

# St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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### INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday, March 20:

12:05 p.m. Evelyn McKenzie

#### Tuesday, March 21:

12:05 p.m. Fr. Cal Giesen

#### Wednesday, March 22:

12:05 p.m. David Muncy (living)

#### Thursday, March 23:

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

#### Friday, March 24:

12:05 p.m. Fr. Cal Giesen

#### Saturday, March 25:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Alfred & Betty Mathews, Dixie Durastanti, George & Betty Battalora, Robert Eberle, Edgar Campo, Paul Am Mai, Galardo & Lacroix Families, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, John Dunn, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette,

#### Sunday, March 26: Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Wayne Cole, Louis Joseph, Christopher Dunn (living), Anthony D'Angelo, Jr., Poor Souls in Purgatory, David & Stacey Lachney, Mrs. Phyllis Ann Buckley Powell, Erin Curley, Cheryl Ceasar (living)

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 Carolyn Harger, please remember her in your prayers.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Weekly Budget             | \$9,500.00  |
| Last Weekend's Collection | \$10,578.00 |
| Over or (Short)           | \$1,078.00  |

Thank you for your generosity!

### ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading," created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance.

Today is our parish's 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal in-pew weekend. In the past weeks you might have received a letter from Bishop Marshall asking for your support of the annual appeal. After the homily parishioners who have not yet pledged to the ADA will have an opportunity to join with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Alexandria to support the diocesan church. **The goal for St. Francis Xavier Cathedral this year is \$37,244.00. Pledges to date: \$42,493.05**

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Tuesday, March 21:** 6:00 PM - Holy Hour of Adoration
- **Wednesday, March 22:** 6:30 PM - Choir Practice
- **Friday, March 24:** 11 AM to 1 PM - Fish Fry
- **Friday, March 24:** 5:30 PM - Way of the Cross

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP

The Diocese of Alexandria will be offering training workshops for those individuals who are interested, who currently may serve or who have served in the past as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in their parish. **To serve in this role, one must be of good standing with their Catholic faith and need the approval of their pastor.** Training sessions will cover theology of the Eucharist, practicalities of distribution, Communion at Mass under both species, and taking Communion to the sick or homebound. After you complete the workshop, your pastor will be notified, after which you can get with him in regard to the particulars in your parish. For questions, please email or call Deacon Jason Lavergne in the Office of Religious Education and Faith Formation at [dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org](mailto:dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org) or (318) 445-6424 ext. 207. All training workshops will present the same material and will last no longer than three hours. Please sign up by visiting the Diocese website for any one workshop that best fits your schedule:

- **Saturday, March 25, 9:00 a.m.** - St. Joseph Church, Marksville
- **Saturday, April 15, 9:00 a.m.** - St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd., Alexandria

## **AWARENESS TRAINING - MARCH 21**

There will be a Virtus Awareness training session on **Tuesday, March 21, at 6:00 p.m.**, at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria. To pre-register, go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

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

## **LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE - MARCH 28**

There will be a Penance Service in the Cathedral on **Tuesday, March 28 beginning at 5:30 p.m.** Several priests will be present to hear confession.

## **CHORDS OF BLUE - APRIL 26**

You are invited to join St. Mary's Residential Training School at the annual Chords of Blue Benefit Concert in honor of Autism Awareness. Scheduled for April 26 at the Randolph Riverfront Center, guests will enjoy a night of great music and entertainment provided by the United by Music All-Star Showcase Featuring Curley Taylor and the Zydeco Trouble. Tickets start at \$75 each and can be purchased online at [chordsofblue.com](http://chordsofblue.com) or by calling St. Mary's at 318-445-6443 ext. 2144. All proceeds benefit St. Mary's Residential Training School and local people living with autism and other developmental disabilities.

## **REMEMBER A LOVED ONE THROUGH A MEMORIAL GIFT OF EASTER LILIES**



Provide the name of the person to be remembered and place it with \$13.00 in an envelope marked "Easter Flower Offering." Envelopes are located on the tables at the entrances of the Church. You can drop the envelope in the Mass collection basket or bring it to the parish office.

## **SPECIAL COLLECTION - CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES - MARCH 19**

The week of March 19, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's Love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

## **BIRTHDAYS – March 19 – March 25**

John Benjamin, Shirley Bolyard, Diane Burton, Kerry Callahan, Casey Carter, Carla Couvillon, Joanie Credeur, Michael Haise, Alayha Harmson, Theresa Heston, Yvonne LaGrange, Alex Mangini, Norma McCann, Anthony Parrino, Greg Pharis, Deborah Smith, Connie Stemann, Audrey Tiffée, Dcn. Alex Mangini, Mar. 20

## **NECROLOGY – March 19 – March 25**

Rev. John Van Bokhoven +Mar. 20, 1932  
Rev. Andrew Andries +Mar. 23, 1904

## **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](http://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](mailto: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](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, 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, Patrick Charles, Willis Coco, Barbara Cole, Alfred Cook, Jr., Kathy Cumella, Jeramie Davidson, Jim Domzalski, Sr., Elray Dubois, Brenda Ducote, Cecile Ducote, Norris Ducote, Clyde Ray Eli, Carolyn Fontenot, Cathy Grant, Darlene Gremillion, Rosemary Gremillion, Richard Hall, Carolyn Harger, Melisa Henry, Ai Ming Herrington, Anna Hooper, Clara Hubbard, Patrick Jones, Cody & Scott Lachney, James Lachney, Jimmy Lachney, Carla Lee, Lloyd Lee, 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, Gary Wagers, Sharon Walker, Stephen V. Waters, Robert Welch, Dee & Bailey Wilson, Kitty Wilson, Lee Arthur Wilson, Leonard Wilson, Tony Wilson

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