

# St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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## FOURTH 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, February 1:

12:05 p.m. Michael III & Paul Monsour

#### Tuesday, February 2:

12:05 p.m. Burnette Bordelon

#### Wednesday, February 3:

12:05 p.m. John Kyle Rodriguez

#### Thursday, February 4:

12:05 p.m. Bessie & Otis Gaspard

#### Friday, February 5: First Friday

12:05 p.m. Lee Ray Coleman

#### Saturday, February 6: First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Lee Ray Coleman

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila C. Kramer,

George & Betty Battalora, Charles "Judge" Wallace, Sam & Edith Tamburo, Colingo & Tamburo Families, Simon & Mamie Campo & Campo Family, Bob Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Carl A. Jeansonne, Sr., Mott & Jones Family (living & deceased), Michael Francis Bradford, Madeline Jones, Rachael Brouillette

#### Sunday, February 7: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Luke Letlow, Dennis Richard, Marilyn Mansour Karam, Paula DePriest, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Altar Society, Leonard Luneau, Ida Malone Luneau, Betty Ponthieux, Janelle Cecile Braquet, Vincent Ross Cicardo, Donna & Keith Nelson (living) – Special Intentions for their 30th Anniversary

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

5:30 p.m. John Gauthier

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for Carolyn Harger, please remember her in your prayers.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$6,573.11
Over or (Short)	\$(1,926.89)
Church in Latin America	\$540.00

Thank you for your generosity!

### ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



A collection box for the Baby Bottle Campaign supporting the Cenla Pregnancy Center will be present in the vestibule at all Masses. For more information on returning the baby bottles, please call 318-314-3061. 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 TODAY NEWSPAPER - FEBRUARY 7

The Church Today newspaper. Next weekend, we will be taking up a special collection for our diocesan newspaper, the Church Today. Every month, this 24-page newspaper is mailed FREE to every Catholic household in the diocese. All donations to this special collection go directly to the Church Today to help defray the cost of printing and mailing. If you, or someone you know, would like to receive the Church Today FREE each month, call (318) 445-6424, ext 209 to request it. Please be generous today and support our diocesan newspaper, the Church Today.

### 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.

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

Michael Francis Bradford, Madeline Jones

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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

## 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](http://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](mailto:branch@cliu.com).

## 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.

## BIRTHDAYS – JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 6

John Aguillard, Holly Boone, Frank Bruno, Eric Cook, Kathy Cumella, Charlie DeWitt, Joanna Guillotte, Kristy Kelley, Dominic Molinar, Randle Moore, Lauren Pogue, Thomas Richards, Dcn. Paul Sunderhaus, Feb. 5

## NECROLOGY – JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 6

Rev. Francis Xavier Kronemeyer +Feb. 5, 1945  
Rev. Antonio Enrique Villaverde +Feb. 5, 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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, Jerry Byles, Chere Carnahan, Linda Cazes, Jo Ann Cumella, Kathy Cumella, Kathryn Frey, 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, Mary Young

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