

# St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

### INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday, November 28:

12:05 p.m. Gracie Johnson

#### Tuesday, November 29:

12:05 p.m. Billie Kelley & Family (living)

#### Wednesday, November 30:

12:05 p.m. John Cumella

#### Thursday, December 1:

12:05 p.m. Burnett Bordelon

#### Friday, December 2: First Friday

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

#### Saturday, December 3: First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Mother Regina, O.C.D.

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Sam & Velma Galardo, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Mary & Lloyd Lachney, Hazel Neal, Bill Jones (living), Grace Mock, Edgar Campo, Alfred & Betty Mathews, George & Betty Battalora, Michael Kelley (living) Robert Eberle, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Paul Am Mai, Larry David

#### Sunday, December 4: Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Joe Betty Sterkx, Fr. Cal Giesen, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Altar Society, Dr. Louis Joseph, Christopher Hayne O'Shee, Paul Am Mai, Mariann Rabalais Sulser (living), Nathan J. Cannella, Dan & Michele Yerby (living), 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        | \$6,683.98   |
| Over or (Short)                  | \$(2,816.02) |
| Catholic Campaign for Human Dev. | \$545.00     |

Thank you for your generosity!

### BEGINNING OF ADVENT - NOVEMBER 27

This Sunday, November 27, the Church celebrates the first Sunday of the season of Advent, which will continue for four Sundays until Christmas Day. The word "advent" is derived from the Latin word Adventus, which means "coming," and during this season, the Church enters a time of preparation and expectation for the coming of Christ "in power and Glory" (Mark 13:26). The Spirit of the Church during this time is symbolized by the purple vestments - a sign of penance - worn at her services on each of these Sundays in preparation for the Solemnity of the Lord's Nativity.

### CELEBRATION OF THE RITE OF ACCEPTANCE AND WELCOMING - NOVEMBER 27

At the 9:00 a.m. Mass this Sunday, 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.

### 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 27<sup>th</sup>.

### FIRST FRIDAY - DECEMBER 2

11:00 a.m. Holy Hour  
11:00 a.m. First Friday Devotions  
11:15 a.m. Confessions  
12:05 p.m. Holy Mass

### PRIEST JUBILEE MASS - DECEMBER 2

The annual Jubilee Mass for Priests celebrating ordination anniversaries will be held Friday, Dec. 2 at 12:05 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. Bishop Robert Marshall will be the celebrant and all priests of the diocese are invited to be concelebrants. The public is invited.

### FIRST SATURDAY - DECEMBER 3

8:00 a.m. Exposition  
First Saturday devotions  
8:30 a.m. Rosary for Life and  
Confessions  
9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

### MAYORAL INAUGURATION MASS DECEMBER 5 AT 10 A.M.

Join us at 10 AM on Monday, December 5, in St. Francis Xavier Cathedral for a special Mass in honor of the inauguration of Jacques Roy as Mayor of Alexandria. All are welcome to pray for and with our newly elected Mayor.

### 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.**

### 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.

### 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 27 – December 3

Gary Baker, Jr., Anna Cannella, Mary Kate Colarines, Gary Elloitt, Stella Jordan, Chadyl Mission, Morgan Passman, Mark Rodgers, Sharon Saybe, Jessie White, Rev. Rusty Rabalais, Dec. 3

### NECROLOGY – November 27 – December 3

Msgr. Gerard Joseph Ducote +Nov. 27, 1979

### 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

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