

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 21:

12:05 p.m. Sam & Myrtle Debona

Tuesday, December 22:

12:05 p.m. Jim Curley

Wednesday, December 23:

12:05 p.m. Selma Sayer

Thursday, December 24: Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Priests Intentions

6:00 p.m. Priests Intentions

12:00 Midnight Priests Intentions

Fri., Dec. 25: The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. Priests Intentions

11:00 a.m. Priests Intentions

5:30 p.m. Priests Intentions

Saturday, December 26:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Weston Charles Johnson, Jr., Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, George & Betty Battalora, Leonard Michiels, Carl A. Jeansonne, Sr., W.E. Jones (living), Vanessa Adkinson (living), Rachael Brouillette, Charles "Judge" Wallace, Leila Cullen Kramer

Sunday, December 27: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Gordon S. Ducote, Jasmine Anderson, R.J. Ducote, Paula DePriest, Steven Fonville, Marie Elise Pearce, Jim Curley, Leila Cullen Kramer, Benito Sandoval, Simeon Sandoval

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

5:30 p.m. Martha Lee

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for Healthcare Professionals, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$10,860.00
Over or (Short)	\$2,360.00
Retired Religious	\$916.00

Thank you for your generosity!

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL

Blessings of hope and peace this Christmas season. Due to the COVID-19 guidelines and social distancing, the Cathedral will not be able to accommodate the large crowds that are typically here on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. **Thus, we are limiting crowds to 150 people.**

However, we will offer six (6) Christmas Masses.

Please note that we cannot ignore the social distancing and mask-wearing guidelines that are in effect.

It would be an understatement to say this has been a challenging year for all of us. The coronavirus has affected our families and parish in so many ways. In the midst of these difficult times, I would like to thank all our parishioners for the support, love, and generosity you've shown our Cathedral parish

The clergy and staff of the Cathedral would like to wish all of you a safe and blessed Christmas.

– Father Ferguson

SCHEDULE OF THE SIX CHRISTMAS MASSES

(Note that we have added a 6:00 PM Christmas Vigil Mass this year due to COVID guidelines and social distancing)

Christmas Vigil Masses

Thursday, December 24, 2020

(No 12:05 p.m. Daily Mass)

4:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass

6:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass

12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Masses

Friday, December 25, 2020

9:00 a.m. Christmas Mass

11:00 p.m. Christmas Mass

5:30 p.m. Christmas Mass

(We will also live-stream the Christmas Midnight Mass and the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day. Bishop Marshall will celebrate the Midnight Mass).

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 24 - 25

The Church Office will be closed **Thursday, December 24 through Friday, December 25**. The clergy and Cathedral staff wish you a safe and blessed Christmas.

– Fr. Ferguson

**SPECIAL COLLECTION - CHURCH VOCATIONS
DECEMBER 25**

Traditionally at all Christmas Masses, a second collection is taken throughout our diocese for the education and formation of our priests. Through the Church Vocations collections, your generosity and prayers allow the church to continue to provide priests, sisters and brothers to serve our spiritual and physical needs. Please be generous.

**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

**REMEMBER A LOVED ONE THROUGH A MEMORIAL
GIFT OF CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**



Provide the name of the person to be remembered and place it with \$13.00 in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers." You can drop the envelope in the Mass collection basket or bring it to the parish.

BIRTHDAYS - DECEMBER 20 - DECEMBER 26

Rebecca Eskew, Maxine Grass, Patricia Joseph, Tommy LaGrange, Hendrix LaHood, Louis Marien, Elizabeth McSween, Loretta Paul, Mary Ann Rabalais, Cheryl Randall, Van Tassin, Rev. Jason Gootee, Dec. 20, Rev. Derek Ducote, Dec. 20, Dec. 20, Rev. Nino Viviano, Dec. 21, Rev. Stephen Brandow, Dec. 25

NECROLOGY - DECEMBER 20 - DECEMBER 26

Rev. Lucien George Morel +Dec. 21, 1963
Rev. L. (Julien) Gallop +Dec. 22, 1897
Rev. Louis Amedee Voorhies +Dec. 22, 2005
Rev. Joseph Amadee Jacquet +Dec. 25, 1925
Rev. J. A. Demers +Dec. 25, 1957

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

If you are interested in receiving information via Flocknotes, 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 – 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.

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, 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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