

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 Luke White

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 9:

12:05 p.m. Martha Lee

Tuesday, November 10:

12:05 p.m. Steve Fonville

Wednesday, November 11:

12:05 p.m. Timothy Hollingsworth

Thursday, November 12:

12:05 p.m. Shirley Rini

Friday, November 13:

12:05 p.m. Marilyn F. Nugent

Saturday, November 14:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, George & Betty Battalora, Rachael Brouillette, Carl A. Jeanson, Sr., W.E. Jones (living), Vanessa Adkinson (living), Martha Lee, Steve Fonville, Sam Damico, Jr.

Sunday, Nov. 15: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Gordon S. Ducote, Jasmine Anderson, R.J. Ducote, Mike Killian, Paula DePriest, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir, Martha Lee, Steve Fonville, Sam Damico, Jr.

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

5:30 p.m. Connie Randall

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for victims of Hurricane Laura and Hurricane Sally, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$8,638.00
Over or (Short)	\$138.00
Restoration Fund	\$1,445.00

Thank you for your generosity!

FROM THE PASTOR

Our readings today provide some guidance for living in these times, but the message is not about being prepared for safeguarding our physical well-being. It is an encouraging message about preparing ourselves for that wonderful time when the Lord Jesus shall return, and we will live forever with Him in heaven.

The Book of Wisdom, today's first reading, tells us that if we consistently seek God's wisdom, we will find hope in what we learn. This hope allows us to be free from care because we learn to trust that our loving God is with us no matter what the future holds, and God awaits to welcome us into his Kingdom at the end of our lives.

What we learn from Wisdom is relevant to Jesus' words in today's Gospel. The parable of the wise and foolish virgins provides a lesson about the importance of making wise choices every day. The oil represents these choices – if we live our lives consistently seeking wisdom because we believe in Christ and seek to grow in love for Him, it transforms us. We become more like Christ. As we imitate his care and compassion for others, especially the most vulnerable, our lamps will overflow with the oil of our kind deeds and choices. Our oil will not run out. We will be prepared. We will have enough to keep our lamps lit and be ready to greet the Lord when He arrives.

In this ever-changing world in which we live, and in the midst of so much that we cannot control, one thing is certain and ought to fill us with peace and consolation: Christ will come again! With God's help and the grace of the Holy Spirit, we pray: for wisdom; to make wise choices; and to keep our lamps full for the time when the call will arise, "Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet Him!"
Prayerfully yours, Fr. Ferguson

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED VETERANS DAY – NOV. 11

In observance of Veteran's Day the St. Francis Xavier Rectory will be closed, **Wednesday, November 11. Daily Mass will be celebrated at 12:05 p.m. as regular.**

ALTAR SOCIETY BAKE SALE CANCELLED

We regret to say that the annual Altar Society Bake Sale has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. We hope to return to our annual bake sale next year in November, 2021.

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 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - RADIO MARIA - NOV. 8

This week we will be taking up a collection for Radio Maria. The mission of Radio Maria is to help communicate God's divine love and mercy for all through their programming: the Liturgy of Hours; the celebration of Mass (which is broadcast live every day), and the Holy Rosary. Radio Maria also provides catechesis and covers topics concerning the profession of faith, social issues, programs of human and social development, as well as news from the Church and society. Several programs are hosted by local parishioners and clergy. Now more than ever, it is important to reach those who find themselves home bound. Radio Maria has no commercial advertising and receives no funding from any other source. Funding is 100 percent dependent on the generosity of our listeners. Please give generously.

DIOCESAN CODE OF PASTORAL CONDUCT FOR PRIESTS, DEACONS, 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT - NOVEMBER 15

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.

BIRTHDAYS – NOVEMBER 8 – NOVEMBER 14

Dorothy Brown, Marcela Caraveo, Ruth Gilchrist, Joseph Hunter, Lisa Laborde, June Melancon, Alyssa Prevot, Michael Robichaux, Joseph Vaughn, Justin Waldron, Sammie White, Rev. Kurian Zachariah, Nov. 12

NECROLOGY – NOVEMBER 8 – NOVEMBER 14

Rev. Lawrence Anthony Bonin	+Nov. 8, 1967
Msgr. Thomas Frederick Early	+Nov. 8, 2004
Rev. Louis Gagnard	+Nov. 8, 2008
Rev. Joseph P. Scherer	+Nov. 9, 1984
Rev. Julius Janeau	+Nov. 14, 1878
Msgr. M. Paul Nothofer	+Nov. 7, 1956

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, 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 Brye, 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

The Prayers for the Sick has been started over. If you want the name of a family member who is ill to be remembered in prayer in the weekly church bulletin, please call 318-445-1451 x 14 by Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. to be included in the upcoming weekly church bulletin.

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