

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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FIFTH 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 22:

12:05 p.m. James F. Curley, Sr.

Tuesday, March 23:

12:05 p.m. Agnes Rita Roberts

Wednesday, March 24:

12:05 p.m. John Kyle Rodriguez

Thursday, March 25:

12:05 p.m. James F. Curley, Sr.

Friday, March 26:

12:05 p.m. Ruth Wilson

Saturday, March 27:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila C. Kramer, George & Betty Battalora, Robert Eberle, Caroline LaCaze, Galardo & LaCroix Families, Charles "Judge" Wallace, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Weston Charles Johnson, Jr., Mott & Jones Family (living & deceased), Herbert Goudeaux, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Cheryl Campbell, Michael Todd Liotta, Genie Rousseau

Sunday, March 28: Palm Sunday Passion of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Dennis Richard, James F. Curley, Sr., Michael Francis Bradford, David & Stacey Lachney, Cheryl Campbell, Michael Todd Liotta, Genie Rousseau

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

5:30 p.m. Clement FX Carroll, MD

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for Carl A. Jeansonne, please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$9,548.00
Over or (Short)	\$1,048.00
Catholic Relief	\$670.00

Thank you for your generosity!

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE - MARCH 24

There will be a Lenten Penance Service in the Cathedral on Wednesday, March 24, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Several priests will be present to hear confession.

COVER STATUES AND CROSSES

The custom of veiling religious images is a way of focusing on the penitential aspect of this liturgical season. It reminds us in a visual way that our faith in all its glory is made possible only through the work of Christ in his suffering and death on the cross. When we cover or remove these holy and sacred images that we are so accustomed to, we are starkly confronted and reminded in a poignant way of all that Christ has won for us.

The tradition is often practiced during the last two weeks before Easter, starting on the Fifth Sunday of Lent and ending on Good Friday. The coverings are removed before the Easter Vigil begins. The joy of the Easter season and the hope of the Resurrection then comes to the forefront.

WAY OF THE CROSS - FRIDAY, MARCH 26



Please join us for the Way of the Cross at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral **Friday, March 26 at 5:30 p.m.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY - 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 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)

2021 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare his Own Son." Jesus' death was God's greatest gift to us. He gave his only Son so we may have eternal life.

Are my gifts to the Lord - of my resources, of my time, of myself - also sacrificial? Do I gratefully and generously share with my parish, the community and the Universal Church? Your support of the 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal is a grateful response to God's greatest gift to us.

**The Cathedral Goal for is \$35,165.00,
pledges to date is \$43,894.00.**

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Saturday, March 27: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Vigil Mass
● 4:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 28: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (9:00 a.m. Live Stream)
● Masses at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

Monday, March 29:
● 12:05 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, March 30: Chrism Mass - 11:00 a.m.
● The Chrism Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. Because of COVID-19 guidelines attendance for this year's Mass will be restricted to clergy and liturgical ministers only (musicians and servers). We will livestream the Mass for those interested in witnessing the renewal of priestly promises and the blessing/consecration of the oils. (There is no 12:05 p.m. Mass.)

Wednesday, March 31:
● 12:05 p.m. Mass

Thursday, April 1: Holy Thursday – "Mass of the Lord's Supper" (Live Stream)
● 5:30 p.m. Only (There is no 12:05 p.m. Mass.)

Friday, April 2: Good Friday "The Passion of the Lord" (Live Stream)
● 3:00 p.m. Only (There is no 12:05 p.m. Mass.)

Saturday, April 3: Easter Vigil "Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord" (Live Stream)
● 8:00 p.m. Only (There is no 4:00 p.m. Mass.)

Sunday, April 4: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (9:00 a.m. Live Stream)
● Masses at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – HOLY LAND GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2

On Good Friday we will take up the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

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 obligation to abstain from meat binds Catholics 14 years of age and older.

BIRTHDAYS –MARCH 21 – MARCH 27

John Benjamin, Shirley Bolyard, Kerry Callahan, Casey Carter, Carla Couvillon, Joann Credeur, Michael Haise, Alayah Harrison, Norma McCann, LeAnn Raines, Chris Roy, Connie Stemann

NECROLOGY –MARCH 21 – MARCH 27

Rev. Andrew Andries +Mar. 23, 1904
Rev. Robert H. DeVriendt +Mar. 27, 1951
Rev. Emeric B. Scallan +Mar. 27, 1990

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, 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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