

# St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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## THIRD 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 5:

12:05 p.m. Martha Louise Cappel (living)

#### Tuesday, March 6:

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

#### Wednesday, March 7:

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

#### Thursday, March 8:

12:05 p.m. Lee Bond

#### Friday, March 9:

12:05 p.m. Caroline & Bill Demers (living)

#### Saturday, March 10:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Dr. George C. Battalora, Jr., Ethan Catteruccia, Sam & Velma Galardo, Luczak Family (living & deceased), John L. Dunn & Gauthier Families, Paula DePriest

#### Sunday, March 11: Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Gordon S. Ducote, Carl T. Ducote, Debra Fonville Lamb, Coy Pittman, David & Stacey Lachney, Fr. Shelton Roy

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	\$6,377.08
Over or (Short)	\$(2,122.92)

### 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.

### 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 7, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., in the church hall.** The dates and subject content:

- Wednesday, March 7: The Final Tribulation and the Second Coming
- Wednesday, March 14: The Last Judgment and the New Creation

### THE WAY OF THE CROSS – FRIDAY MARCH 9



Please join us for the Way of the Cross at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral this **Friday, March 9 at 5:30 p.m. and each Friday during this Lenten season.**

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY – MARCH 9 & 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 9, 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)

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS MARCH 11

Daylight Savings Time begins **2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 11.** That is when households in the United States need to turn their clocks forward one hour.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION – CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES - MARCH 10 - 11

Next week, our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection**. This Collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from the Collection help provide food to the hungry, welcome and support to displaced refugees, and invaluable life skills to those seeking a better life. **How will you help?** Next week, please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and Jesus in disguise.

## ACTS DIOCESAN COMMISSIONING MASS – SUNDAY, MARCH 11



Bishop David Talley will commission the Diocesan ACTS teams on **Sunday, March 11 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass**. Please show your support for these men and women as they continue preparing for the retreat.

## 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.

## PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND – OCTOBER 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.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Terry Antoon, Lesley Ashworth, Patrick Flavin, Megan Kelso, Dot Mickel, M. J. Monsour, Diana Pharis, Rev. Peter Kuligowski, March 5, Rev. Thomas Paul, March 7.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEACON CANDIDATE

Luke White

## NECROLOGY

Rev. Regis Gimbert	+Mar. 5, 1912
Msgr. Leon Aycock	+Mar. 6, 1961
Msgr. Joseph Roulleaux	+Mar. 9, 1918
Rev. John Girards	+Mar. 9, 1947

## SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND MARCH 3 - 4

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up, 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](mailto: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, 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.

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