, one of which is to offer us hope: Where Mary has gone, we hope to follow. Let's strive to always say "yes" to God that we might be judged worthy of eternal life.

CCD AND RCIA REGISTRATION ON THE WEEKENDS OF AUGUST 20 & 27

Registration for those attending CCD and RCIA classes will be before and after all Masses on, **Saturday, August 19 and Sunday, August 20,** and the following weekend, **Saturday, August 26 and Sunday, August 27.** Classes for CCD are open for children in Kindergarten through High School. There is a \$15.00 charge for the purchase of books. Please call Mary Lou Maples at **443-1562** for more information regarding CCD, and Fr. Bill Gearheard at **445-1451** regarding those who are interested in becoming Catholic.

FIVE MILLION ROSARIES CAMPAIGN BY OCT. 13

In celebration of the 100-year anniversary of Fatima, Dynamic Catholic is inviting people all over the country to join in praying 5 million Rosaries for America on or before October 13. The Rosary is and incredibly powerful prayer. It has the power to heal, bring peace, and transform lives. Whether you pledge to pray one Rosary or 100 Rosaries, your prayers make a difference. To pledge to pray, go to www.dynamiccatholic.com.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND AUGUST 5 - 6

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up Saturday, August 5 and Sunday, August 6. Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated

SPECIAL COLLECTION - THE SOLIDARITY FUND FOR THE CHURCH IN AFRICA - AUGUST 12 - 13

Migration is one of the most dramatic challenges the Church must address in Africa. As the church in Ethiopia struggles to welcome thousands of refugees from neighboring countries, the pastoral care of this vulnerable population severely tests the meager pastoral resources and ecclesiastical structures. Your support of the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa next weekend helps provide retreats, workshops, bible studies, and liturgies that give refugees the space and support they need to pray and find their spiritual home. Please be generous next week.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- **Child Nutrition Technician** - needed for Diocese of Alexandria school cafeteria. Position is a 35 - hour-work-week, Monday - Friday. For more information, contact the Diocese of Alexandria Child Nutrition Office at 318-445-6424, ext. 232.
- **Substitute Child Nutrition Technician** - needed immediately for the Diocese of Alexandria school cafeterias in Alexandria, Natchitoches, and Avoyelles parish. These positions are on an as needed basis. For more information, contact the Diocese of Alexandria Child Nutrition Office today at 318-445-6424, ext. 232.
- **Cook at Manna House** - seeking an experienced, high energy, innovative individual to join their team as a cook. For more information contact Jessica Viator at 318-445-9053.

ANNUAL PRO-LIFE-CHAIN – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

The annual Alexandria Pro-Life-Chain will be from **2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Sunday, October 29** starting at the bottom of the Jackson St. Bridge in Alexandria. It will be held this year, all along 2nd Street with shade under the Riverfront Center.

Life Chain is a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans praying in public witness for our Nation and an end to abortion.

We will be joined by volunteer musicians who will keep us focused with music.

YOUNG PEOPLE URGED TO FILL OUT SURVEY

In preparation for the 2018 Synod on Family, a survey has been constructed by the Vatican's Office of the General Secretariat of the Synod, asking young people of the world, ages 16 - 29, **to provide some insight into "what it is like to be a young person in the Catholic Church Today."**

To take the survey, go to: <http://www.usccb.org/bishops-and-dioceses/synod-of-bishops/synod-2018>.

(CCD and Catholic high school teachers, youth ministers and young adult ministers, please consider having your students fill out the survey as a class assignment/group meeting project. A flyer is attached online.)

NECROLOGY

Msgr. Beltan A. Scallan + Aug. 7, 1996
Rev. Herman Couvillion + Aug. 12, 1964

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jimmy Birdsall, James Bordelon, Martin Coco, Karen Gauthier, Miranda Jeansonne, David LaCaze, Paul Leblanc, Judy Mixon, Katie Nation, Will Passman, Ross Rivet, Geneie Rousseau, Sally Vandersypen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEACON ASPIRANT

Luke White

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: Michael Allgood, Brent Marcus Barbour, Byron P. Barbour, Quincy Bordelon, Christopher Fraser, Garrett Gilchrist, Andrew Hill, Jeffrey Kelso, Natalie T. Wall.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Betty Battalora, Helen Bellino, Ann Marie Bruner, Kimberly Ann Bryant, Rosa Cannella, Wayne & Barbara Cole, Daren Coutee, Kathy Cumella, Angelo R. "Brother" D'Angelo, Velma Galardo, John Gallent, Delta Maillet, Gill Murrell, Clea Perry, Bea Phillips, Tammy Rachal, Kemal Sanli, Kenneth Smentek, J. B. Theriot, Ann Wallace, Ruby J. Williams, Jacob Williamson.

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.

Before someone's name is placed in prayer, be sure to have permission from that person to publicize his or her name in the bulletin.

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