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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 29:

12:05 p.m. Victoria Young

Tuesday, December 30:

12:05 p.m. Elizabeth McCampbell Hunt

Wednesday, December 31:

Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m. People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral
(No 12:05 p.m. Mass)

Thursday, January 1:

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

12:05 p.m. People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral
5:30 p.m. People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

Friday, January 2: First Friday

12:05 p.m. Rev. Msgr. James A. Ferguson (living)

Saturday, January 3: First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Lucille M. Ducote

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Dixie Durastanti, Paul Am Mai, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, John Christian Upton, Robert Eberle, Victoria Young (living), Lennie Humphreys, Wallace & Normand Families (living), 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

Sunday, January 4: The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Jo Betty Sterkx, John Christian Upton, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Altar Society, Robert Young (living), Todd Mizell, John Reynolds, Grass & Ferguson Families, Selma & Richard Sayer, Betty Mock Juneau, Seminarian David Rubio (living), Michele & Dan Yerby (living), Claro Castaneda, Hailee & Michael Yerby (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 Gloria Yerby, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 16,999.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 7,499.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CLOSING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE - DEC. 28

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral will commemorate the closing of the Jubilee Year of Hope, 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 and Thursday, January 1**. Msgr. Ferguson, 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 - JAN. 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.

DISCALCED CARMELITE MONTHLY MEETING-JAN. 10

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.

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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.

LECTOR FORMATION WORKSHOP – JANUARY 13

The Diocese of Alexandria is offering Lector Formation workshops for those individuals who are interested in serving or who currently may serve as a Lector in their parish. To serve in this role, one must be of good standing with their Catholic faith and need the approval of their pastor. All training workshops will present the same material and will last no longer than two and a half hours. If you would like to sign up for the next workshop, please contact Dcn Jason Lavergne at email dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org or (318) 445-6424 ext. 207. The date is Tuesday, January 13, at 6:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd., Alexandria. There is no need to register and no charge to attend. When the session is completed, you will receive a certificate. We will be happy to have you!

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING – JANUARY 14

The Altar Society will have their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, January 14, at 10:00 a.m.** in Xavier Hall. Anyone interested in becoming a member is invited to come to the meeting.

FOR THOSE WHO USE RAPIDES REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

A small reminder for all our Catholics who may be admitted to Rapides Regional Medical Center in Alexandria. Sometimes when going through admitting, the hospital worker may neglect to ask for the patient's religious affiliation. The result is the patient is not listed on the roster as Catholic and the hospital's Catholic ministry team is unaware that you are in the hospital. Please try to remember to mention this during the admitting procedure.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – THE CHURCH TODAY JANUARY 11

The Church Today. The week of January 11, we will be taking up a special collection for the Church Today. Every month, this 20-page newspaper is mailed FREE to every Catholic household in the diocese. All donations to this special collection go directly to the Church Today to help defray the cost of printing and mailing. Your donation also defrays the cost of our digital outreach via the diocesan website www.diocesealex.org. If you, or someone you know, would like to receive the Church Today FREE each month, call 318- 445-6424, ext. 209 to request it or sign up at <https://www.diocesealex.org/the-office-of-communications/>.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND JANUARY 3 - 4

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up Saturday, January 3 and Sunday, January 4. Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

BIRTHDAYS – DECEMBER 28 – JANUARY 3

Kylee Birdsall, Beth Gorum, Carla Ledet, John Maples, Dorris McArthur, Grace McCullough, Connie Sue Monsour, Cathy Littleton, Savannah Pogue, Mary Ann Rabalais, Michelle Travis

NECROLOGY – DECEMBER 28 – JANUARY 3

Rev. Charles F. Degnan	+Dec. 29, 1923
Msgr. Patrick Murphy	+Dec. 29, 2009
Msgr. John Timmermans	+Dec. 31, 2021
Rev. Richard H. Seymour	+Jan. 1, 1962
Rev. Michael Prevot	+Jan. 2, 1951

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 dcnmitchell@diocesealex.org. Try it out! Stay connected! Also, we are now live-streaming the 9AM Sunday Masses via Facebook, Youtube and at <https://sfxccathedral.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 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

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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