

# St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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### INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, December 15:**

12:05 p.m. Abraham Mickel

**Tuesday, December 16:**

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

**Wednesday, December 17:**

12:05 p.m. Elsie Poche

**Thursday, December 18:**

12:05 p.m. Alice Foster

**Friday, December 19:**

12:05 p.m. Frankie L. Duprey

**Saturday, December 20:**

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

Steve Testa, Sam & Edith Tamburo, Colingo & Tamburo Family, Simon & Mamie Campo, Campo Family, Jacob Williamson, Paul Am Mai, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Dixie Durastanti, Lennie Humphreys, Wallace & Normand Family (living & deceased), Michael Thomas Laborde, George & Betty Battalora, Jane Avate, Esther Hernandez, Edgar & Connie Campo, Mable Titmus, Ben Van Mol, Mary Virginia Van Mol (living), Van Mol Family (living & deceased) Rev. Msgr. James Ferguson (living), Egidio John DiStefano, Sam & Maggie DiStefano, Lady McNamara, Melanie McNamara, Dot & Russell Benoit, Fred Brouillette, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson

**Sunday, December 21: 4th Sunday of Advent**

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Jo Betty Sterkx, Todd Mizell, Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council # 3200, Agnes Rita Roberts, John Reynolds, Tammie McCallon, Grass & Ferguson Families, Michele & Dan Yerby (living)

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

5:30 p.m. Leslie Gremillion

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Bob & Chella Alden, please remember them in your prayers.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 17,562.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 8,062.00
Restoration Fund	\$ 3,163.00

Thank you for your generosity!

### CCD & OCIA CLASSES:

For information regarding CCD Please contact Mary Lou Maples at 446-5134. For more information regarding OCIA please contact Dcn Jason Lavergne at 318 445-6424 ext. 207.

### ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE AT THE RECTORY DECEMBER 13 - 14

Everyone is cordially invited to the Annual Open House at the Rectory after the 4:00 p.m. **Saturday Vigil Mass, December 13** and after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. **Sunday Masses on Sunday, December 14.**

### RED RIVER CHORALE CHRISTMAS CONCERT THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

The Red River Chorale will have their Christmas Concert this year at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral on **Thursday, December 18 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.**

### CCD CHRISTMAS PLAY - DECEMBER 21

The children of the CCD Program will present a **Christmas Play on Sunday, December 21 at 10:00. a.m.** in Xavier Hall. Everyone is invited.

### SCHEDULE - THE CHRISTMAS VIGIL AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

#### ▪ Christmas Vigil Masses

**Wednesday, December 24, 2025**

4:00 p.m. - Christmas Vigil Mass

12:00 a.m. - Christmas Midnight Mass

#### ▪ Christmas Day Masses

**Thursday, December 25, 2025**

9:00 a.m. - Christmas Day Mass

11:00 a.m. - Christmas Day Mass

5:30 p.m. - Christmas Day Mass

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED DECEMBER 24 - 25

The Church Office will be closed **Wednesday, December 24 and Thursday, December 25.** Msgr. Ferguson and the Cathedral staff wish you a safe and blessed Christmas.

### CLOSING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR - DECEMBER 28

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral will commemorate the closing of the Jubilee Year on **Sunday, December 28 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.**

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GO,  
JANUARY 1, 2026 - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**  
The 1<sup>ST</sup> of January, 2026 is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

There will be three Masses offered at the Cathedral:

- **Wednesday, December 31, 2025 – New Year's Eve**  
4:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass
- **Thursday, January 1, 2026 – New Year's Day**  
12:05 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. Masses

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR NEW YEARS  
DECEMBER 31, 2025 THRU JANUARY 1, 2026**

The Church Office will be closed **Wednesday, December 31, 2025 and Thursday, January 1, 2026.** Msgr. Ferguson, Fr. Jason Gootee, and the Cathedral staff wish you many blessings in the New Year.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST – JANUARY 4**

The Knights of Columbus Council # 3200 will be hosting a breakfast social after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on January 4, in Xavier Hall. All are invited and welcome.

**ALTAR SOCIETY DUES FOR 2026**

**The Altar Society is now collecting dues for 2026. 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".

**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.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION – CHURCH VOCATIONS  
DECEMBER 25**

**Traditionally at all Christmas Masses, a second collection is taken throughout our diocese for the education and formation of our priests.** Through the Church Vocations collections, your generosity and prayers allow the church to continue to provide priests, sisters and brothers to serve our spiritual and physical needs. Please give generously.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION – RETIREMENT FUND  
FOR RELIGIOUS - DECEMBER 14**

**A lifetime of service deserves care in return.** "Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community," says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. This week's collection is to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Donations to this fund

provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Please consider giving.

**BIRTHDAYS – DECEMBER 14 – DECEMBER 20**

Terry Aubin, Sladen Baker, Allison Brossett, Tyler Brossett, Jane Bruno, Dan Cezar, Jane Charvat, Carrie David, Kimberly Eeansonne, Corey Jenkins, Michael Jenkins, Gabriel Morgan, Jennifer Pringle, Cody Riche, Ruth Voorhies, Iris Waters, Rev. Jason Gootee, Dec. 20

**NECROLOGY – DECEMBER 14 – DECEMBER 20**

Rev. Robert Mary Maure +Dec. 14, 1968  
Msgr. Roland Bordelon +Dec. 18, 2013  
Rev. Alfred Chelebowski +Dec. 19, 1992

**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, Evan Cree, James Domzalski, II, Christopher Fraser, Brick Hazel, Joe Herrera, Andrew Hill, Kenneth Jeansonne, Jeffrey Kelso, Chance Ryland Laverigne, Chad McCann, Co. G-2-238, William Purdion, Jr., Kaneon Rachal, Daniel Raines, Kevin Raines, Matthew Raines

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Bob Alden, Chella Alden, Johnnie Alston, Brandon Ashley, Raymond Battalora, Bobby & Carol Brossett, Theresa Catteruccia, Alice Chambers, Brenda Ducote, Christopher Ducote, Joy Gauthier, Sandra Gooden, Carolyn Harger, Tish Hull, Logan & Mary Jock, Cody Lachney, Scott Lachney, Chris Littleton, Catherine Medica, Melanie McManara, Robert Southren, Joseph Veillon, Vergie Walker, Katina Watson, Maria White, Marilyn Wilbert

**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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