

# St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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## FIRST 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 7:

12:05 p.m. Edna Shaheen Fenimore Cooper

#### Tuesday, March 8:

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

#### Wednesday, March 9:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

#### Thursday, March 10:

12:05 p.m. Jay Mitchell (living)

#### Friday, March 11:

12:05 p.m. Kristine Antoon (living)

#### Saturday, March 12:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, George & Betty Battalora, Linda Cazes, Robert Eberle, Ethan Michael Catteruccia, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Sam & Edith Tamburo, Colingo & Tamburo Families, Simon & Mamie Campo, Campo Family, Jacob Williamson, Bill Jones (living), Grace Mock, Kenneth Jeansonne, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Sam Anthony Forace, Madeline Vance Jeansonne, Edgar Jules Campo

#### Sunday, March 13: Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Bill Hetcher, Fr. Frederick J. Lyons, Agnes Rita Roberts, Deceased members of the Cathedral Choir, Rev. Gerry Zablonki, Deceased members of the Cathedral Altar Society, David & Stacey Lachney, Madeline Jeansonne, Edgar Jules Campo

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

5:30 p.m. Tom Heston

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Clay & Keith Kelley, please remember them in your prayers.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$8,120.25
Over or (Short)	\$(379.75)

Thank you for your generosity!

### ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2022

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 2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal is a grate response to God's greatest gift to us. The goal for St. Francis Xavier Cathedral this year is \$36,785.00.

### 2020 RITE OF ELECTION – SUNDAY MAR. 6 .

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, March 6, 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.

### 400<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE CANONIZATION OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Saturday, March 12, marks the 400th anniversary of the canonization of St. Francis Xavier, who is the patron saint of our Cathedral. He was one of the most exciting and adventurous figures of the sixteenth century. He travelled where few westerners had been: to India, Malaysia, to Japan, and to China. He undertook long and difficult voyages, risking everything to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the people. Also canonized on this date, 400 years ago, were Ignatius Loyola, Teresa of Avila, Philip Neri, and Isidore the Farmer.

### THE WAY OF THE CROSS – FRIDAY, MARCH 11



Please join us for the Way of the Cross at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral Friday, March 11 at 5:30 p.m. and each **Friday during this Lenten season. The Way of the Cross will be live-streamed.**

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY - MARCH 11 & FRIDAYS DURING LENT THROUGH APRIL 8**

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 Friday, March 11 and each Friday through April 8.** Menu includes fried fish, french fries, hush puppies, and coleslaw and is take-out only. For take-out delivery call 447-3663 with a minimum of four orders. The Fish Fry plates are \$9.00 and \$1.00 for soda or water. (Please note that the Fish Fry will not be served on Good Friday)

## **MAINTAINING THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON OF LENT - FASTING AND ABSTINENCE**

**Fasting** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

**Abstinence from meat** is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years or older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and on all Fridays of Lent. And let us remember, it's a day of penance and a time to reflect on Christ's sacrifice. (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 dinner is not keeping with the spirit of Lent).

## **SPECIAL COLLECTION - BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS MARCH 6**

**This 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.

## **ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING – MARCH 9**

The Altar Society will have their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, March 9, at 10:00 a.m.** in Xavier Hall. Anyone interested in becoming a member is invited to come to the meeting.

## **PILGRIMAGE TO ENGLAND & SCOTLAND OCTOBER 10-19, 2022 ORIENTATION MEETING, MAR. 21**

Join us on a pilgrimage to experience holy sites in England and Scotland! Our Lady of Walsingham, St. Thomas of Canterbury, and Durham Cathedral are included, plus so much more! Fr. Thomas Kennedy will be the spiritual director. **Attend the Orientation Meeting on Monday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church (Madonna Room).**

RSVP for the meeting at <https://holytravels.org/englandandscotland> or call Magnificat Travel at 337-291-1933.

## **BIRTHDAYS - MARCH 6 – March 12**

Terry Antoon, Lesley Ashworth, Harlan Bordelon, Richard Ducote, III, Patrick Flavin, Bobby Grant, Michelle LaCour, Dot Mickel, Rainesa Mission, M. J. Monsour, Linda Stringfield, John Paul Van Mol, Rev. Thomas Paul, Mar.7

## **NECROLOGY - MARCH 6 – March 12**

Msgr. Leon Roy Aycock	+Mar. 6, 1961
Msgr. Napoleon J. Roulleaux	+Mar. 9, 1918
Rev. John Girards	+Mar. 9, 1947
Rev. Bernard Zagst	+Mar. 9, 201

## **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](mailto:aryder@parish.diocesealex.org).* Known military are:

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## **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Sharon Andrew, Daisy Bynog, Carol & Bob Brossett, Janice Brossett, Patrick Charles, Barbara Cole, Wayne Cole, Alfred Cook, Jr., Kathy Cumella, Brenda Ducote, Cathy Grant, Brenda Hardee, Louis Joseph, Patrick Jones, Cody & Scott Lachney, Pam Lloyd, Audrey Luczak, Linda McCain, Clyde Peterson, Diane Rabalais, Stephen V. Waters, Kitty Wislon, Lee Arthur Wilson, Tony Wilson, Jim Domzalski, Sr.

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