

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Father James Ferguson, JCL, Rector • Father William Gearheard, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Richard Mitchell • Deacon Luke White

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 20:

12:05 p.m. Lady Elizabeth Agosto

Tuesday, July 21:

12:05 p.m. William J. Gearheard, Sr.

Wednesday, July 22:

12:05 p.m. H.A. Catteruccia, Sr.

Thursday, July 23:

12:05 p.m. Jack Adcock

Friday, July 24:

12:05 p.m. Ben Van Mol

Saturday, July 25:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, George & Betty Battalora, Elsie Poche, Galardo & LaCroix Families, Weston Charles Johnson, Jr., Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Rachael Brouillette, Carl A. Jeansonne, Sr., W.E. Jones (living)

Sunday, July 26: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Gordon S. Ducote, Jasmine Anderson, R.J. Ducote, Mrs. Mary Alice Corame, T.H. Racine, Gary Keifer, Ernie & Fern Wilbert

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

5:30 p.m. Jean L. Lively

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for **First Responders**, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$7,134.00
Over or (Short)	\$(1,366.00)

Thank you for your generosity!

CONFESSIONS

Confessions are 30 minutes before Daily Masses, Saturday from 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., and Sunday from 4:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. in the Confessional.

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS IN CHRIST

On Monday, July 13, Governor Edwards issued a state order that mandates the wearing of masks or facial coverings while in public with exceptions for certain individuals. Archbishop Aymond, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Alexandria, finds it wise and prudent to follow the decisions that have been implemented by the state. Therefore, beginning July 13, Archbishop Aymond is requesting that the people who choose to come to Mass wear masks, except for those exempt in the Governor's order.

There are people who may be skeptical and disagree with these decisions, yet the fact is that wearing masks greatly lowers the transmission of Covid-19. So this is an opportunity to practice the virtue of charity, which St. Thomas Aquinas defined as "willing the good of another." Seeking to protect the health and well-being of others by wearing masks is truly an act of "willing the good of another," even though they may feel uncomfortable, be inconvenient, or a distraction to wear.

The current safety rules of social distancing of six feet, especially sitting in every other pew, remains in effect. Please remain in your pews during the distribution of Holy Communion; the clergy or extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion will come to you. Finally, the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still available for those who need it, especially the elderly, the infirm and those in the higher risk categories.

The Church will be cleaned and disinfected after each Holy Mass.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding, which allows us to serve you, our beloved parish community in the varied ways needed at this time. And I wish you and your loved ones continued blessings of good health, peace and the love of our Heavenly Father. — Fr. Ferguson.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL IS LIVE STREAMING

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral will be live-streaming the Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass on its Facebook page. **The dispensation from the obligation to participate in Sunday Mass is extended to every one until further notice.**

MASS SCHEDULES FOR THE CATHEDRAL

The weekday Mass schedules are Monday thru Friday at 12:05 p.m. The weekend Mass schedules are Saturday Anticipated Mass at 4:00 p.m., Sunday Masses at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. With the state in Phase Two, this means that the number of persons gathered in Church can be 50% of the total occupancy which is about 140 people per Mass. Also we must continue to observe social distancing which requires persons to be six feet apart. The only exception to this is people living in the same household.

DONNIE KUZMAN TO RECEIVE CANDIDACY FOR HOLY ORDERS - JULY 24

Seminarian Donnie Kuzma will be admitted to Candidacy for Holy Orders by Archbishop Aymond on Friday, July 24, 2020 at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral at the 12:05 p.m. Mass. Candidacy is a public statement on behalf of the Church that recognizes a seminarian as a suitable prospect for priesthood, and it is a public declaration of the seminarian that he will deepen his commitment to discernment of Holy Orders as he prepares to begin his studies in theology. **The Mass is open to the public and will be livestreamed on the Cathedral Facebook page.** Please pray for Donnie as he prepares to make this next step in his formation for priesthood for our diocese.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - SPECIAL MINISTRIES JULY 18 - 19

