

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 29:

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

Tuesday, November 30:

12:05 p.m. John Michael Dunn Family (living)

Wednesday, December 1:

12:05 p.m. Paula Roy

Thursday, December 2:

12:05 p.m. Dr. Am P. Mai

Friday, December 3: First Friday and Jubilee Mass

12:05 p.m. Lee Ray Coleman

Saturday, December 4: First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Mother Regina, O.C.D.

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer,
Albert & Marie McNamara, Angelo & Nina Carter
D'Angelo, Jr., Mock & Jones Families (living &
deceased), Linda Cazes, George & Betty Battalora,
James Verzwylvelt Family (living & deceased), Rachael
Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Dr. Am P. Mai, Robert Eberly,
Owen Gerrity

Sunday, December 5: Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living &
deceased), R.J. Ducote, Paula Roy, Dr. Am P. Mai,
Deceased members of the Cathedral Altar Society, Van
Mol Family (living & deceased), Poor Souls in Purgatory

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 Joy
Cunningham, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$6,852.00
Over or (Short)	\$(1,648.00)
Campaign for Human Development	\$498.00

Thank you for your generosity!

BEGINNING OF ADVENT - NOVEMBER 28

This Sunday, November 28, the Church
celebrates the first Sunday of the season of Advent,
which will continue for four Sundays until Christmas
Day. The word "advent" is derived from the Latin word
Adventus, which means "coming," and during this
season, the Church enters a time of preparation and
expectation for the coming of Christ "in power and Glory"
(Mark 13:26). The Spirit of the Church during this time is
symbolized by the purple vestments - a sign of penance
- worn at her services on each of these Sundays in
preparation for the Solemnity of the Lord's Nativity.

PRIESTS CONVOCATION - NOVEMBER 30

The priests of the Diocese of Alexandria will be
attending a Priests Convocation at Maryhill Renewal
Center, along with Bishop Robert Marshall, on Tuesday,
November 30. The daily Mass will be offered at the
Cathedral at its regular time, 12:05 p.m.

PRIESTS JUBILEE MASS: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2021

On the Patronal Solemnity of Saint Francis
Xavier, Friday, December 3, the priests of our
diocese will celebrate the Jubilee Mass for priestly
ordinations. The Mass will be celebrated at 12:05
Noon at the Cathedral. Because it will be First Friday of
December, there will be Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament in the Cathedral from 11:00 A.M. until
Benediction at 11:45 A.M. The Mass will follow at 12:05
with Bishop Marshall as celebrant and Fr. Craig Scott as
homilist.

Those observing Ordination Anniversaries include:
Fr. Daniel Corkery (63), Msgr. Ronald Hoppe (63), Fr.
Paul Kunnumpuram (45), Fr. Pedro Sierra-Posada (45),
Fr. Jacob Thomas (45), Fr. Vincent Manuel (40), Fr.
Kenneth Michiels (30), Fr. Craig Scott (25), Fr. Stephen
Brandow (25), Fr. John O'Brien (25), Fr. Jose Pallipurath
(20), Fr. Jack Michalchuck (20), Fr. Louis Sklar (20), Fr.
Peter Faulk (15), and Fr. John Wiltse (5).

Please note that the public is invited to attend the
Mass. Fr. Ferguson.

FIRST FRIDAY - DECEMBER 3

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 - DECEMBER 4

- 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

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>.

ALTAR SOCIETY BAKE SALE UPDATE

We are pleased to report that there have been additional donations that have brought our total to \$1,596.00. Again, thanks for everyone's efforts to help the Altar Society continue with the upkeep of the Cathedral sanctuary. Fr. Ferguson

BIRTHDAYS: November 28 – December 4

Anna Cannella, Mark Gallagher, Ruth Gilchrist, Mark Rodgers, Sharon Saybe, Olivia Thibodeaux

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, Sharon Andrew, 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, 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 Lacheney, Pam Lloyd, Paul Jared Louviere, Audrey Luczak, Am Mai, Melvin Mayeaux, Linda McCain, Clayton McCann, Norma McCann, Tara McCann, Ann McQuagge, Bernice Medica, Sam Medica, Kelly Miller, Gloria Mitchell, Michael Perry, Jr., Clyde Peterson, Lou Ann Rigby, Andrew & Kemal Sanli, Stephanie Simmons, Preston Stemmann, J. B. Theriot, Mary Tower, Sheron Walker, Joey Wallace, Kitty Wilson, Lee Arthur Wilson, Ona Wilson, Tony Wilson

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