

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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SIXTH 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 15:

12:05 p.m. George Taylor Robert

Tuesday, February 16:

12:05 p.m. Helen Collins

Wednesday, February 17: Ash Wednesday

12:05 p.m. People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

5:30 p.m. People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

Thursday, February 18:

12:05 p.m. Edward Larvadain, Jr.

Friday, February 19:

12:05 p.m. Selma Sayer

Saturday, February 20:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila C. Kramer, George & Betty Battalora, Charles "Judge" Wallace, Jacob Williamson, Agnes Rita Roberts, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Carl A. Jeansonne, Sr., Mott & Jones Family (living & deceased), Rachael Brouillette, Mark Young

Sunday, February 21: First Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Clement F.X. Carroll, Md., Luke Letlow, Dennis Richard, Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council #3200, Marilyn Mansour Karam, Janelle Cecila Braquet, Vincent Ross Cicardo, Mark Young, Michael Francis Bradford

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

5:30 p.m. John Gauthier

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for Jacob Williamson, please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$9,813.59
Over or (Short)	\$1,313.50
The Church Today	\$777.00

Thank you for your generosity!

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 17

Due to Covid-19 safety measures have temporarily changed the way we celebrate Masses and rituals Ash

Wednesday and the distribution of ashes is no exception. The Diocese of Alexandria has offered several options: one being the application of ashes on the foreheads with a Q-tip or sprinkling of ashes on the head. It has been decided that, at the Cathedral, ashes will be distributed on the forehead in the sign of a cross, using a fresh Q-tip for every person. Each swab will be discarded after each use.

Ashes will be distributed at the 12:05 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Masses. Face coverings must be worn. The 12:05 p.m. Mass will be live-streamed.

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

2021 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Today the Diocese of Alexandria begins its 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal. This is an opportunity for us to unite with all Catholics in the Diocese and the universal church to share our blessings and to show our concern for one another. The ADA lets us act together as a family and to support programs and services no single individual or parish can offer alone. Your gift is very important, regardless of size, and is vital to the success of the Appeal. Every registered household in the diocese will receive a letter and brochure from Bishop Marshall. Please take time to prayerfully consider what you can give in support of our diocesan Church.

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

With the Apostolic Letter, "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart") Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron Saint of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of St. Joseph" from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.

Among the many exercises of piety practiced in honor of St. Joseph, there is one generally known, namely that of meditating on the Seven Sorrows and Seven Joys of St. Joseph, which come from Sacred Scripture. **We will pray this beautiful devotion after each daily Mass on Wednesdays, beginning on February 24, and the following three Wednesdays, ending on the feast of St. Joseph on March 19. Handouts will be available.**

We will keep you up to date on parish plans for the year. St. Joseph, pray for us. – Fr. Ferguson.

WAY OF THE CROSS - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Please join us for the Way of the Cross at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral Friday, February 19, at 5:30 p.m. and each Friday during this Lenten season.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. This means that we do not eat meat and we have only one full meal.

The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The obligation to abstain from meat binds Catholics 14 years of age and older. The obligation to fast, limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals in the course of the day, binds Catholics from the age of 18 to 59. Those who are younger or older may freely embrace these disciplines. But Lenten disciplines should never endanger your health.

It is obvious that abstaining from meat is meaningless for vegetarians, who must choose some other form of abstinence. It is equally obvious that replacing meat with a gourmet seafood meal is not in keeping with the spirit of Lent.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE - FEBRUARY 17

On February 17, Ash Wednesday, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY FEB. 17 & FRIDAYS DURING LENT THROUGH APRIL 3

Our local Knights of Columbus Council 3200 will have their annual Lenten Fish Fry in Xavier Hall **from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, February 17, and each Friday during Lent from February 28 through March 26. Due to Covid regulations there will be no dining in the hall, and masks will be required for pick-up.** For take-out delivery call 447-3663 with a minimum of three orders. Menu includes fried fish, french fries, hush puppies, and coleslaw. (Please note that the Fish Fry will not be served on Good Friday)

2021 RITE OF ELECTION - FEBRUARY 21

The Rite of Election of Catechumens and Call to Continuing Conversion for Candidates for Full Communion in the Catholic Church will be celebrated by the parishes of the Diocese of Alexandria **on Sunday, February 21, at 2:30 p.m., at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral.** Parishes from throughout the diocese will send those who will celebrate the sacraments of initiation this Easter, as well as their sponsors, family, and friends. The celebration is one part of a year-long process that is called the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).** It also includes adaptations for those who were baptized in another Christian denomination and seek to become members of the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

If you have not done so already, you may put your baby bottles in the collection boxes positioned at the entrances of the Cathedral.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - FEBRUARY 21 BLACK & INDIAN MISSION

Next weekend we will be taking up a collection for Black and Indian Missions. This collection exists to help diocesan communities to build the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God. It supports parish life and catechesis, evangelization, Catholic education, and vocations in Black and Indian Missions across the United States. Please give generously.

BIRTHDAYS – FEBRUARY 14 – FEBRUARY 20

Robert Belgard, Melissa Bradford, Rebecca Dauzat, Gail Deville, Louis Joseph, Kenneth Kemmerly, Amanda Lacombe, Rodney LeBlanc, Paul Riddle, Andrew Waldron, Sharon White, Msgr. Steve Testa, Feb. 14, Rev. Louis Sklar, Feb. 16

NECROLOGY – FEBRUARY 14 – FEBRUARY 20

Rev. Francis O. Couvillion +Feb. 18, 1978

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEACON ASPIRANTS

Jason Lavergne, and Alex Mangini

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 Lachney, 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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Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
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