

# St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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### INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, March 24:**

12:05 p.m. Homer Carver

**Tuesday, March 25:**

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

**Wednesday, March 26:**

12:05 p.m. Joseph Lacombe

**Thursday, March 27:**

12:05 p.m. Carline LaCaze

**Friday, March 28:**

12:05 p.m. L.P. Vaughn

**Saturday, March 29:**

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Dixie Durastanti, Edgar Campo, Paul Am Mai, George & Betty Battalora, Angele' Matt, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Marty Vutera, Jr. (living), Robert Eberle, Kenneth Falkner, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, John Christian Upton, Van Mol Family (living), 'C.E. Judge' Wallace, Janelle & Chuck Haise, Ann Vanderslice, Wallace & Normand Families, Susan Fett Ussery

**Sunday, March 30: Fourth Sunday of Lent**

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Joe Betty Sterkx, Todd Mizell, John Christian Upton, David & Stacey Lachney, Margaret Henderson, Van Mol Family (living), Susie Chicola Davis, Ann Vanderslice

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

5:30 p.m. Angele' Matt

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Leslie Gremillion, please remember him in your prayers.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 10,24.98
Over or (Short)	\$ 824.98

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### INTERESTED IN SERVING AS AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION OR LECTOR?

After discernment and prayer, if you are interested in serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or as a Lector, please contact **Deacon Jason Lavergne** at [dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org](mailto:dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org) or by phone at (318) 445-6424 to get more information on the ministry.

To serve as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion or Lector, persons must: be practicing Catholics, distinguished in their Christian life, faith and morals; be a registered member of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, be at least 18 years old; have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, and makes regular use of the Sacrament of Penance. If married, the marriage must be a valid Catholic marriage.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY – MARCH 28 & FRIDAYS DURING LENT THROUGH APRIL 11



Our local Knights of Columbus council 3200 will have their annual Lenten Fish Fry in Xavier Hall **from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 21 and each Friday through April 11**. Menu includes fried catfish, french fries, hush puppies, and coleslaw and is dine in or take-out. Price is \$12.00 a plate. For take-out delivery call 447-3663 with a minimum of two orders. (Please note that the Fish Fry will not be served on Good Friday)

### THE WAY OF THE CROSS – FRIDAY – MARCH 28



Please join us for the Way of the Cross at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral **Friday, March 28 at 5:30 p.m. and each Friday during this Lenten season.**

### FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

•**Fasting** is to be observed **Good Friday** by all Catholics who are 18 years of age until the beginning of their 60<sup>th</sup> year. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

•**Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years or older on Good Friday and on all Fridays of Lent. And let us remember, it's a day of penance and a time to reflect on Christ's sacrifice. (It is obvious that abstaining from meat is meaningless for vegetarians, who must choose some other form of abstinence. It is equally obvious that replacing meat with a gourmet seafood dinner is not keeping with the spirit of Lent).

#### **FIRST FRIDAY – APRIL 4**

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 – APRIL 5**

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

#### **SILENT LENTEN RETREAT – APRIL 3 - 6**

This Lent, set aside time for a profound spiritual renewal. We invite you to experience the grace of silence and solitude at our Silent Lenten Retreat at Maryhill Renewal Center designed to deepen your relationship with Jesus. Spend a weekend in: Guided Prayer tailored for you by an individual Spiritual Director, that is far from the noise and distractions of your busy life by embracing the silence. Give of your time and self and reconnect to the heart of the Lord. Let this be a time of spiritual growth as you journey towards Easter. Space is limited. Open to anyone. To register or for more information contact: Charlotte Wasmer at 318-730-1025 or [cwasmer@diocesealex.org](mailto:cwasmer@diocesealex.org); Ingrid Cannella 318-792-3331 or [icnewell@yahoo.com](mailto:icnewell@yahoo.com).

#### **DISCALCED CARMELITES MONTHLY MEETING APRIL 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.

#### **SEMINARY COME AND SEE WEEKEND - APRIL 11 - 13**

St. Joseph Abbey Seminary College is scheduled to have its Spring Come and See weekend from April 11-13. This is a great opportunity for any male 16 years old or older to come and see the seminary campus and what seminary life is like. For more information, please contact the Director of Vocations, Fr. Luke LaFleur at [frlalfleur@diocesealex.org](mailto:frlalfleur@diocesealex.org).

#### **SPECIAL COLLECTION – THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES – MARCH 30**

Next week we will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

#### **BIRTHDAYS: March 23 – March 29**

Robert Antoon, John Benjamin, Carla Couvillon, Lloyd Lee, Rosaley McCroskey, Chris Roy, Jeremy Simmons, Connie Stemmann, Leann Thomasco

#### **NECROLOGY: March 23 – March 29**

Msgr. Andrew Andries +Mar., 23, 1904  
Rev. Robert H. DeVriendt +Mar., 27, 1951  
Rev. Emeric B. Scallan +Mar., 27, 1990  
Msgr. Julius E. Walle +Mar., 28, 2004  
Msgr. Allen M. Chenevert +Mar., 29, 1987

#### **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. Please go to [flocknote.com](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](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

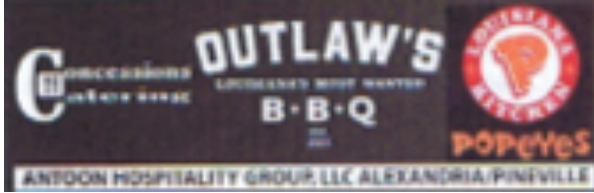
#### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Ansley Bellino, Kathy Blackman, 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, Teresa B. Coutee, 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, Melanie McNamara, Peggy McNeely, Sam Medica, Tiffany Metrejeun, Fran Monk, Matt Owen, Clyde Peterson, Britney Rousseau, Diane Rabalais, Thomas E. Richards, Benny Russo, Jimmie Sanchez, Antonio Sandoval, Kemal Sanli, Ursula Schramek, Trudy Schuurmans, Faith Scharz, 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 Arthur Wilson, Leonard Wilson, Tony Wilson, William Joel Wood

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