

# St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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### INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday, November 25:

12:05 p.m. Paul Am Mai

#### Tuesday, November 26:

12:05 a.m. Linda Cazes

#### Wednesday, November 27:

12:05 p.m. Paul Am Mai

#### Thursday, November 28:

9:00 a.m. People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral  
(No 12:05 p.m. Mass)

#### Friday, November 29:

12:05 p.m. Leonard Dale Spurlock

#### Saturday, November 30:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Paul Am Mai, Robert Eberle, John Cumella, Angelo & Nina D'Angelo, Peter Uy Mai, Dixie Durastanti, Mable Titmus, Edgar Campo, George & Betty Battalora, John F. Cumella, Ann Gravel Vanderslice, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette

#### Sunday, December 1: First Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Mary Roy, Todd Mizell, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Altar Society, Joe Betty Sterkx, Christopher J. Dunn (living), John M. Dunn (living), Georgia M. Dunn (living), Lucille M. Ducote, Cecile G. Dunn, Edward Mitchel, Pour Souls in Purgatory

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

5:30 p.m. Rose Marie Francis

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of the Edgar Campo, please remember him in your prayers.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$ 9,396.00
Over or (Short)	\$ (104.00)
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 624.00

Thank you for your generosity!

### HAPPY THANKSGIVING

The Cathedral staff would like to wish everyone a blessed Thanksgiving. **Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be at 9:00 a.m. only. The Church office will be closed from Noon on Wednesday, November 27 through Friday, November 29 to celebrate Thanksgiving. Msgr. Ferguson.**

### A WORD OF THANKS

A big "Thank You" to all who coordinated, set up and supported the Altar Society Bake Sale. Another "Thank You" to everyone who provided wonderful sweets and treats and to every person for taking the time to set up, sell, and clean up after the event. – Msgr. Ferguson

### #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.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION – DECEMBER 8**

The week of Dec. 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: November 24 – November 30**

Jacqueline Byrd, Anna Cannella, John Dailey, Gary Elliott, Karen Hazel, Linda Kemmerly, Chadyl Mission, Shirley Price, Lynn Reynolds, Mark Rodgers, Sharon Saybe

**NECROLOGY: November 24 – November 30**

Msgr. Gerard Joseph Ducote +Nov. 27, 1979

**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, 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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