

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD • CHRISTMAS

Father James Ferguson, JCL, Rector • Father William Gearheard, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Richard Mitchell • Deacon Jason Lavergne

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 26:

12:05 p.m. Jonathan Butac

Tuesday, December 27:

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

Wednesday, December 28:

12:05 p.m. Margherita Rossi

Thursday, December 29:

12:05 p.m. Gloria Yerby

Friday, December 30:

12:05 p.m. Rachael Brouillette

Saturday, December 31: Solemnity of Mary Vigil

4:00 p.m. Priests Intentions

**Sunday, January 1: Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother of God**

9:00 a.m. Priests Intentions

11:00 a.m. Priests Intentions

5:30 p.m. Priests Intentions

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for the People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$ 11,262.13
Over or (Short)	\$ 1,762.13

Thank you for your generosity!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED - DECEMBER 26

The Church Office will be closed **Monday, December 26**. There will be a 12:05 Mass as usual.

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

Paul Medica

FIRST FRIDAY - JANUARY 6

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 - JANUARY 7

8:00 a.m. Exposition

First Saturday devotions

8:30 a.m. Rosary for Life and

Confessions

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL - SIGN UP FOR THE NEWSLETTER!

The Diocese of Alexandria is participating in the **National Eucharistic Revival**. The mission of this three-year revival is "To renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist." Stay current with the National movement by registering to receive the weekly "Heart of the Revival Newsletter." To do so, follow this link and scroll down the page to provide your name and email address: <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>.

Bishop Robert Marshall

MARYHILL REAL PRESENCE PRAYER GROUP DECEMBER 28

The Real Presence Prayer Group will meet every **Wednesday evening at Maryhill Renewal Center in Pineville**. Rosary begins at 7:00 p.m. with Charismatic Praise & High Worship at 7:20 p.m. and Healing Prayer at 8:00 p.m. (Closing by 11:00 pm.) Wheelchair Accessible. Directed by Jim Gootee. For more information call Joey LaFossee at (318) 332-2234 or Bob Weeks at (318) 442-1794.

AVENGERS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS - TEEN EVENT - JANUARY 4

Wednesday, Jan. 4 at St. Mary's Baseball Field from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Teens will engage in an interactive night game of Mission Impossible, with adult supervision, and end with a bonfire and smores. Ticket prices for the evening are \$25 each and includes dinner and refreshments.

A TASTE OF PETIT NOEL - ADULT EVENT SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

This festive adult event, celebrating the Epiphany, also known as "Little Christmas", will be at the **Knights of Columbus Hall on Saturday, January 7** and feature guest chef, Henry Chandler of Henry's Louisiana Grill in Atlanta, Georgia. Various local restaurants and teams of chefs will offer samplings

ranging from appetizers to desserts. Ticket prices are \$100 each and include food, open bar and live music by Jenny and Kelli.

NATIONWIDE PRAYER VIGIL - JANUARY 19 - 20

Catholics across the country are encouraged to observe a nationwide prayer vigil from Thursday, January 19 to Friday, January 20, 2023, to pray for an end to abortion and a greater respect for all human life. "The National Prayer Vigil is a time to praise God for the great gift of the recent Supreme Court Dobbs decision, overturning the tragic Roe v. Wade decision made almost a half-century ago.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - CHURCH VOCATIONS DECEMBER 25

Traditionally at all Christmas Masses, a special collection is taken throughout our diocese for the education and formation of our priests. Through the Church Vocations collections, your generosity and prayers allow the church to continue to provide priests, sisters and brothers to serve our spiritual and physical needs. Please give generously.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND DECEMBER 31 - JANUARY 1

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up **Saturday, December 31 and Sunday, January 1.** Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

DIOCESAN POLICY FOR THE PROTECTION OF MINORS

The **Diocesan Policy for the Protection of Minors** can be accessed under Downloadable Documents in the Safe Environment section of the diocesan website: www.diocesealex.org. A hard copy may be requested of the Safe Environment Office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – December 25 – December 31

Maxine Grass, Cathy Littleton, Savannah Pogue, Mary Ann Rabalais, Michelle Travis, Rev. Stephen Brandow, Dec. 25

NECROLOGY – December 25 – December 31

Rev. Joseph A. Jacquet	+Dec. 25, 1925
Dcn. Norman Gremillion	+Dec. 27, 2018
Rev. Charles F. Degnan	+Dec. 29, 1923
Msgr. Patrick Murphy	+Dec. 29, 2009
Msgr. John Timmermans	+Dec. 31, 2021

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 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: Gerard A. Abair, Jr., Brent Marcus Barbour, Byron P. Barbour, Quincy Bordelon, Ashton Brouillette, Kevin Burnett, Delaney Byard, James Domzalski, II, A1C Mason Gremillion, Andrew Hill, Kenneth Jeansonne, Daniel Koury, Jeffrey Kelso, James Madden, Chad McCann, Co. G-2-238, William Purdion, Jr., Kaneon Rachal, Matthew Raines, Kevin Rainesie

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ansley Bellino, Janet Bordelon, Mike Briggs, Patricia Briggs, Carol & Bob Brossett, Janice Brossett, John Broussard, Daisy Bynog, John Cain, Kandy Cain, Mrs. Connie Campo, Patrick Charles, Willis Coco, Barbara Cole, Wayne Cole, Alfred Cook, Jr., Kathy Cumella, Jeramie Davidson, Jim Domzalski, Sr., Elray Dubois, Brenda Ducote, Cecile Ducote, Norris Ducote, Carolyn Fontenot, Cathy Grant, Darlene Gremillion, Rosemary Gremillion, Carolyn Harger, Melisa Henry, Ai Ming Herrington, Anna Hooper, Clara Hubbard, Patrick Jones, Cody & Scott Lachney, James Lachney, Jimmy Lachney, Pam Lloyd, Audrey Luczak, Kenneth McCarty, Melissa McGlothlin, Peggy McNeely, Bernice Medica, Sam Medica, Tiffany Metrejeun, Laura Murchison, Clyde Peterson, Diane Rabalais, Jimmie Sanchez, Kemal Sanli, Marianne Stephanie Simmons, Preston Stemmann, Mariann Rabalais Sulser, Sam Terracina, Sharon Walker, Stephen V. Waters, Robert Welch, Dee & Bailey Wilson, Kitty Wilson, Lee Arthur Wilson, Leonard Wilson, Tony Wilson

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