

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 4:

12:05 p.m. Burnette Bordelon

Tuesday, January 5:

12:05 p.m. Stephen Clark (living)

Wednesday, January 6:

12:05 p.m. John Kyle Rodriguez

Thursday, January 7:

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

Friday, January 8:

12:05 p.m. David Muncy (living)

Saturday, January 9:

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

Sunday, January 10: The Baptism 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 Choir

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

5:30 p.m. Ada Bergeron

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for Merle Vahlkamp (living), please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$13,851.05
Over or (Short)	\$5,351.05
Church Vocations	\$1,249.00

Thank you for your generosity!

A WORD OF GRATITUDE

Thanks to so many who made our Christmas celebrations such wonderful expressions of our faith... Thank you to Father Bill, Deacon Richard, Deacon Luke, and our Parish Staff. Special gratitude to each and every one of them for their extra efforts in preparation for Christmas.

It was wonderful to see the crowds gathering on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to celebrate the birth of our Lord, and to make available live-stream coverage of the Masses for those unable to attend Mass.

A special word of gratitude to our musicians. Thanks to Josh Zona, Director of Music, Nick Lena, Organist, and the choir and musicians who worked so hard to make sure the Masses had beautiful music to enhance our prayer.

My gratitude also to all the volunteers who serve throughout the year: Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, Ushers, everyone who worked so hard to decorate our church; to the money counters, office volunteers, Altar Society, Knights of Columbus, our Parish Trustees, the Parish Finance Council, and the Parish Pastoral Council.

And, furthermore, I wish to thank you the parishioners and friends of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. Thank you for your love and dedication to our Cathedral Parish Family, for your great generosity, and I thank you for your presence at Mass both daily and Sundays. This past year has indeed been a year of great challenges but one of blessings for us as a parish family, and I am most confident that God is indeed at work in our midst. **God bless each of you and thank you for all you do for our Cathedral parish. A Blessed New Year to you and your family.**
– Father Ferguson.

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.

HEART OF ST. KATERI CIRCLE MEETING JANUARY 14

The monthly Heart of St. Kateri Circle meeting for January 2021 will be Thursday, Jan. 14 at 5:30 p.m. at the Tekakwitha National Office, 2225 N. Bolton Avenue, Alexandria, LA. Masks are still a requirement due to COVID-19. All are welcome to come and join us. For more information, call Scotty Durio at (318) 483-3908.

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.

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

BIRTHDAYS – JANUARY 3 – JANUARY 9

Wanda Campo, Trent Carmouche, Sonny Craig, Catherine Grant, Patricia LaCaze, Connie Sue Monsour, Chris Peart, Joel Pogue, Jon Treadway, Rev. John Pardue, Jan. 9

NECROLOGY – JANUARY 3 – JANUARY 9

Dcn. Robert A. Daspit, Jr. +Jan. 4, 1998
Msgr. Henry Francis Beckers +Jan. 5, 2000
Msgr. Isidore DeCeulaer +Jan. 9, 1971

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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