

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 6:

12:05 p.m. Laura McMillian

Tuesday, February 7:

12:05 p.m. Sara Dacdac (living)

Wednesday, February 8:

12:05 p.m. John Tyler Lyles

Thursday, February 9:

12:05 p.m. Fr. Cal Giesen

Friday, February 10:

12:05 p.m. Louis Joseph

Saturday, February 11:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer,

Lucille Rachal, Alfred & Betty Mathews, George & Betty Battalora, Robert Eberle, Edgar Campo, Paul Am Mai, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Hazel Neal, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, John Dunn (living), Irma Lee Jarred

Sunday, February 12: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, James Flavin, Fr. Joseph Stemmann, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir, Louis Joseph, Willena Normand, Christopher Dunn (living), Anna Cannella (living), Poor Souls in Purgatory, Anthony D'Angelo, Jr., Agnes Rita Roberts, Irma Lee Jarred

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

5:30 p.m. Tom Heston

SANCTUARY LIGHT

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

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$6,308.00
Over or (Short)	\$(3,192.00)
Online Giving for January	\$5,352.50

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR RELIGIOUS SISTERS - FEBRUARY 5

The religious sisters serving the Diocese of Alexandria will have a **Mass of Thanksgiving at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 5, with Bishop Robert Marshall presiding.** We thank the Lord for all our religious sisters who are ministering to the needs of our people and who are a great blessing to the Church.

BLESSING OF THE THROATS - FEBRUARY 3 - 5

There will be a blessing of the throats on **Saturday, February 4 after the 4:00 p.m. Mass, and Sunday, February 5 after the 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Masses.**

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

Irma Lee Jarred

MARDI GRAS CELEBRITY CLERGY DINNER - FEBRUARY 20

Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana's first fundraiser for 2023 will be a Mardi Gras "Celebrity Clergy Dinner" fundraiser on Monday, February 20 starting at 6:00 p.m. at Tunk's Cypress Inn on beautiful Kincaid Lake. Clergy of the diocese will be your servers for this event! We will have a silent auction featuring some of our local artists. Tickets are \$50.00 each. We will have a lot of fun and would love to have you join us. To purchase tickets or sponsor a table, contact Heidi Wampler at 318-445-2401, ext. 510 or email hwampler@ccccenla.org.

"SEASON OF SERVICE" SET FOR LENTEN SEASON - BEGINS FEBRUARY 21

The Season of Service (S.O.S.) program is a coordinated effort to promote service and build community throughout the Diocese of Alexandria during the Lenten Season. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, sacrifice, and almsgiving. Deacon Richard Mitchell says, "the S.O.S. gives us an opportunity to use our gifts to help our Church and those in need in our community." Last year, over 70 teams with over 700 volunteers participated. Projects completed included window washing, parking lot striping, church maintenance, roof repairing, painting, and rosaries for vocations were prayed. For additional information please contact Dcn. Richard Mitchell at dcnrmitchell@diocesealex.org or Dcn. Jason Lavergne at dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org.

BECOME A PERMANENT DEACON - APPLICATIONS BEING ACCEPTED NOW

Do you have a desire to serve the Church in a deeper way? Do you have the heart for serving others? If so, you may be interested in learning more about becoming a Permanent Deacon for the Diocese of Alexandria. The Diocese of Alexandria is now taking contact information and fielding questions from men who may be interested in discerning this ministry to begin formation late August, 2023. If interested, contact Deacon Mitchell at (318) 445-6424, ext. 206 or email: dcnrmitchell@diocesealex.org.

DISCALCED CARMELITES MEETING – FEB. 11

The Order of the Discalced Carmelites monthly meeting is 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. If you are interested in Carmelite spiritual studies, please contact Mary Jo McCoy at 318-346-6860 or 318-481-9638.

AWARENESS TRAINING - FEBRUARY 16

There will be a Virtus Awareness training session on **Tuesday, February 16, at 6:00 p.m.**, at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria. To pre-register, go to www.virtus.org.

NOTE: Minors are not allowed to attend because of the adult content of the videos and discussions.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - THE CHURCH TODAY FEBRUARY 4 - 5

This weekend, we will be taking up a special collection for our diocesan newspaper, the Church Today. Every month, this 24-page newspaper is mailed FREE to every Catholic household in the diocese. All donations to this special collection go directly to the Church Today to help defray the cost of printing and mailing. If you, or someone you know, would like to receive the Church Today FREE each month, call (318) 445-6424, ext 209 to request it. Please be generous today and support our diocesan newspaper, the Church Today.

BIRTHDAYS – February 5 – February 11

John Aguillard, Elizabeth Battalora, Travis Brown, Eric Cook, Kim Craig, Debbie Curtis, Kristy Kelley, Emily Ann McCullough, Dominic Molinar, Anna Parker, Wayne St. Pierre, Gayla Verzwylt, Fr. Paul Sunderhaus, Feb. 5, Fr. Anthony Dharmaraj, Feb. 8, Dcn. John Whitehead, Feb. 10

NECROLOGY – February 5 – February 11

Rev. Francis X. Kronemeyer +Feb. 5, 1949
Rev. Antonio Enrique Villaverde +Feb. 5, 1999
Rev. Joseph Aubree +Feb. 6, 1897
Rev Francis Bertels +Feb. 6, 1927
Rev. Bernard Regis +Feb. 7, 1916
Msgr. Terrence J. Lennon +Feb. 9, 1976
Rev. Joseph Montalbano +Feb. 11, 2014

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.

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 dcnrmitchell@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, Christopher Fraser, 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, Antonio Sandoval, Kemal Sanli, Ursula Schramek, Trudy Schuurmans, 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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