

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 23:

12:05 p.m. Walter Randall

Tuesday, November 24:

12:00 p.m. Funeral for Fr. Jose' Robles-Sanchez

Wednesday, November 25:

12:05 p.m. Clergy of the Diocese of Alexandria

Thursday, November 26: Thanksgiving Day

9:00 a.m. only People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

Friday, November 27:

12:05 p.m. Lawrence Steven Guillory, Jr.

Saturday, November 28:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Galardo & LaCroix Families, George & Betty Battalora, Leonard & Michiels, Rachael Brouillette, Carl A. Jeansonne, Sr., W.E. Jones (living), Vanessa Adkinson (living), Charles "Judge" Wallace, Joseph Voorhies, Re. José Robles-Sanchez

Sunday, Nov. 29: First Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Gordon S. Ducote, Jasmine Anderson, R.J. Ducote, Paula DePriest, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir, Charles "Judge" Wallace, Joseph Voorhies, Re. José Robles-Sanchez

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

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

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for the deceased members of the SFX Cathedral Choir, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$7,755.41
Over or (Short)	\$(744.41)

Thank you for your generosity!

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES:

Charles "Judge" Wallace, Joseph Voorhies, Rev. Jose' Robles Sanchez

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (Lamentations 3:22-23)

This Thursday, November 26, we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. It is a time set aside to acknowledge all the blessings we have received. This year Thanksgiving takes on a new meaning. The blessings we have received this year are overshadowed by the "new normal" created by the coronavirus. The words from Lamentations remind us that the love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never end. Not only that, but God's mercies are new every morning. Remembering this makes waking up in the morning a cause for gratitude. Great is God's faithfulness today, tomorrow, and forever.

However and whenever we choose to celebrate Thanksgiving Day this year, let us remember it is a time to remember all the blessings in our lives. This year Thanksgiving celebrations may look different from the celebrations in past years. We may find it harder to celebrate than in previous years, but we will find we have more to be thankful for than we realize. Above all else, let us remember that God's faithfulness remains the ultimate blessing. God walks with us always.

Happy Thanksgiving! Praying God's faithful blessing on you and your loved ones!

The Clergy and Staff of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral.

Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at 9 AM only. Father Ferguson will be away the week of Thanksgiving and will return the weekend of November 29th. The Church office will be closed from Noon Wednesday, November 25 through Friday, November 27.

DEATH OF FATHER JOSE' ROBLES-SANCHEZ

It is with deep sadness that we announce the death of Father José Robles-Sánchez, who passed away Wednesday morning at Rapides Regional Medical Center. Visitation will be held at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral Tuesday, November 24 from 9 AM until time of the Funeral Mass at 12:00 Noon. Due to the COVID guidelines and social distancing the Cathedral can only hold 150 people. Unfortunately, we will have to turn people away at the door if we exceed that number. However, the funeral Mass will be live-streamed on the Cathedral website, <https://sfxcathedral.org> and at the Diocese of Alexandria website, www.diocesealex.org.

We ask your continued prayers for the repose of the soul of Fr. José and for the consolation of his family. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Your eternal light shine upon him. Amen.

WELCOME FATHER JON JENKINS

Fr. Jon Jenkins is a priest of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter who is visiting family in the area this week. He will be saying the daily Masses here on Wednesday, November 25 and Friday, November 27, and the 9 AM Sunday Mass on November 29.

FOOD DRIVE FOR THE FOOD BANK



Boxes have been placed at the main entrance of the Cathedral for donations of non-perishable food items for the Food Bank to help provide food for the needy. **You may**

drop off your canned goods in the main entrance of the church by the weekend of November 28-29.

PRIESTS CONVOCATION

The priests of the Diocese of Alexandria will be attending a Priests Convocation at Maryhill on Monday, November 30. **Mass will be offered at 12:05 p.m. in the Cathedral.**

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.

BIRTHDAYS - NOVEMBER 22 - NOVEMBER 28

Kenneth Babin, Cheryl Crooks, Gary Elliott, Ruth Gilchrist, Linda Kemmerly, Ronald Mayeaux, Shirley Price, Ivette Sologaistoa, Trudy Young

NECROLOGY - NOVEMBER 22 - NOVEMBER 28

Rev. Paul B. Smith +Nov. 23, 1996
Msgr. Gerard Joseph Ducote +Nov, 27, 1979

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.

FIRST FRIDAY - DECEMBER 4

11:00 a.m. Holy Hour
11:00 a.m. First Friday Devotions
11:15 a.m. Confessions
12:05 p.m. Holy Mass

FIRST SATURDAY - DECEMBER 5

8:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

First Saturday Devotions
8:30 a.m. Rosary for Life
Confessions
9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND DECEMBER 5 - 6

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up, **Saturday, December 5 and Sunday, December 6**. Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

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 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. Try it out! Stay connected!

Also, we are now live-streaming the 9AM Sunday Masses via Facebook, Youtube and at sfxcathedral.org.

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: Known military are Brent Marcus Barbour, Byron P. Barbour, Quincy Bordelon, Kevin Burnett, James Domzalski, II, 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 Brye, Linda Cazes, Jo Ann Cumella, Kathy Cumella, Ruth Gilchrist, Carolyn Harger, Linda McCain, Ann McQuagge, Kelly Miller, Lou Ann Rigby, Andrew & Kemal Sanli, Wade Swart, J. B. Theriot

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