

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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December 18, 2022

FOURTH 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 19:

12:05 p.m. Velton Johnson

Tuesday, December 20:

12:05 p.m. Megan Carroll (living)

Wednesday, December 21:

12:05 p.m. Kevin Carroll (living)

Thursday, December 22:

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

Friday, December 23:

12:05 p.m. Robert Maddox III

Saturday, December 24: Christmas Vigil

4:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass
Priests Intentions

12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass
Priests Intentions

Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day

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 in memory of People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$17,027.00
Over or (Short)	\$7,527.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$836.00

Thank you for your generosity!

MEMORIAL GIFT OF CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Provide the name of the person to be remembered and place it with \$13.00 in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers." You can drop the envelope in the Mass collection basket or bring it to the parish rectory.

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.

SCHEDULE - THE CHRISTMAS VIGIL AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

▪ 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 - 26

The Church Office will be closed **Friday, December 23 through Monday, December 26.** Father Ferguson, Father Gearheard, Deacon Richard Mitchell, Deacon Jason Lavergne, and the Cathedral staff wish you a safe and blessed Christmas.

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

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

Frankie Crooks

**ADVENTure TO THE MANGER CHILDREN'S
EVENT - DECEMBER 20**

**Tuesday, Dec. 20 at St. Mary's Catholic School
from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** Free Live Nativity, Family dinner
(cost for dinner is \$10 adult, \$5 child under age 12),
"Journey Through Bethlehem" Armbands for those
playing the carnival games are \$15 per child and
includes Christmas tree ornament and visit with Santa.

**MARYHILL REAL PRESENCE PRAYER GROUP
DECEMBER 21**

**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.

**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.

BIRTHDAYS – December 18 – December 24

Dan Cezar, Carrie David, Rebecca Eskew, Patricia
Joseph, Tommy LaGrange, Gary LaHood, Louis Marien,
Elizabeth McSween, Loretta Paul, Jennifer Pringle,
Cheryl Randall, Alexander Strange, Iris Waters, Rev.
Jason Gootee, Dec. 20, Rev. Derek Ducote, Dec. 20

NECROLOGY – December 18 – December 24

Msgr. Roland Bordelon +Dec. 18, 2013
Rev. Alfred Chlebowczyk +Dec. 19, 1992
Rev Lucien Morel +Dec. 21, 1963
Rev. L. Julien Gallop +Dec. 22, 1897
Rev. Louis A. Voorhies +Dec. 22, 2005
Rev. Talley E. Allen +Dec. 24, 2018

FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

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that allows you to receive news and information from the
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the weekly bulletin and the Sunday Mass Liturgy Guide,
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If you are interested in receiving information via this
platform, please go to flocknote.com and search either
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there. You can unsubscribe anytime. If you 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 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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