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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 8:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Tuesday, December 9:

12:05 p.m. Lucille M. Ducote

Wednesday, December 10:

12:05 p.m. Alice Foster

Thursday, December 11:

12:05 p.m. Dorothy West

Friday, December 12:

12:05 p.m. Evelyn Delacerda

Saturday, December 13:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Galardo & LaCroix Families, 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, Esther Hernandez, Adrian Scallan, Lee Bond, Edgar & Connie Campo, Mable Titmus, Ben Van Mol, Jean Lively, Gayle Blankenbaker, Mary Virginia Van Mol (living), Fred Brouillette, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Egidio John DiStefano, Sam & Maggie DiStefano, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Melanie McNamara, Albert B. McNamara

Sunday, December 14: 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R.J. Ducote, Mary Lachney, Jo Betty Sterkx, Todd Mizell, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir, John Reynolds, Tammie McCallon, Grass & Ferguson Families, Jane Avate, Wein Denley, Michele & Dan Yerby (living)

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

5:30 p.m. Lena Gengo

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of the Wilbert Family, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

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| Weekly Budget | \$ 9,500.00 |
| Last Weekend Collection | \$ 8,400.38 |
| Over or (Short) | \$ (1,009.62) |
| Radio Maria | \$ 829.00 |
| Online Giving for November | \$ 8,042.52 |

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

#iGiveCatholic: IT IS NOT TOO LATE:

There is still time to support the Cathedrals effort by donating to our new sound equipment as we embrace the opportunity to Give Thanks, Give Back, and Give Catholic. Online donations can be given until midnight December 9th. If you would like to give but not online, cash or check donations can be placed in the weekly collection in a clearly marked envelope or can be dropped off at the Church office. Any donations after

December 9th will still go towards the equipment purchase but will not be reflected on the online donation page.

www.igivecatholic.org/organization/stfrancisxavercathedral

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

 The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of the most important Marian feasts of the liturgical calendar and is a holy day of obligation. The Cathedral will offer two Masses on Monday, December 8: 12:05 PM and 5:30 PM.

CATHEDRAL NATIVITY PAINT CLASS – DECEMBER 9

 Join us in Xavier Hall at 6:00pm on Tuesday, December 9th. Learn how to paint the Nativity with Christmas classics playing in the background. This will be a wonderful evening with the community, painting, laughing, and just enjoying a peaceful evening of creativity for someone's perfect Christmas gift. Harleigh will guide you through the painting class start to finish, and the class is designed for beginners to expert painters. A light meal will be provided by Saint Francis Xavier Cathedral Church. All supplies are included in the price of the class. You can register by scanning the attached QR code or by contacting Dcn Jason Lavergne at (318) 445- 6424 ext. 207 or dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING – DECEMBER 10

The Altar Society will have their monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 10, at 10:00 a.m. in Xavier Hall. Anyone interested in becoming a member is invited to come to the meeting.

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".

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

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE – DECEMBER 11



The Advent Penance Service will be held on **Thursday, December 11 at 5:30 p.m.** Several priests will be available for Confession.

ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE AT THE RECTORY - DEC. 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, 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RETIREMENT FUND

FOR RELIGIOUS - DECEMBER 14

The week of December 14, 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND **DECEMBER 6 & 7**

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up **Saturday, December 6 and Sunday, December 7.** Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

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.

BIRTHDAYS – DECEMBER 7 – DECEMBER 13

Shelley Alston, Beckie Elliott, Ainsley Gauthier, Elizabeth Henderson, Nikki Hieri, Andrea LeBlanc, Clayton Marcantel, Donald Metoyer, Michael Mixon, Tracey Passman, Kylie Ryland, Vincent Sipowicz, Michael Smith, Betty Swart, Patrick Tassin, Mark Townsend, Tanya Townsend, Brittany Trahan, Derik Watts, Brandie White

NECROLOGY – DECEMBER 7 – DECEMBER 13

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| Rev. Mark Horacek | +Dec. 7, 2001 |
| Rev. John F. Walsh | +Dec. 8, 1937 |
| Rev. Martin Ludger Plauche | +Dec. 9, 1973 |
| Rev. Alphonse Blomme | +Dec. 12, 1927 |

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

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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