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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 21:

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

Tuesday, November 22:

12:05 p.m. Deceased Members of the SFXC Choir

Wednesday, November 23:

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

Thursday, November 24: Thanksgiving Day

9:00 a.m. Charles & Catherine LaCaze

No 12:05 p.m. Mass today

Friday, November 25:

12:05 p.m. John Molitor (living)

Saturday, November 26:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Colleen Carroll (living), Megan Carroll (living), Kevin Carroll (living), Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Weston Charles Johnson, Jr., Bill Jones (living), Hazel Neal, Grace Mock, Edgar Campo, Alfred & Betty Mathews, Larry David', Dixie Durastanti, George & Betty Battalora, Burley Johnson, Jr. (living), Robert Eberle, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Fr. Cal Giesen, Paul Am Mai, Jesse Lohman, John Tyler Lyles

Sunday, Nov. 27: First Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Joe Betty Sterkx, Dr. Louis Joseph, Christopher Hayne O'Shee, 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. Michael Van Dyke

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Mary & Lloyd Lachney, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$9,130.36
Over or (Short)	\$(360.64)
Online Giving for October	\$2,638.75

Thank you for your generosity!

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



The Cathedral staff would like to wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving. **Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at 9:00 a.m. only. The Church office will be closed from Noon Wednesday, November 23 through Friday, November 25 to celebrate Thanksgiving. Fr. Ferguson**

A WORD OF THANKS

A big "Thank You" to all who coordinated, set up and supported the **Altar Society Bake Sale**. Another "Thank You" to everyone who provided wonderful sweets and treats and to every person for taking the time to set up, sell, and clean up after the event. **Thanks to everyone's efforts the Altar Society raised \$1,883.00 for the continued upkeep of the Cathedral sanctuary. Fr. Ferguson**

FOOD DRIVE FOR THE FOOD BANK



Boxes are placed at the main entrance of the Cathedral for donations of non-perishable food items for **the Food Bank to help provide food for Thanksgiving. The boxes will remain through Sunday, November 20th.**

CELEBRATION OF THE RITE OF ACCEPTANCE AND WELCOMING - NOVEMBER 27

At the 9:00 a.m. Mass, Sunday, November 27, we will hold the Rites of Acceptance and Welcoming for the OCIA inquirers, with Bishop Marshall presiding. This is a very important celebration for the whole parish as the inquirers have spent the past several weeks actively looking into the Catholic faith and are now deciding to move forward. Through this rite, they are formally asking to join the Catholic Church. In the coming months those not baptized will prepare for their initiation into the Christian faith by Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist; and those already baptized will prepare for their initiation through Confirmation and Eucharist or to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church.

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.

**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.**

REQUIRED ONGOING TRAINING NOTICE

This is to notify volunteers and employees who are required to maintain ongoing-training to check their online accounts to ensure they are "caught up" with all items. Assistance is always available from the safe environment office.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT - NOVEMBER 20

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, more than 11% of the population lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and support those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - RADIO MARIA NOVEMBER 27

Next week we will be taking up a collection for Radio Maria. The mission of Radio Maria is to help communicate God's divine love and mercy for all through their programming. Radio Maria also provides catechesis and covers topics concerning the profession of faith, social issues, programs of human and social development, as well as news from the Church and society. Radio Maria has no commercial advertising and receives no funding from any other source. Funding is 100 percent dependent on the generosity of our listeners. Please give generously.

BIRTHDAYS – November 20 – November 26

Kenneth Babin, Cheryl Crooks, Linda Kemmerly, Gary Laborde, Ronald Mayeaux, Shirley Price, Ivette Sologaistoa, Joe Veillon, Trudy Young, Rev. Blake Deshautelle, Nov. 20

NECROLOGY – November 20 – November 26

Rev. Roy L. DeCaigny +Nov. 20, 1959
Rev. Paul B. Smith +Nov. 23, 1996

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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 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:

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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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