

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 12:

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

Tuesday, March 13:

12:05 p.m. Norma Saunders

Wednesday, March 14:

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

Thursday, March 15:

12:05 p.m. Lee Bond

Friday, March 16:

12:05 p.m. Katherine DeLaune Steely (living)

Saturday, March 17:

4:00 p.m. Flavin Family (living & deceased), Hope Farrar Kramer, Dr. George C. Battalora, Jr., Galardo & LaCroix Families, Jim Luczac (deceased) & Audrey Luczak (living), John L. Dunn & Gauthier Families, Norene Diegelman (living)

Sunday, March 18: Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R.J. Ducote, Gordon S. Ducote, Carl T. Ducote, David & Stacey Lachney, Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 3200, Fr. Sheldon Roy

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

5:30 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Bayonne

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for the Mock Family, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$10,954.31
Over or (Short)	\$2,454.31
Catholic Relief	\$1,602.00

VIRTUS TRAINING – MARCH 20

There will be a Virtus Training session on Tuesday, March 20 at 6:00 p.m., at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, Alexandria. To pre-register, go to virtus.org, and click on Registration (on left side of screen). For more information, call 445-6424 x 213.

2018 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



The Diocese of Alexandria is beginning its 2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal. This is an opportunity for us to unite with all Catholics in the Diocese and the universal church to share our blessings and to show our concern for one another. The ADA lets us act together as a family and to support programs and services no single individual or parish can offer alone. Your gift is very important, regardless of size, and is vital to the success of the Appeal. Every registered household in the diocese will receive a letter and brochure from Bishop Talley. Please take time to prayerfully consider what you are able to give in support of our diocesan church. The Cathedral goal this year is \$35,548.17. + Bishop David Talley

PARISH PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING - MARCH 12

There will be a joint meeting of the St. Francis Xavier Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils this **Monday, March 12, at 5:30 p.m. in the Rectory.**

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING – MARCH 13

The Altar Society will have their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, March 13 at 4:00 p.m.** at the Xavier Hall Building. Fr. Bill Gearheard will show a video and have a discussion talk on **Understanding the Themes of the Book of Genesis**. All attending the class are asked to bring a bible. **This talk will be given prior to the meeting at 3:00 p.m.**

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 Judgment be like, and how will we be judged? Everyone is invited to join our bible study on **Wednesday March 14, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., in the church hall.** The dates and subject content:

• Wednesday, March 14:

The Last Judgment and the New Creation

THE WAY OF THE CROSS – FRIDAY MARCH 16



Please join us for the Way of the Cross at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral this Friday, March 16 at 5:30 p.m. and each Friday during this Lenten season.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY – MARCH 16 & 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. on Friday, March 16, and each Friday during Lent through March 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)

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN TO BENEFIT THE CENLA PREGNANCY CENTER - MARCH 17 - 18

There will be a pro-life fundraising campaign on Saturday, March 17 at the 4:00 p.m. Mass, and Sunday, March 18 at the 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. Masses. Information will be given to the congregation on how you can be involved.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE - MARCH 21

There will be a Lenten Penance Service in the Cathedral on Wednesday, March 21 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Several priests will be present to hear confession.

ANNUAL RENEWAL MASS FOR PERMANENT DEACONS - MARCH 24



Bishop Talley will celebrate the Annual Renewal Mass for the Permanent Deacons on Saturday, March 24 at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral at 10:30 a.m. Please come and support your deacons at this special celebration.

REMEMBER A LOVED ONE THROUGH A MEMORIAL GIFT OF EASTER LILIES



Provide the name of the person to be remembered and place it with \$13.00 in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers." You can drop the envelope in the Mass collection basket or bring it to the parish office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Gail Callahan, Ernest Chenevert, Alaina Gallagher, Cathryn Grant, Kenneth Jeansonne, Kathleen LaCour, Michelle LaCour, Celine Lee, Andrew Mixon, Chalahand Mounzer, Jason Tassin, Julian Zona, Deacon Candidate Darrell Dubroc, Mar. 13.

NECROLOGY

None for the week.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEACON CANDIDATE

Luke White

SPECIAL COLLECTION – CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES - MARCH 10 - 11

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40). Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. The Catholic Relief Service Collection serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, in those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through your support with today's Collection, you help Jesus in disguise. Please be generous.

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, Brittney Arabie, Loraine Barham, Betty Battalora, Helen Bellino, Richard Brazil, Jerry Brodnax, 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, Cody & Scott Lachney, Sabastian Lachney, Gill Murrell, Evan Nugent, Philip Paige, Cleta Perry, Bea Phillips, Tammy Rachal, Patsy Rayner, Mark & Alma Reitzell, Barbara Ponthier, Lou Ann Rigby, Kemal Sanli, 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.

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