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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 30:

12:05 p.m. Rachel Brouillette

Tuesday, December 31:

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m. People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral
(No 12:05 p.m. Mass)

Wednesday, January 1:

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

12:05 p.m. People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral
5:30 p.m. People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

Thursday, January 2:

12:05 p.m. Sam & Myrtle DeBona

Friday, January 3: First Friday

12:05 p.m. Floyd C. Lachney

Saturday, January 4: First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Betty Mock Juneau

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer,
Robert Eberly, Dixie Durastanti, Mable Titmus, Paul Am
Mai, George & Betty Battalora, Fr. Joseph Hassiber, Ann
Gravel Vanderslice, Edgar Campo, Rachael Brouillette,
Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Eric Ducote, Ben Jenkins

Sunday, January 5: Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living &
deceased), Todd Mizell, Mary Roy, Joe Betty Sterkx,
Deceased Members of the Altar Society

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

5:30 p.m. Madeline Jeansonne

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of the Preston L. Stemmann, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's & Christmas	\$ 24,818.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 1,408.00

Thank you for your generosity!

A WORD OF THANKS

A huge thank you to the Cathedral Choir, altar servers, ushers, lectors, and extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion for your service at the Christmas Masses. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus Council 3200, the Altar Society, those who decorated the church and to all of you who are our parish family and friends for your involvement, support and commitment to St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. – Msgr. Ferguson

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GO, JANUARY 1, 2025 - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



The 1st of January, 2025 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. There will be three Masses offered at the Cathedral:

• **Tuesday, December 31 – New Year's Eve**
4:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass

• **Wednesday, January 1 – New Year's Day** 12:05 p.m.,
and 5:30 p.m. Masses

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR NEW YEARS DECEMBER 31 THRU JANUARY 1

The Church Office will be closed **Tuesday, December 31 and Wednesday, January 1**. Msgr. Ferguson, Fr. Mac Ouwumere, and the Cathedral staff wish you many blessings in the New Year.

FIRST FRIDAY - JANUARY 3

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 - JANUARY 4

8:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

First Saturday Devotions

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

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING – JANUARY 8

The Altar Society will have their monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 8, at 10:00 a.m. in Xavier Hall. Anyone interested in becoming a member is invited to come to the meeting.

ALTAR SOCIETY FACEBOOK PAGE

The Altar Society has started a Facebook Group "St. Francis Xavier Cathedral Altar Society". Check it out to see what we do. Wonderful group of ladies.

DISCALCED CARMELITES MONTHLY MEETING - JANUARY 11

The Order of the Discalced Carmelites holds its monthly meeting 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. **If you plan to attend.....Please call Mary Jo McCoy at the numbers listed above OR Deacon Bill Travis at 318 640-2827 or 318 664-7069 and someone will meet you at the Maryhill gate.

VIRTUS TRAINING – JANUARY 14

There will be a Virtus training session on **Tuesday, January 14, 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.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT – JANUARY 25

The Diocese of Alexandria will hold a Confirmation Retreat for any young person that is being confirmed in 2025. This is an opportunity for parishes who do not host an in-parish retreat to attend a retreat focused on the Sacrament of Confirmation. Cost is \$10 per person, which covers lunch and speaker. The deadline to register is Jan. 13. The retreat will take place at Maryhill Renewal Center, Pineville, on Saturday, January 25, 2025.

To register or if you have any questions, please contact Deacon Jason Lavergne at dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – THE CHURCH TODAY JANUARY 5

Next week, we will be taking up a special collection for the Church Today. Every month, this 20-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. Your donation also defrays the cost of our digital outreach via the diocesan website www.diocesealex.org. 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 or you may sign up at <https://www.diocesealex.org/the-office-of-communications>.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND JANUARY 4 & 5

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up **Saturday, January 4 & Sunday, January 5**. Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

BIRTHDAYS: December 29 – January 4

Kyle Birdsall, Marcus Bordelon, Carla Ledet, Cathy Littleton, John Maples, Dorris McArthur, Grace McCullough, Savannah Pogue, Michelle Travis, Connie Sue Monsour

NECROLOGY: December 22 – December 28

Rev. Charles F. Degnan +Dec. 29, 1923
Msgr. Patrick Murphy +Dec. 29, 2009
Msgr. John Timmerman +Dec. 31, 2021

Rev. Richard Henry Seymour +Jan. 1, 1962
Rev. Michael Prevot +Jan. 2, 1951

FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

Flocknotes 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 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. 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, 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, Rosemary Gremillion, Celia Halbert, Richard Hall, Carolyn Harger, 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, Stephanie Simmons, Sam Terracina, Gary Wagers, Sharon Walker, Stephen V. Waters, Katina Watson, Brendan Weidner Morgan White, Marilyn Wilbert, Dee & Bailey Wilson, Kitty Wilson, Lee

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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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