

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, June 26:

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

Tuesday, June 27:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, June 28:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Thursday, June 29:

12:05 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Lester Cezar

Friday, June 30:

12:05 p.m. Sam & Myrtle DeBona

Saturday, July 1: First Saturday

9:00 Hazel Neal

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

Sunday, July 2: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families, (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Louis Joseph, Dr. Francis Brian, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Altar Society, Anthony D'Angelo, Jr., Leon Dunn, George Taylor Roberts, Marianne Rabalais Sulser (living), Rosa Maria Lefebvre, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Adrienne Louis Parakins

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

5:30 p.m. Selma Sayer

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Allison Arrington, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$ 9,431.00
Over or (Short)	\$ (69.00)

Thank you for your generosity!

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR FATHER BILL – 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

BIBLE STUDY – THE EUCHARIST IN SCRIPTURE – TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 6:00 PM IN XAVIER HALL

What we will cover in Lesson 3:

What Jesus meant when he said, "It is finished" and what was "finished" on the cross

The significance of the feast of Passover in Israel's history and as the setting for Jesus' passion

The meaning of a covenant, and how it figured in Jewish society in Jesus' time

What Jesus means when he speaks of his "cup" or "chalice"

Scripture Verses Read in Lesson 3:

John 19:28-34

Exodus 12:1-14

Luke 22:15-20, 40

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 BVM 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.

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

FIRST SATURDAY – JULY 1

8:00 a.m. Exposition/ First Saturday devotions

8:30 a.m. Rosary for Life and Confessions

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

FIRST FRIDAY – JULY 7

11:00 a.m. Holy Hour

11:00 a.m. First Friday Devotions

11:15 a.m. Confessions

12:05 p.m. Holy Mass.

OFFICE CLOSED: INDEPENDENCE DAY - JULY 3 - 4

In observance of Independence Day, the Parish office will be closed **Monday, July 3 and Tuesday July 4.** Masses will be celebrated at 12:05 p.m. as usual.

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.

VIRTUS TRAINING – JULY 11

There will be a Virtus training session on **Tuesday, July 11, 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.

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. Sponsored by the Diocese of Alexandria.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – PETER'S PENCE - JULY 2

Next week is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. That this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

BIRTHDAYS – June 25 – July 1

Vicki Cannella, John Cappel, Frankie Carver, Rachel Chenevert, James Domzalski, Chris Ducote, Cissy Galloway, Darby Raia, Aaron Sanchez, Mary Sanchez, Savannah Slocum, Shellie Slocum, Grace Upton, Gloria Verzwylvelt, Rev. John Wiltse, June 26, Dcn. Luke White, June 28, Dcn. Reginald Ducote, June 30

NECROLOGY – June 25 – July 1

Msgr. Henry J. Van der Putten +June 26, 1975
Rev. Patrick Fontain +June 28, 1953

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.

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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, 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 Stemann, 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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