

# 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 31:

12:05 p.m. Atwell Family (living & deceased)

#### Tuesday, April 1:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

#### Wednesday, April 2:

12:05 p.m. Dr. Ron Cezar

#### Thursday, April 3:

12:05 p.m. Ann Vanderslice

#### Friday, April 4: First Friday

12:05 p.m. Msgr. Ronal Hoppe

#### Saturday, April 5: First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Mounzer Challah

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

Durastanti, Edgar Campo, Paul Am Mai, George & Betty

Battalora, Shirley Lachney Price (living), Lloyd & Mary

Lachney, Sam & Velma Galardo, Angelo & Nina Carter

D'Angelo, Marty Vutera, Jr. (living), Robert Eberle, 'C.E.

Judge' Wallace, Jannell & Chuck Haise, Wallace &

Normand Families, Ann Vanderslice, Susan Fett Ussery,

John Christian Upton, Van Mol Family (living), Rachael

Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette

#### Sunday, April 6: Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living &

deceased), R. J. Ducote, Joe Betty Sterkx, Todd Mizell,

Deceased Members of the Cathedral Altar Society, Jason

Garon, George Taylor Roberts, Susie Chicola Davis, John

Christian Upton, Joseph S. Serwatka, Margaret

Henderson, David & Stacey Lachney, Ann Vanderslice,

Marie Jones, Van Mol Family (living)

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

5:30 p.m. Tom Heston

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Ann Jones, please remember her in your prayers.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget \$ 9,500.00

Last Weekend Collection \$ 9,399.84

Over or (Short) \$ (100.16)

**Thank you for your generosity!**

### REMEMBER A LOVED ONE THROUGH A MEMORIAL GIFT OF EASTER LILIES



Provide the name of the person to be remembered and place it with \$13.00 in an envelope marked "Easter Flower Offering." Envelopes are located on the tables at the entrances of the Church. You can drop the envelope in the Mass collection basket or bring it to the parish office.

### UPDATE ON WATERPROOFING ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL

Presently, bricks on the front deck walkway of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral are being patched and stained to match the existing color of the bricks. Work is also being done to repair any deteriorating bricks on the two step pillars in front of the rectory, plus repairs on the front porch railings. Eventually, workers will proceed repairing any bricks on the Cathedral's bell tower that are deteriorating, giving a uniform appearance and making the tower structurally sound.

### THE WAY OF THE CROSS – FRIDAY – APRIL 4



Please join us for the Way of the Cross at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral **Friday, April 4 at 5:30 p.m. and each Friday during this Lenten season.**

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY – APRIL 4 & 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, April 4 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)**

### 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).

## 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).

## 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.

## VIRTUS TRAINING – APRIL 14

There will be a Virtus training session on **Monday, April 14, at 6:00 p.m.**, at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria. To pre-register, go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). **NOTE: Minors are not allowed to attend because of the adult content of the videos and discussions.**

## SPECIAL COLLECTION – THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES – MARCH 20

**This 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).

## SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND APRIL 5 & APRIL 6

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up **Saturday, April 5 and Sunday, April 6.** Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

## BIRTHDAYS: March 30 – April 5

Nicholas Antoon, Adrienne Perkins, Kelly Ducote, Elijah Gootee, Elizabeth Gootee, Louise Guidry, Clif Lofton, Rev. Antony Aelavanthara, Apr. 1, Dcn. LG Deloach, Apr. 1, Rev. Luke Melcher, Apr 3

## NECROLOGY: March 23 – March 29

Rev. Peter Cooney	+Mar. 30, 1893
Rev. Quirinius Vanderburg	+Mar. 30, 1926
Rev. Michael P. Kammer	+Mar. 30, 1979
Rev. Dennis A. Curren	+Mar. 31, 1967
Rev. Peter Thomas Norek	+Mar. 31, 1987
Rev. Joseph Frank Kula	+Apr. 1, 1959
Rev. Jean Baptiste Avenard	+Apr. 3, 1883
Rev. William B. Provosty	+Apr. 3, 1997
Rev. Ferreolus D'Cruz	+Apr. 3, 2013
Msgr. Ronald C. Hoppe	+Apr. 4, 2022

## 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, (cont.)

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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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