

# St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

### INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday, March 15:

12:05 p.m. George Taylor Roberts

#### Tuesday, March 16:

12:05 p.m. Rev. Anthony N. Cumella

#### Wednesday, March 17:

12:05 p.m. Flavin Family (living & deceased)

#### Thursday, March 18:

12:05 p.m. Clement FX Carroll, MD

#### Friday, March 19:

12:05 p.m. June A. Meullner

#### Saturday, March 20:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila C. Kramer, George & Betty Battalora, Charles "Judge" Wallace, Agnes Rita Roberts, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Mott & Jones Family (living & deceased), Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Cheryl Campbell, Michael Todd Liotta

#### Sunday, March 21: Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Clement FX Carroll, MD, Dennis Richard, Michael Francis Bradford, Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council #3200, David & Stacey Lachney, Cheryl Campbell, Michael Todd Liotta

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

5:30 p.m. John Gauthier

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for Marie A. Medica, please remember her in your prayers.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$10,806.35
Over or (Short)	\$2,306.35
Restoration	\$1,870.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

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

Genie Rousseau

### 2021 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism...that the people place their gifts, their resources - their selves - at God's service in and through the Church." Prayerfully consider supporting your parish by weekly contributions and the diocesan church by contributing to the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

The **Cathedral Goal is \$35,165.00, pledges to date is \$15,295.00.**

### WAY OF THE CROSS - FRIDAY, MARCH 12



Please join us for the Way of the Cross at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral **Friday, March 12, at 5:30 p.m.** and each Friday during this Lenten season.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY - MARCH 12 & FRIDAYS DURING LENT THROUGH MARCH 26



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. March 12, and each Friday during Lent through March 26. The price is \$8.00 a plate. 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)

### 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; March 10 and 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.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION – CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES - MARCH 14 & MARCH 15

Next week, we will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this Collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

## LENTEN REGULATIONS

**Good Friday is a day 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.*

## VIRTUS AWARENESS TRAINING - APRIL 13

There will be a Virtus Awareness training session on Tuesday, April 13, at 6:00 p.m., at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria. To pre-register, go to [www.virtus.org](http://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.**

## REMEMBER A LOVED ONE THROUGH A MEMORIAL GIFT OF EASTER LILIES



Provide the name of the person to be remembered and place it with \$13.00 in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers." You can drop the envelope in the Mass collection basket or bring it to the parish office.

## BIRTHDAYS –MARCH 14 – MARCH 20

Gail Callahan, Randy Chenevert, Alaina Gallagher, Kathleen Lacour, Celine Lee, Alex Mangini, Greg Pharis, Deborah Smith, Jason Tassin, Julian Zona, Dcn. Tommy Robichaux, Mar. 17, Dcn. William Travis, Mar. 17, Rev. Marc Noel, Mar. 18

## NECROLOGY –MARCH 14 – MARCH 20

Rev. Van Bokhoven +Mar. 20, 1932

## 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

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral subscribed to Flocknotes several weeks ago. Flocknotes is an email and text message application that allows you to receive news and information from the Cathedral. It is free. You can sign up to receive the weekly bulletin and the Sunday Mass Liturgy Guide, plus receive other notifications from the church.

If you are interested in receiving information via this platform, 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, Kaneon Rachal, Matthew Raines, Kevin Raines, Natalie T. Wall

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Glenn Andrew, Carol Brossett, Shree Bbye, Jerry Byles, Chere Carnahan, Linda Cazes, Barbara Cole, Wayne Cole, Jo Ann Cumella, Kathy Cumella, Brenda Ducote, Kathryn Frey, Ruth Gilchrist, Louis Joseph, Cody & Scott Lachney, Pam Lloyd, Audrey Luczak, Melvin Mayeaux, Linda McCain, Ann McQuagge, Kelly Miller, Lou Ann Rigby, Andrew & Kemal Sanli, Wade Swart, J. B. Theriot, Lee Arthur Wilson

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