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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 22:

12:05 p.m. Victoria Young

Tuesday, December 23:

12:05 p.m. Elizabeth McCampbell Hunt

Wednesday, December 24: Christmas Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m. Priests Intentions
(No 12:05 p.m. Mass)

Wednesday, December 24:

11:30 p.m. Christmas Carols sung by Choir
12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass
Priests Intentions

Thursday, December 25: Christmas Day Masses

9:00 a.m. Priests Intentions
11:00 a.m. Priests Intentions
5:30 p.m. Priests Intentions

Friday, December 26:

12:05 p.m. Melinda Lajaunie

Saturday, December 27:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Lucille M. Ducote, Paul Am Mai, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Leonard Dale Spurlock, Dixie Durastanti, Lennie Humphreys, Wallace & Normand Family (living & deceased), Michael Thomas Laborde, George & Betty Battalora, Esther Hernandez, Edgar & Connie Campo, Mable Titmus, Egidio John DiStefano, Sam & Maggie DiStefano, Fred Brouillette, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Audrie Metoyer Family, Loretta Metoyer & Family

Sunday, Dec. 28: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Lucille M. Ducote, Jo Betty Sterkx, John Reynolds, Tammie McCallon, Grass & Ferguson Families, Michele & Dan Yerby (living), Blaine & Lorraine Rabalais Family (living), Randolph & Qunita Mitchell, Marissa Price & Child (living), Mary Bourg, Todd Mizell
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 Mule' & Polito Families, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 14,761.15
Over or (Short)	\$ 5,261.15
Retired Religious	\$ 1,452.00

Thank you for your generosity!

A WORD OF THANKS

I would like to thank the Altar Society for organizing and hosting last weekend's Open House at the Rectory. Their gracious hospitality made everyone feel so welcome, and the delicious food was truly appreciated. It was a joy to see so many people and feel the warmth of our church family.

I would also like to thank the Altar Society for hosting the Red River Chorale Christmas reception, and making it such a success. There was plenty of good food and conversation for all, and was a perfect opportunity to visit with each other. – Msgr. Ferguson.

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

WISHES FOR A SAFE & BLESSED CHRISTMAS

Msgr. James Ferguson and the Cathedral staff would like to wish everyone a safe and blessed Christmas.

– Msgr. Ferguson

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 GOD, JANUARY 1, 2026 - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The 1ST 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 THRU JANUARY 1
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.

FIRST FRIDAY – JANUARY 2

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 – JANUARY 3

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

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.

TRANSITIONAL DEACON ORDINATION – JANUARY 10

With praise and thanksgiving to God, the Diocese of Alexandria joyfully announces that Matthew Bonner will be ordained transitional deacon by the Most Reverend Robert W. Marshall, Jr., at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, on Saturday, January 10 at 10:00 a.m.

THANK YOU – iGIVE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

On behalf of the Cathedral clergy and staff, we thank everyone who participated in this year's iGive Catholic Campaign. A total of \$17,965 was raised to support the upgrade of the sound system in the Cathedral. Your continued support and generosity are greatly appreciated. May you have a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year.

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.

BIRTHDAYS – DECEMBER 21 – DECEMBER 27

Nicole Cannella, Rebecca DePerrodi, Maine Grass, Patricia Joseph, Tommy Lagrange, Hendrix LaHood, Loretta Paul, Cheryl Randall, Rev. Stephen Brandow, Dec. 25

NECROLOGY – DECEMBER 21 – DECEMBER 27

Rev. Lucien G. Morel	+Dec. 21, 1963
Rev. L. Julien Gallop	+Dec. 22, 1897
Rev. Louis A. Voorhies	+Dec. 22, 2005
Rev. Terry Edward Allen	+Dec. 24, 2018
Rev. Joseph Amedee Jacquet	+Dec. 25, 1925
Dcn. Normand Gremillion	+Dec. 27, 2018

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. You can sign up to receive the weekly bulletin and the Sunday Mass Liturgy Guide, plus receive other notifications from the church.

If you are interested in receiving information via this platform, please go to 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 dcmitchell@diocesealex.org. Try it out! Stay connected! Also, we are now live-streaming the 9AM Sunday Masses via Facebook, Youtube and at <https://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.

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 Jeanssone, 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

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, Stacey Mayeux, 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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