

# St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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## SECOND 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 5:

12:05 p.m. Paula Roy

#### Tuesday, December 6:

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

#### Wednesday, December 7:

12:05 p.m. Gracie Johnson (living)

4:00 p.m. **Vigil Mass – Immaculate Conception**  
People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

#### Thursday, December 8: Immaculate Conception

12:05 p.m. People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

5:30 p.m. People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

#### Friday, December 9:

12:05 p.m. Velton Johnson

#### Saturday, December 10:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Bill Jones (living), Hazel Neal, Grace Mock, Edgar Jules Campo, Alfred & Betty Mathews, Selma Sayer, George & Betty Battalora, Robert Eberly, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Paul Am Mai, Larry David'

#### Sunday, December 11: Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Albert & Marie McNamara, Joe Betty Sterkx, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir, Louis Joseph, Michael Van Dyke, Paul Am Mai, Mariann Rabalais Sulser (living), Nathan J. Cannella, Hazel Neal

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 Fred & Joy White, please remember them in your prayers.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$9,115.56
Over or (Short)	\$(384.44)
Radio Maria	\$761.00

Thank you for your generosity!

### MAYORAL INAUGURATION MASS - DEC. 5 AT 10 A.M.

Mayor-elect Jacques Roy will attend an Inaugural Mass at 10:00 a.m., Monday, December 5, in St. Francis Xavier Cathedral before he is sworn in as the newly elected mayor at the Randolph Riverfront Center. Everyone is invited to attend the Mass.

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE - DECEMBER 6

The Advent Penance Service will be on Tuesday, December 6 at 5:30 p.m. Several priests will be available for Confession.

### ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING – DECEMBER 7

The Altar Society will have their monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 7, at 10:00 a.m. in Xavier Hall. Anyone interested in becoming a member is invited to come to the meeting.

### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - DECEMBER 8

Thursday, 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)
- Thursday, 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.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8, will be memory of John Edmund Reddoch. Please remember him in your prayers.

### 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 at the rectory or at the door.

## REMEMBER A LOVED ONE THROUGH A 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.

## 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.

## HEART OF KATERI CIRCLE MEETING - DEC. 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](mailto:finance@tekconf.org) or (318) 483-3908.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION - RETIRED 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.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND DECEMBER 4

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up Saturday, December 3 and Sunday, December 4. Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

## BIRTHDAYS – December 4 – December 10

Nikki Hierl, Andrea LeBlanc, Clayton Marcantel, Michael Mixon, Mrs. John Swart, Mary Tower, Mark Townsend, Brittany Trahan, Brandie White, Charlotte White, Rev. Gus (Dutch) Voltz, Dec. 4, Rev. Luke LaFleur, Dec 5, Dcn. Richard Mitchell, Dec. 5

## NECROLOGY – December 4 – December 10

Rev. Regis Dumas	+Dec. 6, 1905
Rev. William George Allison	+Dec. 6, 1987
Rev. Mark Wilbert Horace	+Dec. 7, 2001
Rev. Adrian Molenschot	+Dec. 7, 2007
Rev. Ludger Plauche	+Dec. 9, 1973
Rev. Harvey J. Fortier	+Dec. 10, 2011

## FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

Flocknotes is an email and text message application that allows you to receive news and information from the 1973Cathedral. 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.

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Also, we are now live-streaming the 9AM Sunday Masses via Facebook, Youtube and at [sfxcathedral.org](http://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](mailto: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 Stemmman, 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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