

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 19:

12:05 p.m. Emma Brauns

Tuesday, February 20:

12:05 p.m. Dr. & Mrs. Parch (living)

Wednesday, February 21:

12:05 p.m. Mr. Don Botler (living)

Thursday, February 22:

12:05 p.m. Preston & Connie Stemmann (living)

Friday, February 23:

12:05 p.m. Felix LaCaze

Saturday, February 24:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Dr. George C. Battalora, Jr., Natalie M. Williams (living), Weston Charles Johnson, Jr., Sam & Velma Garlardo, Albert & Marie McNamara, Luczak Family, John L. Dunn & Gauthier Families

Sunday, February 25: Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Gordon S. Ducote, Carl T. Ducote, Debra Fonville Lamb, Barbara, Buddy & Anne Coco

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

5:30 p.m. Walter Lafargue

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	\$20,456.86
Over or (Short)	\$11,956.86
Restoration Fund	\$1,449.00

THE WAY OF THE CROSS – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23



Please join us for the Way of the Cross at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral this Friday, February 23 at 5:30 p.m. and each Friday during this Lenten season

2018 RITE OF ELECTION – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18



The Rite of Election of Catechumens and Call to Continuing Conversion for Candidates for Full Communion in the Catholic Church will be celebrated by the parishes of the Diocese of Alexandria on **Sunday, February 18, at 2:30 p.m., at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral**. Parishes from throughout the diocese will send those who will celebrate the sacraments of initiation this Easter, as well as their sponsors, family, and friends. The celebration is one part of a year-long process that is called the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**. It also includes adaptations for those who were baptized in another Christian denomination and seek to become members of the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. A reception will follow in Xavier Hall.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY - JESUS AND THE END TIMES: A CATHOLIC VIEW OF THE LAST DAYS

This 4-part video series was developed by Dr. Brant Pitre, professor of Sacred Scripture at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, and will be facilitated by Fr. Ferguson. In this Bible study, Dr. Brant Pitre helps answer the questions: What does the Catholic Church teach about the end time? Is the idea of “the rapture” a Biblical concept? How does one read the Book of Revelation? What will the Final Judgement be like, and how will we be judged?

Everyone is invited to join our bible study on four Wednesdays during Lent, beginning **Wednesday, Feb. 21, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., in the church hall**.

A light meal will follow. Hand-outs of the presentation will be available. Please contact the church office at 445-1451, ext. 14 by Monday, February 19, if you plan to attend or email the church secretary at: aryder@parish.diocesealex.org.

The dates and subject content:

- **Wednesday, February 21:** The Destruction of the Temple and the End of the World
- **Wednesday, February 28:** How to read the Book of Revelations
- **Wednesday, March 7:** The Final Tribulation and the Second Coming
- **Wednesday, March 14:** The Last Judgement and the New Creation

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

If you are interested in helping those in need, serving our parish, growing in faith or obtaining exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. **KC Council 3200 will conduct a membership drive after each Mass next weekend, February 17 & 18.** Please consider joining our council. Following each Mass there will be a member of the Knights at the entrance of the Church. Please take time to speak with them, learn more about this wonderful organization and become a member.

KCs FISH FRY FEBRUARY 23 & FRIDAYS DURING LENT THROUGH MARCH 23

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. Friday, February 23, and each Friday during Lent through Mar. 23. Price is \$6.00 a plate**, dine-in or take-out. For take-out 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 STEUBENVILLE SOUTH JUNIOR HIGH CONFERENCE - FEBRUARY 24 - 25

The first annual Junior High Conference will be held February 24 - 25 in downtown Alexandria for students in grades 5 - 8. *"Beyond the Limits"* will feature an exciting lineup of speakers and musicians including Bishop David Talley, Father John Wiltse, our host Chris Padgett, Kelly Lombardi, the Josh Blakesley Band and more! Register online at www.steubenvillesouth.com or www.diocesealex.org or call Gennie Ashy at 318-445-6424, ext. 259.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Robert Belgard, Seth Guillotte, Kenneth Kemmerly, Bonnie LeBlanc, Rodney LeBlanc, Rev. John Cunningham, Feb. 21.

NECROLOGY

Rev. Edward Deasy	+Feb. 13, 2000
Rev. Francis Couvillon	+Feb. 18, 1978
Rev. Leo Van Horn	+Feb. 21, 2006
Rev. Leopold Van Lint	+Feb. 22, 1926
Rev. A. Chorin	+Feb. 23, 1894

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEACON CANDIDATE

Luke White

SPECIAL COLLECTION - BLACK & INDIAN MISSION FEBRUARY 17 & 18

This weekend we will be taking up a collection for the Black & Indian Missions. This collection exists to help diocesan communities to build the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God. It supports parish life and catechesis,

evangelization, Catholic education, and vocations in Black and Indian Missions across the United States. Please give generously.

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, Evan Nugent, Natalie T. Wall.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Rebecca Alexander, Loraine Barham, Betty Battalora, Helen Bellino, Richard Brazil, Irene Broussard, Georgia Brown, Ann Marie Bruner, Kimberly Ann Bryant, Patricia Briggs, Marie Burns, Anna Cannella, Rosa Cannella, Brent Caplan, Wayne & Barbara Cole, Charles "Buddy" Cosenza, Daren Coutee, Joann Cumella, Kathy Cumella, Kevin Jude Cumella, Angelo R. "Brother" D'Angelo, Bob Descant, Kathyleen Dixon, Rose Marie Francis, Bernard Fontenot, Velma Galardo, John Gallent, Barbara Goff, Gloria Goff, Bobby Grant, John Gremillion, Gill Murrell, Nugent, Clea Perry, Bea Phillips, Tammy Rachal, Patsy Rayner, Mark & Alma Reitzell, Barbara Ponthier, Lou Ann Rigby, Kemal Sanli, Kenneth Smentek, Preston Stemmann, Jackie Storer, Janelle Struble, 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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