

# St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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## FIRST 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 4:**

12:05 p.m. Mr. Ellis Lahood

**Tuesday, December 5:**

12:05 p.m. David Scalfano

**Wednesday, December 6:**

12:05 p.m. Lynn Bauman

**Thursday, December 7:**

12:05 p.m. Matthew Williams

4:00 p.m. **Vigil Mass**, People of SFX Cathedral

**Friday, December 8: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day**

12:05 p.m. People of SFX Cathedral Parish

5:30 p.m. People of SFX Cathedral Parish

**Saturday, December 9:**

4:00 p.m. Galardo & Lacroix Families, Hope Farrar Kramer, Albert & Marie McNamara, John Swart, Dr. George C. Battalora, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Harry Ducote, John Cox Moreau, John Ross Rivet, Michael Cazes.

**Sunday, Dec. 10: Second Sunday of Advent**

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Gordon S. Ducote, Carl T. Ducote, John Ross Rivet, Michael Cazes.

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

5:30 p.m. Mr. Ellis J. Lahood

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

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

### WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$6,234.62
Over or (Short)	(\$2,115.38)

### 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.

### BEGINNING OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 3

This Sunday, December 3, the Church celebrates the first Sunday of the season of Advent, which will continue for four Sundays until Christmas Day. The word "advent" is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "coming," and during this season, the church enters a time of preparation and expectation for the coming of Christ "in power and Glory" (Mark 13:26). The Spirit of the Church during this time is symbolized by the purple vestments - a sign of penance - worn at her services on each of these Sundays in preparation for the Solemnity of the Lord's Nativity.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SERVE BREAKFAST - DECEMBER 3



The monthly breakfast social, hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 3200, will be held next weekend **Sunday, December 3, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in Xavier Hall**. All are invited and welcome.

### PRIESTS CONVOCATION - DECEMBER 4 - 7

The priests of the Diocese of Alexandria will be attending a Priests Convocation at Maryhill, along with Bishop David Talley, **beginning 5:30 p.m. Monday, December 4 until Noon Thursday, December 7**. Masses will be offered at the Cathedral during those days.

### ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING - DECEMBER 5

The Altar Society will have their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, December 5, at 4:00 p.m.** at Xavier Hall vent Building. Anyone interested in becoming a member is invited to come to the meeting.

### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

The 8<sup>th</sup> of December is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation. The Church teaches: "The Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first moment of her conception, by a special grace and privilege of Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ the Savior of the human race, was preserved from all stain of original sin." There will be three Masses offered at the Cathedral:

- **Thursday, December 7 at 4 p.m.**
- **Friday, December 8 at 12:05 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.**

## SPECIAL COLLECTION - RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS - DECEMBER 9 - 10

"Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders," writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to next week's Retirement fund for Religious collection.

## RED RIVER CHORALE CHRISTMAS CONCERT - TUESDAY - DECEMBER 12



LESSONS & CAROLS

The Red River Chorale Christmas concert will be at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12 here at the Cathedral. Admission is \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

## OPEN HOUSE AT THE RECTORY - DECEMBER 16 - 17



Everyone is cordially invited to the Annual Open House at the Rectory after the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass, December 16 and after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses on Sunday, December 17.

## CATHEDRAL CALENDAR

### December:

- 4 - 7 - Priests Convocation at Maryhill
- 5 - Altar Society meeting at 4:00 p.m. in the hall
- 7 - Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m.
- 8 - Immaculate Conception Masses at 12:05 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.
- 12 - Red River Choral Christmas Concert at 7:30 pm
- 16 - 17 - Open House at Rectory after 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and after the 9 am and 11:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday

## CENLA PREGNANCY CENTER OPENS - DECEMBER 4

The Cenla Pregnancy Center (located at 1254 MacArthur Drive) will officially open for business on Monday, December 4, at 9:00 a.m. after a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 8:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Elizabeth Agosto, Elizabeth Henderson, Stella Jordan, Michael Mixon, Georgette Nugent, Morgan Passman, Betty Swart, Patrick Tassin, Mary Tower, Brittany Trahan, Jessie White, Samuel White, Rev. Rusty Rabalais, Dec. 3, Rev. Dutch Voltz, Dec. 4, Deacon Richard Mitchell, Dec. 5, Deacon Luke LaFleur, Dec. 5

## SPECIAL COLLECTION - RESTORATION FUND DECEMBER 2 - 3

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up **this weekend, Saturday, December 2 and Sunday, December 3**. Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

## NECROLOGY

Rev. Regis Dumas	+Dec. 6, 1905
Rev. William G. Allison	+Dec. 6, 1987
Rev. Adrian Molenschot	+Dec. 7, 1994
Rev. John Walsh	+Dec. 8, 1937
Rev. Martin Plauche	+Dec. 9, 1973

## 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: 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, Irene Broussard, Ann Marie Bruner, Kimberly Ann Bryant, 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, Bobby Grant, Helena Ledet, Delta Maillet, 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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