

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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THIRTY-SECOND 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, November 13:

12:05 p.m. Mr. Ellis Lahood

Tuesday, November 14:

12:05 p.m. David Scalfano

Wednesday, November 15:

12:05 p.m. Joseph DeKeyzer

Thursday, November 16:

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

Friday, November 17:

12:05 p.m. Lucille Rachal

Saturday, November 18:

4:00 p.m. Sam & Velma Galardo, Hope Farrar
Kramer, Dr. George C. Battalora, Jr.,
Tim & Jerry Powdrill, Mr. & Mrs. Harry
Ducote, Catherine Sloan, Mr. Ellis
Lahood, Lunn Bauman

Sunday, Nov. 19: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

5:30 p.m. Norene Garrett

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for John L. Dunn & Gauthier Families, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$10,012.00
Over or (Short)	\$1,512.00
Restoration Fund	\$1,479.13

ALTAR SOCIETY HAS A NEW FACEBOOK GROUP

The Altar Society has a new Facebook group. To join or to see what we are about, search St. Francis Xavier Altar Society on Facebook.

ANNUAL ALTAR SOCIETY BAKE SALE – NOV. 11-12

The Cathedral Altar Society will have their annual Bake Sale in Xavier Hall, on **November 11 - 12, after the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and after the 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday.**

Donations of baked goods can be dropped off in the church hall on **Saturday between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., or before each weekend Mass.**

Please come by and support us. Your contributions help pay for the many necessary items for the upkeep of the sanctuary.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING – NOVEMBER 14

The Altar Society will have their meeting on **Tuesday, November 14, at 4:00 p.m. at Xavier Hall.** Anyone interested in becoming a member is invited to come to the meeting.

FOOD DRIVE FOR THE FOOD BANK



Boxes will be placed at the main entrance of the Cathedral for donations of non-perishable food items for the Food Bank to help provide food for **Thanksgiving. The boxes will remain through Sunday, November 19th.**

USCCB NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK - NOV. 12 - 18

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops invites families, parishes, schools, and other Catholic groups to participate in National Bible Week, November 12 - 18. Go to www.catholic.bible and take the Catholic Bible Engagement Survey, sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The short survey is designed to find out how to use and understand the Bible in your day-to-day life, so you can be better served. There is also a short "fun" quiz to test your knowledge of the bible.

LAST DAY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO FILL OUT VATICAN SURVEY - NOVEMBER 30

In preparation for the 2018 Synod on Family, a survey has been constructed by the Office of the General Secretariat of the Synod, asking the young people of the world, ages 16-29, to provide some insight into "what it is like to be a young person in the Catholic Church Today." November 30 is the last day to do this. To take the survey, go to

<http://www.usccb.org/about/bishops-and-dioceses/synod-of-bishops/synod-2018>.

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT NOVEMBER 18 - 19

Next week, our second collection will be for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 46 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to lift themselves out of poverty. By supporting this collection, you give people a hand up, not a hand out. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects including:

- 33% to Manna House
- 33% to Homeless Coalition
- 33% to Office Life and Justice

Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

JOB OPENING FOR CHIEF ACCOUNTANT

Applications are now being accepted for the job of chief accountant in the Business Office of the Diocese of Alexandria. Applicants are asked to submit a resume to David V. Brook, CPA, chief financial officer, Diocese of Alexandria at 4400 Coliseum Blvd., Alexandria, LA 71303, by Thursday, November 30, 2017. Applicants are not required to be Catholic but must have actual accounting experience. The position is expected to be filled by January 1, 2018.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TEKAKWITHA CONFERENCE

Applications for executive director of the Tekakwitha Conference located in Alexandria are being accepted now. The selected applicant will begin training April, 2018. Qualified applicants should be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Catholic Church; skilled in both administration and management; an effective written and oral communicator; and willing to become familiar with the National Tekakwitha Conference and our patroness, St. Kateri Tekakwitha. Possession of a professional degree, a working knowledge of finances and budgeting, and a theological background are preferable. Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and references by January 30, 2018 to Gail Rando (chair of the search committee) to 145 Banff Street, Bear, DE 19701 or via email at tcboard6@gmail.com

STEBENVILLE SOUTH JUNIOR HIGH CONFERENCE - FEBRUARY 24 - 25, 2018

For the first time, the Office of Steubenville South will offer a junior high conference, February 24 - 25, 2018, titled "Beyond the Limits" featuring Chris Padgett as host. More details will be provided later, but for now - save the date!

STEBENVILLE SOUTH 2018 REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Go to the website at www.steubenvillesouth.com to register.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Alice Andrews, Pam Brossett, Marcela Caraveo, Kirby DesOrmeaux, Louise Laborde, Judy Mathews, June Melancon, Mary Gail Randall, Christine Tassin, Justin Waldron, Luke

White, Rev. Kurian Zachariah, Nov. 12, Rev. Bartholomew Ibe, Nov. 13, Rev. Peter Faulk, Nov. 14

LITURGICAL CALENDAR NOW ONLINE

Check out the new Liturgical Calendar on the Diocese of Alexandria website. Liturgical feast days are marked on the calendar as well as special liturgical Masses or events held at churches throughout the diocese.

Check it out at www.diocesealex.org/liturgical-calendar

NECROLOGY

Msgr. Paul Nothofer,	+Nov. 7, 1956
Rev. Lawrence Bonin	+Nov. 8, 1967
Msgr. Thomas Early	+Nov. 8, 2004
Rev. Joseph Scherer	+Nov. 9, 1984

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 Gadoway, Garrett Gilchrist, Andrew Hill, Jeffrey Kelso, Natalie T. Wall.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Betty Battalora, Helen Bellino, Irene Broussard, Ann Marie Bruner, Kimberly Ann Bryant, Rosa Cannella, Brent Caplan, Wayne & Barbara Cole, 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, Bobby Grant, Helena Ledet, Delta Maillet, Gill Murrell, Cieta Perry, Bea Phillips, Barbara Ponthier, Tammy Rachal, Patsy Rayner, Mark & Alma Reitzell, Kemal Sanli, Kenneth Smentek, Jackie Storer, 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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