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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 1:

12:05 p.m. Lucille M. Ducote

Tuesday, December 2:

12:05 p.m. Debbie Rine Butler

Wednesday, December 3:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Thursday, December 4:

12:05 p.m. Dorothy West

Friday, December 5: First Friday

12:05 p.m. Paula Roy

Saturday, December 6: First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Ada Bergeron

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

Lachney Price (living), Lloyd & Mary Lachney, Sam & Velma Galardo, Paul Am Mai, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Edgar & Connie Campo, Rebecca Shannon Kibodeaux, Dixie Durastanti, Lennie Humphreys, Wallace & Normand Family (living & deceased), Michael Thomas Laborde, George & Betty Battalora, Esther Hernandez, Audrianna Grisham, Melissa LaCaze, Seminarian David Rubio (living), Fred Brouillette, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Darlene Gremillion, Herman Schallan, Edgar & Connie Campo, Egidio DiStefano, Carolyn Broussard, Mable Titmus

Sunday, December 7: 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Beulah Knight Jackson, George Taylor Roberts, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Altar Society, Joe Betty Sterkx, Todd Mizell, John Reynolds, Tammie McCallon, Grass & Ferguson Families, Wein Denley, Selma & Richard Sayer

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

5:30 p.m. Norene Garrett

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Fred & Joy White, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 13,167.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 3,667.00

Thank you for your generosity!

BEGINNING OF ADVENT - NOVEMBER 30

This Sunday, November 30, the Church celebrates the first Sunday of the season of Advent, which will continue for four Sundays until Christmas Day. The word "advent" is derived from the Latin word Adventus, which means "coming," and during this season, the Church enters a time of preparation and expectation for the coming of Christ "in power and Glory" (Mark 13:26). The Spirit of the Church during this time is symbolized by the purple vestments - a sign of penance - worn at her services on each of these Sundays in preparation for the Solemnity of the Lord's Nativity.

PREISTS CONVOCATION – DECEMBER 1 - 3

The Priests of the Diocese of Alexandria will be attending the annual Priest Convocation at Maryhill. **We will have the regularly scheduled 12:05 PM Masses on these days.**

KC COUNCIL # 3200 MEETING – DECEMBER 2

The KC's will have their meeting on December 2 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Xavier Hall. Anyone interested in becoming a member is invited to come to the meeting.

#iGiveCatholic ON GIVING TUESDAY – DECEMBER 2

I hope you join us this year for Giving Tuesday on December 2, as we embrace the opportunity to Give Thanks, Give Back, and Give Catholic, supporting the upgrade of our sound system. Advanced Giving began Monday, Nov. 17! On that day and thereafter, anyone can visit:



www.igivecatholic.org/organization/stfrancisxaviercathedral.

PRIESTS ANNIVERSARY MASS – DECEMBER 3

The annual Priests' Jubilee Mass will be celebrated **Wednesday, Dec. 3, 12:05 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral.** The Mass, held as part of the annual Jubilee Mass, will recognize priests celebrating important anniversaries of their ordination to Holy Orders. The principal celebrant will be Bishop Robert Marshall. The public is welcome to attend.

FIRST FRIDAY – DECEMBER 5

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 – DECEMBER 6

8:00 a.m. Exposition, First Saturday devotions

8:30 a.m. Rosary for Life and Confessions

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - DEC. 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 – DEC. 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.

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 - DEC. 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.**

WOMEN'S ACTS REGISTRATION – JAN. 15–18, 2026

You are invited to join us for a life-changing women's ACTS retreat weekend at Maryhill Renewal Center in Pineville. This will be an opportunity for spiritual renewal and fellowship beginning Thursday evening, January 15, 2026, and concluding with 10:30 A.M. Sunday Mass at OLPS on January 18. Registration **forms can be found at the entrances to the church.**

SPECIAL COLLECTION - RADIO MARIA - NOV. 30

We will be taking up a collection for Radio Maria this weekend. The mission of Radio Maria is to help communicate God's divine love and mercy for all through their programming. Radio Maria has no commercial advertising and receives no funding from any

other source. Funding is 100 percent dependent on the generosity of our listeners. Please give generously.

NECROLOGY – NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 6

Rev. John Ryan

+Dec. 4, 2020

SPECIAL COLLECTION: RESTORATION FUND - DEC. 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.

BIRTHDAYS –NOVEMBER 30 – DECEMBER 6

Kylr Birdsall, Marcus Bordelon, Sonny Craig, Jacqueline Byrd, Kris Golden, Shannon Gorum, Catherine Grant, Joseph Kutch, Carla Ledet, John Maples, Dorris McArthur, Grace McCullough, Connie Sue Monsour, Mark Rodgers, Austin Shelby, Rev. Rusty Rabalais, Dec. 3., Rev. Gus (Dutch) Voltz, Dec. 4., Dcn. Richard Mitchell, Dec.5

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 Jeansonne, 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, Mikala Veronie, Elizabeth Veronie, 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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