

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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THIRD 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, January 25:

12:05 p.m. Kristene Antoon (living)

Tuesday, January 26:

12:05 p.m. Katherin Steely (living)

Wednesday, January 27:

12:05 p.m. John Kyle Rodriguez

Thursday, January 28:

12:05 p.m. Martha Cappel (living)

Friday, January 29:

12:05 p.m. Edna Catteruccia

Saturday, January 30:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila C. Kramer, George & Betty Battalora, Charles "Judge" Wallace, Agnes Rita Roberts, Bob Eberly, Albert & Marie McNamara, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Carl A. Jeansonne, Sr., Mott & Jones Family (living & deceased), Weston Charles Johnson, Gail Ann Deville

Sunday, January 31: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), George Taylor Roberts, Tinsely Ducote Family, Dennis Richard, Paula DePriest, Marilyn Mansour Karam, Leonard Luneau, Ida Malone Luneau, Betty Ponthieux, Janelle Cecile Braquet, Vincent Ross Cicardo, 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	\$8,125.00
Over or (Short)	\$(375.00)

Thank you for your generosity!

ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The annual Baby Bottle Campaign directly helps pregnant women and women with babies choose adoption or parenting rather than abortion right here in Central

Louisiana. The Baby Bottle Campaign is a perfect community service project and provides students, churches, individuals and families a chance to offer a real response to women choosing life over abortion.

The money collected through the Baby Bottle Campaign goes to the Cenla and Avoyelles Pregnancy Centers, a pro-life crisis pregnancy ministry. Their work has made a difference in the lives of mothers in an unplanned pregnancy. Since opening the doors of the center in 2017, almost 800 mothers in a crisis pregnancy have received over 2600 different services from them. We ask you to take a bottle (located at the doors of the church), bring it home, collect change around the house, and return it to the church by the weekend of February 6 & 7.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

FIRST FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 5

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 - FEBRUARY 6

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 - THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA - JANUARY 23 - 24

This 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.

SACRAMENTAL UPDATE DURING THE CORONAVIRUS - BLESSING OF THROATS

All Catholic dioceses in the United States received a memo from Archbishop Blair, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Divine Worship. In it, he provides guidance of the Blessing of Throats on the Memorial of St. Blaise (February 3). The Book of Blessings contains the following provision for this rite: "If, for pastoral reasons,

each individual cannot be blessed in the usual manner, a priest or deacon may give the blessing to all assembled by extending hands, without the crossed candles, over the people while saying the prayer of blessing.” The current circumstances in regards to the coronavirus would certainly be considered a sufficient pastoral reason to avoid administration of the blessing to individuals in the usual manner, should there be any concern of danger to the ongoing virus.

Therefore, we will not be blessing throats in the usual way—the same set of candles touching the necks of person after person. **The priest will give one blessing to all assembled by extending his hands, without the crossed candles, over the people while saying the prayer of blessing, at the 12:05 PM Mass on Wednesday, February 3rd, the feast day of St. Blaise and all the Masses on the weekend of February 6 & 7.**

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these changing times. Fr. Ferguson

REPLACEMENT DOORS FOR THE CATHEDRAL

Due to age and wear, the doors of the church will be replaced in the next few weeks for security and weatherization. Workers will match and replicate the design and the character of the original doors as closely as possible.

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.

BIRTHDAYS – JANUARY 24 – JANUARY 30

Betty Chelette, L. J. Ducote, Jeffery Pogue, Blake Prevot, Paul Smith, Brenda Steimel, Linda Vaughn, Michael Yerby, Dcn. Stephen Gramigna, Jan. 30

NECROLOGY – JANUARY 24 – JANUARY 30

Rev. Michael Kelly	+Jan. 24, 1854
Rev. Earnest Bailly	+Jan. 24, 1914
Dcn. Charles Jones	+Jan. 25, 2001
Rev. Peter J. Besselaar	+Jan. 28, 1957
Msgr. John C. Vandegaer	+Jan. 28, 1980
Msgr. John J. Wakeman	+Jan. 28, 2001
Rev. Gerard M. Foley	+Jan. 29, 2006

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 Bbye, Jerry Byles, Chere Carnahan, Linda Cazes, Jo Ann Cumella, Kathy Cumella, Kathryn Frey, Ruth Gilchrist, Carolyn Harger, Cody & Scott Lacheney, 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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