

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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January 21, 2018

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 22:

12:05 p.m. Lynn Bauman

Tuesday, January 23:

12:05 p.m. Mr. Ellis Lahood

Wednesday, January 24:

12:05 p.m. Catherine Sloan

Thursday, January 25:

12:05 p.m. John L. Dunn and Gauthier Families

Friday, January 26:

12:05 p.m. Atlas Mark Williams (living)

Saturday, January 27:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Dr. George C. Battalora, Jr., Weston Charles Johnson, Jr.

Sunday, January 28: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

5:30 p.m. The Mock Family

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for Fern L. Wilbert, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget \$8,500.00

Last Weekend's Collection \$6,079.55

Over or (Short) \$(2,420.45)

BLESSING OF THE THROATS - FEBRUARY 3 - 4



There will be a blessing of the throats on the Feast of St. Blaise, **Saturday, February 3 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass, and Sunday, February 4 after the 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Masses.**

FROM THE OFFICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP - (DIOCESE OF ALEXANDRIA)

PLEASE BE AWARE that especially during "cold and flu season" we all need to be more conscious when attending Mass. If someone does not extend his or her hand to you at the Sign of Peace, please don't take it

personally! Some of our parishioners have chronic illnesses that prohibit them from having contact with too many people, and others may be recovering from a sickness and do not want to risk spreading it. If you have a cold or other possibly contagious health issue, please consider refraining from receiving the Precious Blood. We ask that Eucharistic Servers be particularly vigilant about washing your hands. Thank you for your consideration.

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LOUISIANA LIFE MARCH CENTRAL - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

The 3rd annual Louisiana March Central will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2018. The march and accompanying program is from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. The event will begin on the grounds of Louisiana College in Pineville. The 1.6 mile march will go down Main Street toward the Jackson Street Bridge, cross the bridge and conclude at the amphitheater on the Alexandria Side of the Red River, where speakers and musicians will lead the audience in prayer for life. The Baton Rouge Life March will be held Jan 20, 2018, the Shreveport Life March will be held January 27, 2018.

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FIRST FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 2

11:00 a.m. Holy Hour

11:15 a.m. First Friday Devotions
11:30 a.m. Confessions
12:05 p.m. Holy Mass

FIRST SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 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. Holy Mass

SECOND COLLECTION - CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA - JANUARY 21 - 22

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean face many challenges, including violence and a lack of both clergy and lay leadership to witness to the gospel message. Your support shares the faith with those in need, including the youth of Holy Family Parish in San Miguel, El Salvador. These young people, at high risk for violence, often lack an education in values and critical-thinking skills. To address this need, the parish designed a youth enrichment program. Funded by the Collection, this program gives the youth an opportunity to share their faith and break the cycle of violence in their neighborhoods. Please give generously to next week's collection.

HOLY SAVIOR MENARD HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1



Holy Savior Menard High School is having its **Annual Open House on Thursday, February 1 at the gym from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Prospective parents and students are welcome to watch a school-wide presentation, take a tour of the school, and enjoy refreshments.

Louisiana Scholarships are available online at: www.louisianabelieves.org. Please call Renee Hicks at 318-445-8233 with any questions.

BISHOP TALLEY TO SPEAK AT MAGNIFICAT BRUNCH - FEBRUARY 10

Bishop Talley was raised as a Southern Baptist but has said he left the church as a teenager over the issue of racial segregation. At Auburn University he met Catholics and read the writings of Thomas Merton, which led him to become a Catholic. **Bishop David Talley will be sharing his story of conversion at the Magnificat Brunch in Avoyelles on Saturday, February 10 at the Rateau Center in Hessmer.** The breakfast will be from 9:30 a.m. until approximately 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$18.00 each. For more information on how to register, call Mary Wilson at 318-359-7735 or Contact CENLA Magnificat at cenlamagnificat@gmail.com. Check or money orders can be mailed to: Cenla Magnificat, 1462 Bordelon St, Hessmer, LA 71341. Please include a contact number with your check. **This breakfast will be open to men and women. Please join us!**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Susan Daigrepont, Celeste Dotson, L. J. Ducote, Connie Hassion, Cynthia Lamartiniere, Timothy Ledet, Rita Paul, Blake Prevot, Richard Sayer, Paul Smith.

NECROLOGY

Msgr. Francis Vanhaver	+Jan. 21, 1945
Rev. Sam Polizzi	+Jan. 21, 1999
Rev. Michael Kelly	+Jan. 24, 1854
Rev. Earnest Bailly	+Jan. 24, 1914

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, Evan Nugent, Natalie T. Wall.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Richard Alexander, Betty Battalora, Helen Bellino, Richard Brazil, Irene Broussard, Georgia Brown, Ann Marie Bruner, Kimberly Ann Bryant, Patricia Briggs, Marie Burns, 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, Gill Murrell, Nugent, Clea Perry, Bea Phillips, Tammy Rachal, Patsy Rayner, Mark & Alma Reitzell, Barbara Ponthier, Lou Ann Rigby, Kemal Sanli, Kenneth Smentek, Preston Stemmman, 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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CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Hospital