

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 18:

12:05 p.m. Chase Carnahan (living)

Tuesday, January 19:

12:05 p.m. Melvin Hicks, Jr.

Wednesday, January 20:

12:05 p.m. Bishop Charles P. Greco

Thursday, January 21:

12:05 p.m. John Kyle Rodriguez

Friday, January 22:

12:05 p.m. Edna Catteruccia

Saturday, January 23:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila C. Kramer, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, George & Betty Battalora, Charles "Judge" Wallace, Rev. Jose' Robles-Sanchez, Bob Eberle, Carl A. Jeanson, Sr., William Jones Family (living & deceased), Gail Ann Deville

Sunday, January 24: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Luke Letlow, Tinsley Ducote Family, George Taylor Roberts, Paula DePriest, Dennis Richard, Marilyn Mansour Karam, Leonard Luneau, Ida Malone Luneau, Betty Ponthieux, Gail Ann Deville

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

5:30 p.m. John Gauthier

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for John Gauthier, please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$8,752.41
Over or (Short)	\$252.41
Church Vocations	\$2,337.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Gail Ann Deville

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY - MONDAY, JANUARY 18

The Church Office will be closed **Monday, January 18, for Martin Luther King Day** and will re-open on Tuesday, January 19.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN - FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

The over 56 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a "throwaway culture." However, we have great trust in God's providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord's help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or almsgiving.

In commemoration of the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, St. Francis Xavier Cathedral will hold a Holy Hour for Life, beginning at 11:00 AM, followed by Holy Mass at 12:05 PM. Confessions will be heard at 11:30 AM.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN - JANUARY 23 - 24



A pro-life baby bottle fundraising campaign is being held next weekend to benefit Cenla & Avoyelles Pregnancy Centers. Information will be given to the congregation at each Mass on how you can show your support.

VIRTUS AWARENESS TRAINING – FEBRUARY 2

The Virtus Awareness training session scheduled for Tuesday, January 12 has been postponed due to lack of pre-registration. The new date is February 2, 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA - JANUARY 23 - 24

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

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 THE HOLY RESCHEDULED - SEPTEMBER 14 - 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/.

BIRTHDAYS – JANUARY 17 – JANUARY 23

Helen Bellino, Kim Boeta, Abbie Bradford, Susan Daigrepont, Celeste Dotson, Joseph Francis, Connie Hassion, Cynthia Lamartiniere, John Landry, Matthew Ritchie, Richard Sayer, Mary Treadway, Garry Wagers, Dcn. Mike Young, Jan. 17

NECROLOGY – JANUARY 17 – JANUARY 23

Rev. Ludovic Enaut	+Jan. 18, 1919
Rev. H. Gerald Bordelon	+Jan. 18, 2008
Bishop Charles P. Greco	+Jan. 20, 1987
Msgr. J. Francis Van Haver	+Jan. 21, 1945
Rev. Samuel Joseph Polizzi	+Jan. 21, 1999

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.

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, Cody & Scott Lacheny, Audrey Luczak, Melvin Mayeaux, Linda McCain, Ann McQuagge, Kelly Miller, Lou Ann Rigby, Andrew & Kemal Sanli, Wade Swart, J. B. Theriot

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