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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 12:

12:05 p.m. Evelyn Delacerda

Tuesday, December 13:

12:05 p.m. Fr. Joseph Stemmann

Wednesday, December 14:

12:05 p.m. Ruth Wilson

Thursday, December 15:

12:05 p.m. Abraham Mlckel

Friday, December 16:

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

Saturday, December 17:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Galardo & LaCroix Families, Elsie Poche, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Sam & Edith Tamburo, Colingo & Tamburo Families, Simon & Mamie Campo, Campo Family, Jacob Williamson, Bill Jones (living), Hazel Neal, Grace Mock, Edgar Jules Campo, Alfred & Betty Mathews, Dixie Durastanti, George & Betty Battalora, Robert Eberle, Fr. Cal Gieson, Paul Am Mai, Larry David, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette

Sunday, December 18: Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Patrick Carroll (living), Sean Carroll (living), Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council # 3200, Joe Betty Sterkx, Colleen Carroll (living), Louis Joseph, Michael Van Dyke, Paul Am Mai, Mariann Rabalais Sulser (living), Nathan J. Cannella, Dan & Michele Yerby (living), Nita Ambojia, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Rosemary Davis, Grace Ellen Johnson, Felice Williams

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

5:30 p.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory

SANCTUARY LIGHT

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

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$13,655.00
Over or (Short)	\$2,453.00
Radio Maria	\$761.00

Thank you for your generosity!

RED RIVER CHORALE CHRISTMAS CONCERT THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15



The Red River Chorale will perform *Lessons and Carols* for their Christmas Concert this year at St.

Francis Xavier Cathedral on **Thursday, December 15 at 7:30 p.m.** Admission is \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. **Tickets may be purchased online at redriverchorale.com, at the church office, or at the door, if space is available.**

CCD CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - DECEMBER 18



The children of the CCD Program will present a **Christmas Program on Sunday, December 18 at 10:00 a.m.** in Xavier Hall. Everyone is invited.

DISCALCED CARMELITES CHRISTMAS SOCIAL DECEMBER 12

The Order of Discalced Carmelites holds its **monthly meeting at 9:00 a.m. every second Saturday, at Maryhill Renewal Center.** Anyone is invited to attend morning-prayer followed by Mass and then the meeting. This month we will have our Christmas Social following Mass. If you are interested in Carmelite spiritual studies, please contact Mary Jo McCoy (318) 346-6860.

MARYHILL REAL PRESENCE PRAYER GROUP WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 14

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.

HEART OF KATERI CIRCLE MEETING DECEMBER 17

Heart of Kateri Circle Christmas Party and Circle meeting will be at **6:00 p.m. on Dec. 17, at Mama Bear's Cafe, 26 Roberts Road, Forest Hill, LA.** Swapping gift cards from your favorite place as our youngest member draws them from a basket, with a price limit of \$10.00. There will be a door prize as well. We hope everyone has a joyous Christmas Season. For more information contact Scotty Durio at finance@tekconf.org or (318) 483-3908.

SCHEDULE - THE CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASSES, AND CHRISTMAS DAY

▪ Christmas Vigil Masses

Saturday, December 24, 2022

4:00 p.m. - Christmas Vigil Mass

12:00 a.m. - Christmas Midnight Mass

▪ Christmas Day Masses

Sunday, December 25, 2022

9:00 a.m. - Christmas Day Mass

11:00 a.m. - Christmas Day Mass

5:30 p.m. - Christmas Day Mass

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 23 - 27

The Church Office will be closed **Friday, December 24 through Monday, December 26**. Father Ferguson, Father Gearheard, and the Cathedral staff wish you a safe and blessed Christmas.

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 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS - DECEMBER 11

Help aging religious. Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have devoted their lives to prayer, service, and works of mercy. Most ministered for little or no pay. **Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your gift to today's Retirement Fund for Religious collection helps furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously.**

BIRTHDAYS – December 11 – December 17

Shelley Alston, Terry Aubin, Jane Bruno, Ainsley Grace Gauthier, Elizabeth Henderson, Kimberly Jeansonne, Connie Jenkins, Corey Jenkins, Michael Jenkins, Donald Metoyer, Tracy Passman, Cody Richey, Mary Roy, Patrick Tassin, Tanya Townsend, Ruth Voorhies

NECROLOGY – December 11 – December 17

Rev. Alphonse Blomme +Dec. 12, 1927

Rev. Robert Mary Maure +Dec. 14, 1968

FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

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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, Kevin Burnett, Delaney Byard, James Domzalski, II, A1C Mason Gremillion, Andrew Hill, Kenneth Jeansonne, Jeffrey Kelso, James Madden, Chad McCann, Co. G-2-238, Evan Nugent, 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 Stemann, 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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