

# St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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## ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Father James Ferguson, JCL, Rector • Father William Gearheard, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Richard Mitchell • Deacon Jason Lavergne • [www.sfxcathedral.org](http://www.sfxcathedral.org)

### INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, June 19:**

12:05 p.m. Bennie O. Hastings

**Tuesday, June 20:**

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

**Wednesday, June 21:**

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

**Thursday, June 22:**

12:05 p.m. Fr. Francis Brian

**Friday, June 23:**

12:05 p.m. Angele Matt

**Saturday, June 24:**

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

**Sunday, June 25: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families, (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Louis Joseph, Fr. Frederick J. Lyons, Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council #3200, Lynn Dunn (living), Poor Souls in Purgatory, Marianne Rabalais Sulser (living), Rosa Maria Lefebvre, Tommy Price

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

5:30 p.m. Martha Lee

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Marie A. Medica, please remember her in your prayers.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$ 7,530.00
Over or (Short)	\$ (1,970.00)

Thank you for your generosity!

### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Happy Father's Day to all fathers, grandfathers, and stepfathers. Five weeks ago, we observed Mother's Day and offered Mass for our mothers. Today, on this Father's Day, we are doing the same – offering our dads, living or

deceased, on the altar of God during the Holy Mass and invoking our Heavenly Father's blessings on them.

### A WORD OF THANKS

Bishop Marshall carried the monstrance from St. Francis Xavier Cathedral during the Corpus Christi procession after last Sunday's 11:00 AM Mass. The procession ended with Benediction inside the Cathedral. The Knights of Columbus carried the canopy; servers helped lead the way at the front of the procession. Clergy and dozens of parishioners also walked along the route. Music was led by the Cathedral choir. Thank you to all who participated in this beautiful public witness to the Real Presence of Christ during this Eucharistic Procession. – Fr. Ferguson.

### BIBLE STUDY – THE EUCHARIST IN SCRIPTURE – TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 6:00 PM IN XAVIER HALL

What we will cover in Lesson 2:

- The Mass as Heaven on Earth
- The elements of the Book of Revelation that appear in the Mass
- How the structure of the Mass reflects the structure of Revelation and the Emmaus story.
- The Lamb of God in Scripture and liturgy
- The fullness of the Communion of Saints

### FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR FATHER BILL – SUNDAY, JUNE 25

A Farewell Reception for Father Bill Gearheard will be held Sunday, June 25 in Xavier Hall after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. All are invited to come and wish Father Bill well. He is being assigned as Pastor of St. Augustine Church, Isle Brevelle, effective July 1. The Knights of Columbus and the Ladies of the Altar Society will co-host the reception. – Father Ferguson

### STEBENVILLE SOUTH YOUTH CONFERENCE JUNE 23 - 25

Calling all high schoolers! In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfillment, security, and love. **Join hundreds of Catholic teens at Steubenville South on June 23 - 25 to experience the peace of Jesus Christ**, who is our refuge and never wearies of loving us. All rising freshmen in high school through rising freshmen in college are invited to attend this weekend retreat. Learn more at [www.steubenvillesouth.com](http://www.steubenvillesouth.com), or contact your youth minister for more information.

## 2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral goal \$37,244.00. Pledges to date \$78,931.00. Thank you for your generosity.  
– Fr. James Ferguson

## SUPPER WITH THE SEMINARIANS – JUNE 27 & JULY 18, 27

Bring your friends and family because everyone is invited! These events are free, but donations are welcome. All donations will be used to assist in funding our Seminarians' education.

The diocese has five men in priestly formation at this time: Deacon Donnie Kuzma, Matthew Bonner, Blaine Phillips, Jacob Cass and Gabe Dowden.

### This year's dates/locations are:

- **Tuesday, June 27**, St. Mary's Church, Winnsboro
- **Tuesday, July 18**, Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, Campiti
- **Thursday, July 27**, St. Rita Church, Alexandria

To reserve your seat, contact Sandi Tarver at 318- 445-6424, ext. 209 or email [starver@diocesealex.org](mailto:starver@diocesealex.org).

Seatings are at 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

## ALTAR SOCIETY SEMI-ANNUAL BAKE SALE JULY 8 - 9



The Cathedral Altar Society will have their Semi-Annual Bake Sale in Xavier Hall on July 8 - 9, after the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and after the 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Masses on

**Sunday.** Donations of baked goods can be dropped off in the church hall on Saturday, July 9 between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, or before each weekend Mass. Please come by and support the Altar Society. Your contributions help pay for the necessary items for the upkeep of the Cathedral sanctuary.

## WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT – JULY 14 – 16 MARYHILL RENEWAL CENTER

Retreat Director, Claire Gallagher, will lead a weekend silent retreat where she will invite women to sit at the feet of Christ. The retreat will explore the spirituality of the feminine genius. Claire will draw on scripture, the wisdom of St. Therese of Lisieux and her own life experiences to help women grow in their spirituality and intimacy with Christ. Retreat location: Maryhill Renewal Center.

To register, visit: <https://www.diocesealex.org/our-diocese/religious-education-faith-formation/womens-silent-retreat/>. For more information, contact Dcn Jason Lavergne @ [dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org](mailto:dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org).

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## BIRTHDAYS – June 18 – June 24

Russell Dairepont, Gabriel Ducote, Addison Gauthier, Scott Gilchrist, James Gootee, Paul Mathews, William Paddie, Jack Randall, Benjamin Swift, Jonathan Treadway, Susan Wagers, Ruby Williams, Rev. James Ferguson, June 23, Dcn. William Endris, June 23

## NECROLOGY – June 18 – June 24

Msgr. Aloysius O. Olinger +June 22, 1969

## FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral has subscribed to Flocknotes which is an email and text message application that allows you to receive news and information from the Cathedral. 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 have 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, Patrick Braquet, Mike Briggs, Patricia Briggs, Carol & Bob Brossett, Janice Brossett, Judy Brossett, John Broussard, Ann Marie Bruner, Pam Saucier Buerlew, Daisy Bynog, John Cain, Patrick Charles, Willis Coco, Barbara Cole, Alfred Cook, Jr., Kathy Cumella, Sara Dacdac, Jeramie Davidson, Jim Domzalski, Sr., Elray Dubois, Brenda Ducote, Cecile Ducote, Norris Ducote, Clyde Ray Eli, Carolyn Fontenot, Cathy Grant, Rosemary Gremillion, Richard Hall, Carolyn Harger, Melisa Henry, Ai Ming Herrington, Anna Hooper, Clara Hubbard, Tiffany Johnson, 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, Todd Mizell, Clyde Peterson, Diane Rabalais, Jimmie Sanchez, Antonio Sandoval, Kemal Sanli, Ursula Schramek, Trudy Schuurmans, Marianne Julie Sober, Stephanie Simmons, Preston Stemmman, Mariann Rabalais Sulser, Sam Terracina, Gary Wagers, Sharon Walker, Stephen V. Waters, Katina Watson, Dee & Bailey Wilson, Kitty Wilson, Lee Arthur Wilson, Leonard Wilson, Tony Wilson, William Joel Wood

**Before someone's name is placed in prayer, be sure to have permission from that person to publicize his or her name in the bulletin.**

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