

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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THE FIFTH 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 19:

12:05 p.m. Joseph Anthony Mitchell (living)

Tuesday, March 20:

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

Wednesday, March 21:

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

Thursday, March 22:

12:05 p.m. Lee Bond

Friday, March 23

12:05 p.m. Marcy Lewis Olson (living)

Saturday, March 24:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Dr. George C. Battalora, Jr., Sam & Velma Galardo, Luczac Family (living & deceased), Weston Charles Johnson, Jr.

Sunday, March 25:

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

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

5:30 p.m. Stephen & Ann Vanderslice (living)

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for Earnest & Fern Wilbert, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$8,406.38
Over or (Short)	\$(93.62)
Catholic Relief	\$634.00

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.

2018 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



As Pope Francis tells us "Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus. We no longer say that we are 'disciples' and 'missionaries' but rather we are always missionary disciples." We are to serve as instruments of the New Evangelization.

These efforts are enhanced and supported through diocesan efforts. **Your gift to the 2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal is one way for you to help me and all of our faithful to give a new heart to all we encounter.** The Cathedral goal this year is \$35,548.17. + Bishop David Talley

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 about the baby bottle campaign will be delivered this weekend. Please take part in the campaign to help raise funds for Cenla Pregnancy Center, a Christian pro-life pregnancy center in Central Louisiana.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS – FRIDAY, MARCH 23



Please join us for the Way of the Cross at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral this **Friday, March 23 at 5:30 p.m.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY – 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 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)

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.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Saturday, March 24: Palm Sunday Vigil Mass

- 4:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 25: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- Masses at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

Monday, March 26

- 12:05 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, March 27: Chrism Mass

- 11:00 a.m. Only
(There is no 12:05 p.m. Mass)

Wednesday, March 28

- 12:05 p.m. Mass

Thursday, March 29: Holy Thursday – “Mass of the Lord’s Supper”

- 5:30 p.m. Only
(There is no 12:05 p.m. Mass)

Friday, March 30: Good Friday – “The Passion of the Lord”

- 3:00 p.m. Only
(There is no 12:05 p.m. Mass)

Saturday, March 31: Easter Vigil Mass

- 8:00 p.m. Only
(There is no 4:00 p.m. Mass)

Sunday, April 1: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

- Masses at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dr. John Benjamin, Shirley Bolyard, Kerry Callahan, Casey Carter, Joanie Credeur, Michael Haise, Alayha Harmson, Yvonne LaGrange, Alex Mangini, Norma McCann, Greg Pharis, Deborah Smith, Connie Stemmann, Audrie Tiffée, Deacon William Travis, Mar. 17, Rev. Marc Noel, Mar. 18

NECROLOGY

- Rev. Van Bokhoven +Mar. 20, 1932
- Rev. Andrew Andries +Mar. 23, 1904

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEACON CANDIDATE

Luke White

COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY FOR THE HOLY LAND - MARCH 30

The Congregation for Eastern Churches is urging Catholics worldwide to support the Good Friday collection for the Church in the Holy Land. Among projects supporting the holy places are the renovation of the Sanctuary of Bethany next to the tomb of Lazarus, the renovation of St. Catherine’s Church next to the Grotto of the Nativity in Bethlehem, and the planning of restoration works at the Shrine of the Transfiguration at Mount Tabor. Please support the Church in the Holy Land.

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 Elise Coco, 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, Robert Hunter, 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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