

# St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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## THIRTY-THIRD 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, November 16:**

12:05 p.m. Carolyn Harger (living)

**Tuesday, November 17:**

12:05 p.m. Lucille Rachal

**Wednesday, November 18:**

12:05 p.m. Martha Lee

**Thursday, November 19:**

12:05 p.m. Shirley Rini

**Friday, November 20:**

12:05 p.m. Frank Moses

**Saturday, November 21:**

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Galardo & LaCroix Families, George & Betty Battalora, Leonard Michiels, Rachael Brouillette, Carl A. Jeanson, Sr., W.E. Jones (living), Vanessa Adkinson (living)

**Sunday, November 22: Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe**

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Gordon S. Ducote, Jasmine Anderson, R.J. Ducote, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir, Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 3200

11:00 a.m. People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

5:30 p.m. All USA Service Men & Women  
(living & deceased)

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for The Deceased Member of SFX Cathedral Choir, please remember them in your prayers.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$ 8,924.58
Over or (Short)	\$ 424.58
Radio Maria	\$ 804.00

Thank you for your generosity!

### FROM THE PASTOR

In today's gospel Jesus says, "You have been faithful over a little. I will set you over much." In other words, do a good job with the little things assigned to you; then bigger and better opportunities and rewards will be given you.

Every servant in the parable receives a talent. Even the smallest talent is worth using. Today's gospel addresses those smaller talents. It tells us that even though they do not compare with our bigger gifts, those small gifts are still worth using.

Small things are important: Perhaps you are dealing with sickness or pressures of growing older. When you look at the energy you once had compared to the energy you have today, today's energy is small. What used to be easy now requires effort. What used to be spontaneous now requires careful planning. Strength used to be abundant, now it is limited, small. The gospel says that even though your strength may be small it is still valuable. You should still invest it with all of your heart, believing that by giving the little you have God will bless you and bless others.

Perhaps you are going through a difficult time. You have a good job and a good family, but you worry about the future. You worry about what is to come. Hope is in short supply. The gospel today says even if your hope is small, it still has value. Lift it up, share it with others, and believe in its power. Believing in that hope, investing in that hope will not be in vain.

Everyone receives a gift, and even the smallest gifts are worth using. Even when they look small or diminished, they can still carry a power that is beyond our perception. But that power can be released when we use what we have been given. So look at your gifts, even the small ones. Do not be afraid to invest them. If you do they will bless you and bless others, and you will hear the words that were heard by the servants in today's gospel, "Well done my good and faithful servant." Have a blessed week. Fr. Ferguson

### MASS FOR THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3200

This weekend the 9:00 a.m. Mass is being held for the Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council 3200. We take this time to honor and pray for all the deceased members who have been an integral part of our parish.

## OTHER LITURGIES AND GATHERINGS

Everyone attending **baptisms, weddings and funerals** should take extra precautions at this time, including wearing a mask and social distancing of at least six feet, except for members of the same household. The clergy will provide specific guidance to assist families and couples in planning these liturgies and other gatherings.

## FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral subscribed to Flocknotes several weeks ago. Flocknotes is an email and text message application that allows you to receive news and information from the Cathedral. It is free. You can sign up to receive the weekly bulletin and the Sunday Mass Liturgy Guide, plus receive other notifications from the church.

If you are interested in receiving information via this platform, please go to [flocknote.com](http://flocknote.com) and search either by City (Alexandria) or the Zip Code (71301) and sign up there. You can unsubscribe anytime. If you have any questions or need assistance with getting set up, please send an email to Deacon Richard Mitchell at [dcnmitchell@diocesealex.org](mailto:dcnmitchell@diocesealex.org). Try it out! Stay connected!

Also, we are now live-streaming the 9AM Sunday Masses via Facebook, Youtube and at [sfxcathedral.org](http://sfxcathedral.org).

## SPECIAL COLLECTION - CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT - NOVEMBER 22

Next week our special collection will support the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. Forty million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

## PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND JAN. 15 - 23, 2021

Join us for a journey of a lifetime on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. The Scriptures will come alive as you visit Our Lord's homeland. It is an encounter that has changed the lives of many pilgrims, and it is an act of faith and prayer. Your spiritual director for this trip is Fr. John Wiltse, pastor of St. Mary's Assumption Church, Cottonport. For more information, call 337-291-1933 or visit [www.holytravels.org/tour/stmaryscottonport](http://www.holytravels.org/tour/stmaryscottonport).

## ALL AMERICAN SCHOLAR AWARD DEADLINE MARCH 1, 2021

The All American Scholar Award is granted to 35 graduating high school seniors. Each scholarship is worth \$1,000 and is designed to help offset tuition costs for young Catholic Life members. Applicants must be seeking to attend an accredited college or university the fall semester immediately following their high school graduation.

A complete list of criteria and application forms may be downloaded at [www.cliu.com](http://www.cliu.com). For more information, please contact Megan Real in the Communications Department at (800) 262-2548 or (210) 828-9921 ext. 141 or email [branch@cliu.com](mailto:branch@cliu.com).

## PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE - JUNE 2 - 11, 2021

The pilgrimage with Fr. Martin Laird to Lourdes, France has been rescheduled for June 2-11, 2021. In Lourdes, experience the Grotto and Way of the Cross, and visit the Basilica of St. Thérèse in Lisieux. In Paris, see Sacre Coeur and the Miraculous Medal Chapel, as well as cruise down the Seine River.

Request more information by calling (337) 291-1933 or visit [www.holytravels.org/materdolorosa](http://www.holytravels.org/materdolorosa).

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY – November 15 – November 21

Alice Andrews, Geri Babin, Pam Brossett, Kirby DesOrmeaux, Gary Laborde, Louise Laborde, Angela Lavergne, Judy Mathews, Madeline Pharis, Mary Gail Randall, Christine Tassin, Joe Veillon, Steven White

## NECROLOGY – November 15 – November 21

Rev. Jean M. Ledreux +Nov. 16, 1884

Rev. Roy L. DeCaigny +Nov. 20, 1959

## DIOCESAN CODE OF PASTORAL CONDUCT FOR CLERGY, PASTORAL MINISTERS, ADMINISTRATORS, STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

*The Diocesan Code of Pastoral Conduct for Priests, Deacons, Pastoral Ministers, Administrators, Staff and Volunteers*, can be accessed under Downloadable Documents in the Safe Environment section of the diocesan website.

## 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](mailto: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

Glenn Andrew, Carol Brossett, Shree Bbye, Linda Cazes, Jo Ann Cumella, Kathy Cumella, Carolyn Harger, Linda McCain, Ann McQuagge, Kelly Miller, Lou Ann Rigby, Andrew & Kemal Sanli, Wade Swart, J. B. Theriot

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