

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 18:

12:05 p.m. Selma Sayer

Tuesday, December 19:

12:05 p.m. Mr. Ellis Lahood

Wednesday, December 20:

12:05 p.m. David Scalfano

Thursday, December 21:

12:05 p.m. Selma Sayer

Friday, December 22:

12:05 p.m. Cannella, Brauns & Vanderlinden Families

Saturday, December 23:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Charles & Aleda DeKeyzer, Dr. George C. Battalora, Jr., John Cox Moreau, Rita Hope Robichaux Clark, Ernette, Estelle & Ruth McCusker, Joseph B. Wolf, Jr., John L. Dunn & Gauthier Families

Sunday, Dec. 24: Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Gordon S. Ducote, Carl T. Ducote, Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Wolf, Sr., Michael Hussey, Girard Saucier Family

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

4:00 p.m. **Christmas Vigil Mass**

5:30 p.m. **Christmas Vigil Mass**

12:00 a.m. **Christmas Vigil Mass**

Monday, December 25: Christmas Day Mass

9:00 a.m. Priests Intentions

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

5:30 p.m. Priests Intentions

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for Michael Cazes, please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$10,103.31
Over or (Short)	\$1,603.31

A WORD OF THANKS

I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who helped make the Red River Choral "Lessens and Carols" a huge success; the lectors, altar servers, and the Altar Society who hosted the reception that followed. I also want to thank all of you who are our parish family and friends for your involvement, support and commitment to St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. Fr. Ferguson

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE – DECEMBER 20



The Advent Penance Service will be on **Wednesday, December 20 at 5:30 p.m.** Several priests will be available for Confession.

SCHEDULE FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, THE CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASSES, AND CHRISTMAS DAY

▪ Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23, 2017

4:00 p.m. - Fourth Sunday of Advent Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 24, 2017

9:00 a.m. - Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass

11:00 a.m. - Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass

▪ Christmas Vigil Masses

Sunday, December 24, 2017

4:00 p.m. - Christmas Vigil Mass

5:30 p.m. - Christmas Vigil Mass

12:00 a.m. - Christmas Midnight Mass

▪ Christmas Day Masses

Monday, December 25, 2017

9:00 a.m. - Christmas Day Mass

11:00 a.m. - Christmas Day Mass

5:30 p.m. - Christmas Day Mass

Please note: We are obligated to go to Mass twice this weekend, to fulfill both the Sunday and Christmas Masses.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION - CHURCH VOCATIONS
DECEMBER 24 - 25**

Traditionally at all Christmas Masses, a special collection is taken throughout our diocese for the education and formation of our priests. Through the Church Vocations collections, your generosity and prayers allow the church to continue to provide priests, sisters and brothers to serve our spiritual and physical needs. Please be generous. -- Bishop David Talley

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 25 - 26

The Church Office will be closed **Monday, December 25 through Tuesday, December 26.** Bishop David Talley, Father Ferguson, Father Gearheard, and the Cathedral staff wish you a safe and blessed Christmas.

**REMEMBER A LOVED ONE THROUGH A MEMORIAL
GIFT OF CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**



Provide the name of the person to be remembered and place it with \$13.00 in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers." You can drop the envelope in the Mass collection basket or bring it to the parish office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Carrie David, Derek Ducote, Rebecca Eskew, Elizabeth Jenkins, Michael Jenkins, Tommy Lagrange, Charles Little, Louis Marien, Elizabeth McSween, Jennifer Pringle, Alexander Strange, Rev. Keith Ishmael, Dec. 18, Rev. Jason Gootee, Dec. 20, Rev. Derek Ducote, Dec. 20, Rev. Nino Viviano, Dec. 21

NECROLOGY

Rev. Alfred Chlebowczyk +Dec. 19, 1992
Rev. Lucien Morel +Dec. 21, 1963
Rev. Julian Gallop +Dec. 22, 1897
Rev. Louis Voorhies + Dec. 22, 2005

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: Gerard A. Abair, Jr., Brent Marcus Barbour, Byron P. Barbour, Quincy Bordelon, Christopher Fraser, Bryce Gadway, Garrett Gilchrist, Andrew Hill, Jeffrey Kelso, Natalie T. Wall.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Betty Battalora, Helen Bellino, Richard Brazil Irene Broussard, Ann Marie Bruner, Kimberly Ann Bryant, Patricia Briggs, Marie Burns, Rosa Cannella, Brent Caplan, Wayne & Barbara Cole, Daren Coutee, Joann

Cumella, Kathy Cumella, Kevin Jude Cumella, Angelo R. "Brother" D'Angelo, Bob Descant, Kathyleen Dixon, Richard "Dick" Ducote, Rose Marie Francis, Bernard Fontenot, Velma Galardo, John Gallent, Barbara Goff, Gloria Goff, Bobby Grant, Gill Murrell, Evan Nugent, Cleta Perry, Bea Phillips, Tammy Rachal, Patsy Rayner, Mark & Alma Reitzell, Barbara Ponthier, Lou Ann Rigby, Kemal Sanli, Kenneth Smentek, Jackie Storer, J. B. Theriot, 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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