

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 6:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Tuesday, December 7:

12:05 p.m. Martha Lee

4:00 p.m. **Vigil Mass: Immaculate Conception**
People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

Wednesday, December 8: **Immaculate Conception**

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

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

Thursday, December 9:

12:05 p.m. Burnett Bordelon

Friday, December 10:

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

Saturday, December 11:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Jr., Sam & Velma Garlardo, Sam & Edith Tamburo, Colingo & Tamburo Families, Simon & Mamie Campo, Campo Family, Mock & Jones Families (living & deceased), Linda Cazes, George & Betty Battalora, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Dr. Am P. Mai, Robert Eberle, Owen Gerrity, Claudia & John Campo, Charles Gregory "Greg" Gravel

Sunday, December 12: **Third Sunday of Advent**

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R.J. Ducote, Wade Swart, Evelyn Delacerda, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Jack R. Hodges, Sr., Charles Gregory "Greg" Gravel

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

5:30 p.m. Clement F.X. Carroll, M.D.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of R.J. Ducote, please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$5,798.00
Over or (Short)	\$(2,702.00)
Online Donations for November	\$2,338.75

Thank you for your generosity!

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - DECEMBER 8

Wednesday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation. Masses celebrating the Solemnity will be offered on:

- Tuesday, December 7 at 4:00 p.m. (Vigil Mass)
- Wednesday, December 8 at 12:05 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

A streamed Mass will be posted for viewing on our Facebook Page and Cathedral website on Wednesday, December 8, at 5:30 PM.

HEART OF ST. KATERI CIRCLE MEETING DECEMBER 9

Call (318) 483-3908 for information on the place and location for the Heart of St. Kateri Circle Dec. 9 meeting for a Christmas Party plus Circle meeting.

DISCALCED CARMELITE CHRISTMAS SOCIAL DECEMBER 11

The Order of Discalced Carmelites holds its monthly meeting at 9:00 a.m. every second Saturday, at Maryhill Renewal Center. For December, a Christmas Social will be held on Dec. 11. Everyone is invited to attend Mass and then the social. If you are interested in Carmelite studies, please contact Mary Jo McCoy (318) 346-6860 or (318) 481-9638

ADVENT DISCERNMENT RETREAT (ONLINE) DECEMBER 12

An Advent Discernment Retreat for women ages 18-40 will be held on **Saturday, December 12**, via Zoom from 1:00-7:00 p.m. with the Sisters of Divine Providence in San Antonio, TX. Join us to have individual "walks" with the Sisters, individual reflection time, and an opportunity to deepen your spirituality. Give yourself this Advent gift of community and prayer to see where God is calling you. Register for this free retreat at <https://bit.ly/CDP-Advent-Retreat-2021>.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE - DECEMBER 14



The Advent Penance Service will be on **Tuesday, December 14 at 5:30 p.m.** Several priests will be available for Confession.

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

Charles Gregory "Greg" Gravel

THE SYNODAL CHURCH SURVEY

As Pope Francis invites all Catholics to have their voices heard leading up to 2023's Synod of Bishops, the Diocese of Alexandria is encouraging everyone to share their thoughts. An eight-question survey will be available on the Diocesan website, <https://www.diocesealex.org>.

The questions center under the theme "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participating and Mission." The Diocesan Synod Committee will compile the responses into a report that will be submitted to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). The USCCB will then submit a report for the Synod of Bishops, which will adopt a final document.

All dioceses across the globe are participating in the Synod.

SERRA CLUB OF ALEXANDRIA INVITATION

Serra Club is an international lay apostolate of men and women whose goal is to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life and show appreciation to priests, deacons, religious and especially seminarians. Serra Club members each "adopt" a seminarian to pray for daily and acknowledge on special occasions throughout the year. An annual end of summer BBQ and Christmas party are hosted by Serra Club for the seminarians and their families.

Brochures with contact information are available at the main entrance of the church, inviting YOU to join the local Serra Club.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION – RETIREMENT FUND FOR
RELIGIOUS - DECEMBER 12**

Give in gratitude. A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes, "I still remember the lessons the sisters gave us and how they instilled in us the love of our faith." **Show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.** Your gift to next week's special collection helps provide care, medicine, and more. Please be generous.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND
DECEMBER 5**

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up **Saturday, December 4 and Sunday, December 5.** Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

BIRTHDAYS: December 5 – December 11

Ainsley Gauthier, Elizabeth Henderson, Andrea LeBlanc, John Swart, Patrick Tassin, Mary Tower, Mark Townsend, Tanya Townsend, Brittany Trahan, Brandie White, Charlotte White, Rev. Luke LaFleur, Dec. 5, Deacon Richard Mitchell, Dec. 5

NECROLOGY - DECEMBER 5 - DECEMBER 11

Rev. Regis Dumas +Dec. 6, 1905
Rev. Mark Horacek +Dec. 7, 2001
Rev. John F. Walsh +Dec. 8, 1937
Rev. Martin L. Plauche +Dec. 9, 1973

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEACON ASPIRANTS

Jason Lavergne, and Alex Mangini

FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

If you are interested in receiving information via Flocknotes this platform, 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: Gerard A. Abair, Jr., Brent Marcus Barbour, Byron P. Barbour, Quincy Bordelon, Kevin Burnett, James Domzalski, II, Andrew Hill, Kenneth Jeansonne, 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, Richard Bombassi, Carol Brossett, Janice Brossett, John Broussard, Ann Marie Bruner, Shree Brye, Elizabeth Butler, Jerry Byles, Daisy Bynog, Kari Cann, Patrick Charles, Chere Carnahan, Barbara Cole, Wayne Cole, Gene Coutee, Sawyer Coutee, Kathy Cumella, Sherman Delrie, Brenda Ducote, Linda Dupuis, Gary Elliott, Carolyn Fontenot, Kathryn Frey, John Gallent, Ruth Gilchrist, Charles "Greg" Gravel, Jacob Hale, Brenda Hardee, Kenneth Jeansonne, Kim Johnson, Tiffany Johnson, Louis Joseph, Cody & Scott Lacheny, Pam Lloyd, Paul Jared Louviere, Audrey Luczak, Melvin Mayeaux, Linda McCain, Clayton McCann, Norma McCann, Tara McCann, Bernice Medica, Sam Medica, Kelly Miller, Gloria Mitchell, Michael Perry, Jr., Clyde Peterson, Lou Ann Rigby, Janice Russo, Andrew & Kemal Sanli, Stephanie Simmons, Preston Stemmman, J. B. Theriot, Mary Tower, Sheron Walker, Joey Wallace, Kitty Wilson, Lee Arthur Wilson, Ona Wilson, Tony Wilson

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