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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 9:

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

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

Tuesday, December 10:

12:05 a.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, December 11:

12:05 p.m. Charles Cazes

Thursday, December 12:

12:05 p.m. Evelyn Delacerda

Friday, December 13:

12:05 p.m. Fr. Francis Brian

Saturday, December 14:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Paul Am Mai, Mary Lachney, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina D'Angelo, Peter Uy Mai, Dixie Durastanti, Mable Titmus, Edgar Campo, George & Betty Battalora, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Michael Dale Tatom, Fr. Frederick Lyons, Fr. Joseph Hassiber

Sunday, December 15: Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Abraham Mickel, Mary Roy, Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council # 3200, Charlotte White, Joe Betty Sterkx, Todd Mizell, Michael Tatom, Audrie & Loretta Metoyer, David J. Howard, Jeanette Fontenot, Sandra Lafosse

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 R.J. Ducote, please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$ 10,690.85
Over or (Short)	\$ 1,190.86
Radio Maria	\$ 2,080.00

Thank you for your generosity!

REMEMBER A LOVED ONE THROUGH A 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 or bring it to the parish.

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.**

OPEN HOUSE AT THE RECTORY – DECEMBER 14 - 15



Msgr. Ferguson would like to invite everyone to the 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. Refreshments will be provided by members of the Cathedral Altar Society.

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, or at the door.**

CCD CHRISTMAS PLAY - DECEMBER 22



The children of the CCD Program will present a **Christmas Play on Sunday, December 22 at 10:00 a.m.** in Xavier Hall. Everyone is invited.

ST. FRANCES CABRINI SCHOOL ALUMNI

St. Frances Cabrini School has been working on collecting alumni information. A Google form is posted on our Facebook page to help with this endeavor. Cabrini alumni, please complete this form to help with updating our roster.

SCHEDULE - THE CHRISTMAS VIGIL AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

▪ Christmas Vigil Masses

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

4:00 p.m. - Christmas Vigil Mass

12:00 a.m. - Christmas Midnight Mass

▪ Christmas Day Masses

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

9:00 a.m. - Christmas Day Mass

11:00 a.m. - Christmas Day Mass

5:30 p.m. - Christmas Day Mass

ALTAR SOCIETY DUES FOR 2025

The Altar Society is now collecting dues for 2025.

Membership is open to all women of the parish eighteen (18) years of age. Some activities of the Altar Society include providing flowers for the altar, decorating the Church for Christmas & Easter, Fall & Summer Bake Sales, Christmas Open House in the Rectory, & occasional receptions for special events. Dues are \$6.00 per year for those members 62 & over, & \$12.00 per year for those under 62. Dues can be paid by dropping them in the collection plate, being mailed to the rectory, or at the December meeting. Please make sure your check & the envelope is marked "Altar Society Dues".

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.**

BIRTHDAYS: December 8 – December 14

Shelley Alston, Beckie Elliott, Ainsley Gauthier, Elizabeth Henderson, Corinne Jenkins, Andrea LeBlanc, Donald Metoyer, Michael Mixon, Tracey Passman, Betty Swart, Patrick Tassin, Tanya Townsend, Brittany Trahan, Derik Watts, Brandie White

NECROLOGY: December 8 – December 14

Dec. 8, 1937 Rev. John F. Walsh
Dec. 9, 1973 Rev. Martin Ludger Plauche
Dec. 12, 1927 Rev. Alphonse Blomme
Dec. 14, 1968 Rev. Robert Mary Maure

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, 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, Stephanie Simmons, Sam Terracina, Gary Wagers, Sharon Walker, Stephen V. Waters, Katina Watson, Brendan Weidner Morgan White, 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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