

# St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

Deacon Richard Mitchell • Deacon Jason Lavergne • [www.sfxcathedral.org](http://www.sfxcathedral.org)

### INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday, December 2:

12:05 p.m. Merle Vahlkamp

#### Tuesday, December 3:

12:05 a.m. Linda Cazes

#### Wednesday, December 4:

12:05 p.m. R. Thomas (living)

#### Thursday, December 5:

12:05 p.m. Selma Sayer

#### Friday, December 6: First Friday

12:05 p.m. Susan Hale

#### Saturday, December 7: First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Hazel Neal

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

Am Mai, Lloyd & Mary Lachney, Galardo & Lacroix Families, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina D'Angelo, Peter Uy Mai, Dixie Durastanti, George & Betty Battalora, Mable Titmus, Edgar Campo, Ann Gravel Vanderslice, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Michael Dale Tatum

#### Sunday, December 8: Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Todd Mizell, Mary Roy, Joe Betty Sterkx, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir, Charlotte White, Jennifer L. Dunn, John L. Dunn, Lucille M. Ducote, Randolph Mitchell, Sam & Myrtle DeBona, Michael Tatom, Msgr. Joseph Susi

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

5:30 p.m. Leonard Dale Spurlock

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of the John M. Dunn, please remember him in your prayers.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$ 8,670.00
Over or (Short)	\$ (830.00)
Radio Maria	\$ 1,168.00

Thank you for your generosity!

### 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.

### BEGINNING OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 1

This Sunday, December 1, 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.

### #GIVE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN – DECEMBER 3

#GiveCatholic is in full swing. This year the Cathedral is participating with a special support request. Vestments at the Cathedral for both priest and deacons are old and somewhat dull. With many of the vestments over 20 years old, we are asking for your support to purchase new vestments for the Cathedral. You can go to our designated website by going to <https://sfxcathedral.org/> and click on the IGiveCatholic Logo or by scanning the QR code. **Please help us reach our goal of \$6000 by December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Giving Tuesday.**



### PRIESTS CONVOCATION – DECEMBER 2 - 4

The priests of the Diocese of Alexandria will be attending a Priests Convocation at Maryhill Renewal Center, along with Bishop Robert Marshall, on Monday, December 2 thru Wednesday December 4. The daily **Mass will be offered at the Cathedral at its regular time, 12:05 p.m.**

### MASS TO COMMEMORATE THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER & THE ANNUAL PRIESTS JUBILEE MASS - DECEMBER 3

The Mass to Commemorate the Feast of St. Francis Xavier and the annual Jubilee Mass for Priests celebrating

ordination anniversaries will be held **Tuesday, Dec. 3 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.

### **THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU: ADVENT DAY OF RECONCILIATION – DECEMBER 5**

There will be an **Advent Day of Reconciliation held on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Several priests will be available for Confession.

### **FIRST FRIDAY – DECEMBER 6**

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

### **FIRST SATURDAY – DECEMBER 7**

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

### **SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of the most important Marian feasts of the liturgical calendar. This year, December 8 falls on the Second Sunday of Advent, which takes liturgical precedence over the feast of the Immaculate Conception. Due to the importance of this Marian feast, its observance has been moved to Monday, December 9, 2024, and it is a holy day of obligation. **The Cathedral will offer two Masses on Monday, December 9: 12:05 PM and 5:30 PM.**

### **ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING – DECEMBER 11**

The Altar Society will have their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, December 11, 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 12**

The Red River Chorale will have their Christmas Concert this year at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral on **Thursday, December 12 at 7:30 p.m.** Admission is \$20.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. **Tickets may be purchased online at [www.redriverchorale.com](http://www.redriverchorale.com), or at the door.**

### **ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE AT THE RECTORY - DECEMBER 14 - 15**

Everyone is cordially invited to the Annual Open House at the Rectory after the **4:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass, December 14 and after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Masses on Sunday, December 15.**

### **SPECIAL COLLECTION – RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS - DECEMBER 8**

The week of December 8, our special collection will support the Retirement Fund for Religious. Aging religious need your help. "Your support acknowledges that we continue the mission of Christ even in our retirement," says Mission

Helpers of the Sacred Heart, Sister Celeste Burgos, 80. Donations provide for the care, medicine, and daily needs of over 24,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives to service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

### **SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND NOVEMBER 30 & DECEMBER 1**

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up **Saturday, November 30 and Sunday, December 1.** Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

### **BIRTHDAYS: December 1 – December 7**

Gary Baker, Mary Kate Colarines, Kenneth Durastanti, Nikki Hierl, Stella Jordan, Clayton Marcantel, Morgan Passman, Kylie Ryland, Mark Townsend, Jessie White, Rev. Rusty Rabalais, Dec.3, Rev. Gus (Dutch) Voltz, Dec. 4, Dcn. Richard Mitchel, Dec. 5, Rev. Luke LaFleur, Dec. 5

### **NECROLOGY: December 1 – December 7**

Rev. John Ryan +Dec. 4, 2020  
Rev. Regis Duma +Dec. 6, 1905

### **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, Brick Hazel, Andrew Hill, Kenneth Jeansonne, Daniel Koury, Jeffrey Kelso, Chance Ryland Lavergne, Chad McCann, Co. G-2-238, William Purdion, Jr., Kaneon Rachal, Daniel Raines, Kevin Raines, Matthew Raines

### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Ansley Bellino, Janet Bordelon, Patrick Braquet, Carol & Bob Brossett, Janice Brossett, John Broussard, Ann Marie Bruner, Daisy Bynog, John Cain, Cheyenne Carmack, Willis Coco, Barbara Cole, Alfred Cook III, Alfred Cook, Jr., April Cook, Sara Dacdac, Jeramie Davidson, Jim Domzalski, Sr., Elray Dubois, Brenda Ducote, Cecile Ducote, Harold Ducote, Norris Ducote, Chester Durr, Clyde Ray Eli, Caleah Fontenot, Carolyn Fontenot, Cathy Grant, Diane Gremillion, Rosemary Gremillion, Celia Halbert, Richard Hall, Scott Hallinan, Linc Harris, Melisa Henry, Anna Hooper, Tish Hull, Jesse Johnson, Tiffany Johnson, Patrick Jones, Cody & Scott Lachney, James Lachney, Steve Lawrence, Tracey Lawrence, Jimmy Lachney, Carla Lee, Lloyd Lee, Mark Leviner, Pam Lloyd, Audrey Luczak, Melissa McGlothlin, Peggy McNeely, Bernice Medica, Sam Medica, Tiffany Metrejeun, Fran Monk, Matt Owen, Clyde Peterson, Diane Rabalais, Thomas E. Richards, Ann Marie Ryder, Jimmie Sanchez, Antonio Sandoval, Kemal Sanli, Ursula Schramek, Trudy Schuurmans, Karen Smith, Marianne Julie Sober,

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