

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

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

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 28:

12:05 p.m. Sam & Myrtle DeBona

Tuesday, December 29:

12:05 p.m. Jim Curley

Wednesday, December 30:

12:05 p.m. Selma Sayer

Thursday, December 31: The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Vigil Mass (no 12:05 Mass today)

4:00 p.m. People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

Friday, January 1: The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God & First Friday

11:00 a.m. Exposition and First Friday devotions

11:15 a.m. Confessions

12:05 p.m. Holy Mass

5:30 p.m. Holy Mass

Saturday, January 2: First Saturday

8:00 a.m. Exposition and First Saturday devotions

8:30 a.m. Rosary for Life and Confessions

9:00 a.m. Lee Ray Coleman

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Sam & Velma Galardo, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, George & Betty Battalora, Carl A. Jeanson, Sr., W.E. Jones (living), Vanessa Adkinson (living), Rachael Brouillette, "Judge" Wallace, Rev. Jose' Robles-Sanchez, Benito Sandoval, Simeon Sandoval

Sunday, January 3: Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Gordon S. Ducote, Jasmine Anderson, R.J. Ducote, Paula DePriest, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Altar Society, Leila Kramer, Benito Sandoval, Simeon Sandoval

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

5:30 p.m. Martha Lee

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for the People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral Parish, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$ 9,417.25
Over or (Short)	\$ 917.25

Thank you for your generosity!

A WORD OF THANKS

Many sincere thanks to all who made these wonderful Christmas celebrations possible: the Cathedral choir, altar servers, and ushers; to the Knights of Columbus Council 3200, the Ladies Altar Society and all who decorated the church. I am so grateful to all of our parishioners and friends of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral for your involvement and support. I wish everyone blessings of good health, God's blessings, and great happiness in 2021. Fr. Ferguson.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD – JANUARY 1, 2021 -- FIRST FRIDAY



The 1ST of January, 2021 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. There will be three Masses offered at the Cathedral:

- Thursday, December 31 – 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
- Friday, January 1
 - 11:00 a.m. Exposition and First Friday devotions
 - 11:15 a.m. Confessions
 - 12:05 p.m. Holy Mass
 - 5:30 p.m. Holy Mass

FIRST SATURDAY - JANUARY 2

- 8:00 a.m. Exposition, First Saturday devotions
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary for Life and Confessions
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND JANUARY 2 & JANUARY 3

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up, **Saturday, January 2 and Sunday, January 3**. Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

VIRTUS AWARENESS TRAINING - JANUARY 12

There will be a Virtus Awareness training session on **Tuesday, January 12, at 6:00 p.m.**, at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria. To pre-register, go to www.virtus.org.

NOTE: Masks must be worn the entire session, which typically lasts 2.5 to 3 hours. Seating will be one (1) person per table (spouses may sit together). A maximum of ONLY 15 adults will be allowed to attend each session. Minors are not

allowed to attend because of the adult content of the videos and discussions.

HOLY SAVIOR MENARD HIGH SCHOOL - JOB OPENING - CAFETERIA TECHNICIAN

Holy Savior Menard High School needs a cafeteria technician. To apply or for more information, contact Janet Burgess at (318) 445-6424, ext. 234

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. 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.

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.

MARYHILL LEGACY BRICKS NOW AVAILABLE!

A great gifting opportunity! These beautiful, personalized and engraved commemorative Maryhill Legacy Bricks make the perfect year round gift! These commemorative paver bricks will be installed and displayed at the entrance of the main chapel as a permanent legacy at Maryhill Renewal Center. Order your Maryhill Legacy Brick, call Deacon Luke White or online at www.diocesealex.org/maryhill-legacy-bricks/

VIRTUS FLYERS IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

We have VIRTUS flyers available in the back of the church that gives information and contact numbers to help protect God's children from Child Abuse.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – December 27 – January 2

Cathy Littleton, Savannah Pogue, Mary Ann Rabalais, Travis Michelle, Kyle Birdsall, John Maples, Dorris McArthur, Grace McCullough

NECROLOGY – December 27 – January 2

Dcn. Normand Gremillion +Dec. 27, 2018
Rev. Charles F. Degnan +Dec. 29, 1923
Msgr. Patrick J. Murphy +Dec. 29, 2009
Rev. Richard H. Seymour +Jan. 1, 1962

Rev. Michael Prevot

+Jan. 2, 1951

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEACON ASPIRANTS

Jason Lavergne, and Alex Mangini

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.

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: 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, Chere Carnahan, Linda Cazes, Jo Ann Cumella, Kathy Cumella, Ruth Gilchrist, Carolyn Harger, Audrey Luczak, Linda McCain, Ann McQuagge, Kelly Miller, Lou Ann Rigby, Andrew & Kemal Sanli, Wade Swart, J. B. Theriot

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