This weekend there will be a special collection for Special Ministries. This collection provides for the needs of the missions within our own diocese. There are civil parishes and other areas that have very few Catholics. There are also rural areas where only elderly remain and the population is dwindling. **You are asked to let your charity begin at home so that assistance can be given to these needy areas to sustain the Gospel message.** Please be generous in today's Collection.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - MANNA HOUSE - JULY 25 - 26

Next weekend, there will be a special collection for the Manna House. **The Manna House is an ecumenical community volunteer effort to feed the hungry in the area.** Open 7 days a week, 365 days a year, the Manna House serves the hungry every day of the year, and "no questions asked." Please be generous and support this ministry.

BIRTHDAYS – July 19 – July 25

Denise Bordelon, Donald Deville, Lucille Ducote, Janet Marcantel, Stephen St. Pierre, Betty Veillon, Nicholas Zona, Rev. Taylor Reynolds, July 22

NECROLOGY – July 19 – July 25

Rev. F. Vernon Bordelon +July 23, 1991
Dcn. Ray Gibson +July 23, 2017
Rev. Thomas J. Connors +July 25, 1962

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEACON ASPIRANTS

Jason Lavergne, and Alex Mangini

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: Jr., Brent Marcus Barbour, Byron P. Barbour, Quincy Bordelon, Kevin Burnett, James Domzalski, II, Garrett Gilchrist, Andrew Hill, Caleb Holloway, Jeffrey Kelso, Chad McCann, Co. G-2-238, Evan Nugent, Simon Pelto, Matthew Raines, Kevin Raines, Natalie T. Wall

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Vera Jackson Alexander, Glenn Andrew, Brittney Arabie, June Atwood, Hailey Avila, Loraine Barham, Helen Bellino, Jasemine Benjamin, John Bordelon, Richard Brazil, Patricia Briggs, Irene Broussard, Marie Bruner, Kimberly Ann Bryant, Sheree Brye, Timothy Bullock, Marie Burns, Enrico Cannella, Chere Carnahan, Dr. Clement Carrol, Adam Clavrie, Ashley Coburn, Elise Coco, Wayne & Barbara Cole, Daren Coutee, Linda Coutee, Joann Cumella, Kathy Cumella, Angelo R. "Brother" D'Angelo, Brenda Ducote, Debby & Dee Dee Dunlap, Cecile Dunn, Mary Simon Dupas, Alex Ekermeier, Gary Elliott, Rose Marie Francis, Randy Frank, Bernard Fontenot, John Gallent, Ruth Gilchrist, Barbara Goff, Ann Gonzales, Gloria Goff, Mike Grant, John Gremillion, Carolyn Harger, Joseph Herzog, Melvin Hicks, Brenda Bacon Jackson, W.E. Jones, Wright Kemmerly, Cody & Scott Lachney, Kimberly Lemoine, Audrey Luczak, Bobbie Maddox, Michael Maples, Nate Maples, John Marzullo, Linda McCain, Ann McQuagge, Emma Medlin, Brenda Mercer, Dean Donna Nelson, Evan Nugent, Michael Perry, Jr., Clela Perry, Barbara Pontheaux, Paul Pontheaux, Shirley Price, Mary Simon Pupas, Tammy Rachal, Mark & Alma Reitzell, Bennett Roland, Jr., Diane Rabalais, Richard Reed, Jr., Annetta Richardson, Lou Ann Rigby, Andrew Sanli, Kemal Sanli, Maurice Slaughter, Preston Stemmann, Mamie Sterkx, Jackie Storer, Janelle Struble, J. B. Theriot, Chris Tidwell, Olga Velarde, C.E. (Judge) Wallace, Tom Webb, Robert Welch, Nettie Marie Williams, Ruby J. Williams, Carol Willis, Kenneth Wood, Corey Young.

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 Wed. of the Month at 318-445-1451 x 14. If we do not hear from you, we will assume that your family member may be taken off the list.

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318-487-0001

Mon. - Thur. 11:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Fri. - Sat. 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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