

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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SECOND 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 26:

12:05 p.m. Blade Nichols (living)

Tuesday, February 27:

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

Wednesday, February 28:

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

Thursday, March 1:

12:05 p.m. Lee Bond

Friday, March 2: First Friday

12:05 p.m. Mr. Bobby Descant (living)

Saturday, March 3: First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Bayonne

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Dr. George C. Battalora, Jr., Galardo & LaCroix Families, Albert & Marie McNamara, Jim Luczek (deceased) & Audrey Luczek (living), John L. Dunn & Gauthier Families

Sunday, March 4: Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Gordon S. Ducote, Carl T. Ducote, Debra Fonville Lamb, Deceased Members of the Altar Society

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

5:30 p.m. Walter Lafargue

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for Thomas Elliott, please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$7,904.70
Over or (Short)	\$(595.30)
Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$1,191.75
Black & Indian Mission	\$687.00

FIRST FRIDAY – MARCH 2

11:00 a.m. Holy Hour

11:15 a.m. First Friday Devotion

11:30 a.m. Confessions

12:05 p.m. Holy Mass

FIRST SATURDAY – MARCH 3

8:15 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
First Saturday Devotions

8:30 a.m. Rosary for Life
Confessions

9:00 a.m. First Saturday Mass

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 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

THE WAY OF THE CROSS – FRIDAY, MARCH 2



Please join us for the Way of the Cross at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral this Friday, March 2 at 5:30 p.m. and each Friday during this Lenten season.

KCs FISH FRY MARCH 2 & 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, March 2, 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)

SCOUT SUNDAY – MARCH 4



At the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, March 4, the Scouts will be recognized for the contributions our young people and adults give to Scouting. The Scout Sunday tradition was started to make people in the Church aware of Scouting, and to allow Scouts to live out their “Duty to God” pledge each week. The Scout Law says that a “Scout is Reverent” and the Scouts of all ages promise to do their “Duty to God”. These values strengthen youth character in their families, community and faith. A reception will follow in Xavier Hall.

PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND OCT. 1-10

Heart of Ireland - Take a spiritual adventure through our Catholic Heritage in the Emerald Isle, October 1 thru 10, 2018 with Fr. Kenneth Michiels. Pilgrimage Highlights include: Killarney and Ring of Kerry, Cathedral in Cobh, Blarney Castle, Cliffs of Moher, Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, Kylemore Abbey, Gothic Church and Gardens, Croagh Patrick, St. Patrick’s Holy Mountain, Shrine of St. Kevin, Clonmacnoise, St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Trinity College and Books of Kells. To receive an information packet with application, please contact St. Michael the Archangel in Leesville 337-239-2565.

REQUIRED ONGOING TRAINING NOTICE

This is to notify volunteers and employees who are required to maintain ongoing-training to check their online accounts to ensure they are “caught up” with all items. Assistance is always available from the safe environment office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Nannette Chenevert, Debbie Dunlap, Nancy Ferguson, Billy Fox, Diana Lamartinieri, Susan Lofton, Neil Martinez, Allison Paige, Rylee Parker, Caroline Randall, Lisa Ritchie, Samantha Waldron, Robert Welch, Deacon Ted Moulard, Mar. 1, Rev. Adam Travis, Mar. 2

NECROLOGY

Bishop Anthony Durier +Feb. 28, 1904
Rev. Emile Peufier +Feb. 28, 1910

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEACON CANDIDATE

Luke White

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND MARCH 3 - 4

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up next weekend, Saturday, March 3 and

Sunday, March 4. Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

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, Rose Marie Francis, Bernard Fontenot, Velma Galardo, John Gallent, Barbara Goff, Gloria Goff, Bobby Grant, John Gremillion, Sabastian Lachney, Gill Murrell, Evan 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.

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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