

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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FOURTH 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 29:

12:05 p.m. Melo Bueso (living)

Tuesday, January 30:

12:05 p.m. Mr. Ellis Lahood

Wednesday, January 31:

12:05 p.m. Barbara Ann Balla (living)

Thursday, February 1:

12:05 p.m. Khaled Jaber (living)

Friday, February 2: First Friday

12:05 p.m. Selma Sayer

Saturday, February 3: First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Lynn Bauman

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Dr. George C. Battalora, Jr., Galardo & LaCroix Families, Albert & Marie McNamara, Jim Luczak (deceased) & Audrie Luczak (living)

Sunday, February 4: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

5:30 p.m. Walter Lafargue

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for Helen Collins, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$8,936.00
Over or (Short)	\$436.00

SANCTUARY LAMP

Once a new chain arrives the original sanctuary lamp will hang in the center of the sanctuary.

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

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.**

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK - JANUARY 28 THRU FEBRUARY 3

Sponsored by the National Catholic Education Association, **Catholic Schools Week is an annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States.** Schools typically observe the week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contribution to Church, local communities and the nation. This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

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.louisianbelieves.org. Please call Renee Hicks at 318-445-8233 with any questions.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA - JANUARY 27 - 28

Today we will take up the **Collection for the Church in Latin America.** Your gift to the Collection will fund catechesis, youth ministry programs, and seminarian education in Latin America and the Caribbean. One participant in catechetical training, Andrea, said that the experience was informative and

enriching - the catechists were able to meet each other and share their diverse experiences. The support you give today will fund formation programs and provide opportunities for years to come. Please support the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean and be generous in today's Collection.

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.

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!**

SPECIAL COLLECTION - THE CHURCH TODAY FEBRUARY 3 - 4

Next weekend, we will be taking up a special collection for our diocesan newspaper - the Church Today. Every month, this 24-page newspaper is mailed FREE to every Catholic household in the diocese. All donations to this special collection go directly to the Church Today to help defray the cost of printing and mailing. If you, or someone you know, would like to receive the Church Today FREE each month, call 318-445-6424, ext. 255 to request it.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Holly Boone, Frank Bruno, Betty Chelette, Joann Guillotte, Jeffrey Pogue, Laurey Pogue, Arispa Rue, Brenda Steimel, Linda Vaughn, Michael Yerby, Deacon Norman Gremillion, Jan. 29, Deacon Candidate Stephen Gramigna, Jan. 30.

NECROLOGY

Deacon Charles Jones	+Jan. 25, 2001
Rev. Peter J. Besselaar	+Jan. 28, 1957
Msgr. John Vandergaer	+Jan. 28, 1983
Msgr. John Wakeman	+Jan. 28, 2001
Rev. Gerard Foley	+Jan. 29, 2006

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, Loraine Barham, 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, 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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