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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Father James Ferguson, JCL, Rector • Father William Gearheard, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Richard Mitchell • Deacon Luke White

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 28:

12:05 p.m. Edna Shaheen Fenimore Cooper

Tuesday, March 1:

12:05 p.m. Burnett Bordelon

Wednesday, March 2: Ash Wednesday

12:05 p.m. People of St. Francis Cathedral

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

Thursday, March 3:

12:05 p.m. Martha Cappel (living)

Friday, March 4: First Friday

12:05 p.m. Lee Ray Coleman

Saturday, March 5: First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Mother Regina, O.C.D.

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

George & Betty Battalora, Linda Cazes, Robert Eberle, Sam & Velma Galardo, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Mary & Lloyd Lachney, Bill Jones (living), Grace Mock, Kenneth Jeansonne, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Sam Anthony Forace, Madeline Vance Jeansonne, Edgar Jules Campo

Sunday, March 6: First Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Maddie Mitchell (living), Kenny Jeansonne, Rita & Leonard Zablonki, Deceased members of the Cathedral Altar Society, George Taylor Roberts, David & Stacey Lachney, Sam Anthony Forace, Madeline Vance Jeansonne, Edgar Jules Campo

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 Lloyd Lachney, please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$8,885.00
Over or (Short)	385.00

Thank you for your generosity!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2022

The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishop's pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism...that people place their gifts, their resources - their selves - at God's service in and through the Church." Prayerfully consider supporting your parish by weekly contribution and the diocesan church by contributing to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. The goal for St. Francis Xavier Cathedral this year is \$36,785.00.

ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 2



Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the season of Lent, is a day of fasting and abstinence. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses on **Ash Wednesday, March 2**. There will be two Masses; **12:05 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.** **Bishop Robert Marshall will officiate at the 12:05 p.m. Mass. The Mass will also be live-streamed.**

SPECIAL COLLECTION - THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE - MARCH 2

On March 2, Ash Wednesday, we will take up the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe**. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY - MARCH 2 & FRIDAYS DURING LENT THROUGH APRIL 8

Our local Knights of Columbus council 3200 will have their annual Lenten Fish Fry in Xavier Hall from **11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 2 and each Friday through April 8**. Menu includes fried fish, french fries, hush puppies, and coleslaw and is take-out only. For take-out delivery call 447-3663 with a minimum of four orders. The Fish Fry plates are \$9.00 and \$1.00 for soda or water. (Please note that the Fish Fry will not be served on Good Friday)

THE WAY OF THE CROSS – FRIDAY, MARCH 4

Please join us for the Way of the Cross at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral **Friday, March 4 at 5:30 p.m. and each Friday during this Lenten season. The Way of the Cross will be live-streamed.**

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years or older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and on all Fridays of Lent. And let us remember, it's a day of penance and a time to reflect on Christ's sacrifice. (It is obvious that abstaining from meat is meaningless for vegetarians, who must choose some other form of abstinence. It is equally obvious that replacing meat with a gourmet seafood dinner is not keeping with the spirit of Lent).

MAINTAINING THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON OF LENT

The Spirit of the season of Lent should be maintained throughout the weeks of Lent. The obligation to observe penitential days of the Church is a very important part of our spiritual life. Individual circumstances must be taken into account, but in general, people should seek to do more rather than less, since fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimal response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion of life.

FIRST FRIDAY - MARCH 4

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 - MARCH 5

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

2020 RITE OF ELECTION – SUN. MAR. 6, 2:30 P.M.

The Rite of Election of Catechumens and Call to Continuing Conversion for Candidates for Full Communion in the Catholic Church will be celebrated by the parishes of the Diocese of Alexandria on Sunday, March 6, at 2:30 p.m., at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. Parishes throughout the diocese will send those who will celebrate the sacraments of initiation this Easter, as well as their sponsors, family, and friends. The celebration is one part of a year-long process that is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). It also includes adaptations for those who were baptized in another Christian denomination and seek to become members of the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

SPECIAL COLLECTION –

BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS MARCH 6

Next weekend we will be taking up a collection for Black and Indian Missions. This collection exists to help diocesan communities to build the Church and preach the Gospel of Jesus among the African American, Native American, and Alaska Native people of God. It supports parish life and catechesis, evangelization, Catholic education, and vocations in Black and Indian Missions across the United States. Please give generously.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING – MARCH 9

The Altar Society will have their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, March 9, at 10:00 a.m.** in Xavier Hall. Anyone interested in becoming a member is invited to come to the meeting.

BIRTHDAYS - FEBRUARY 27 – MARCH 9

Debbie Dunlap, Megan Kelso, William Lacombe, Allison Paige, Rylee Parker, Diana Pharis, Caroline Randall, Lisa Ritchie, Tony Suttles, Samantha Waldron, Robert Welch, Dcn. Ted Moulard, Mar. 1, Rev. Adam Travis, Mar. 2, Dcn. Patrick McCusker, Mar. 4, Rev. Peter Kuligowski, Mar. 5, Rev. William Gearheard, Mar. 5

NECROLOGY - FEBRUARY 27 – MARCH 9

Bishop Anthony Durier	+Feb. 28, 1904
Rev. Emile Peuffier	+Feb. 28, 1910
Rev. Regis Gimbert	+Mar. 5, 1912

PRAY FOR OUR DEACON ASPIRANTS

Jason Lavergne and Alex Mangini

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:

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Sharon Andrew, Daisy Bynog, Carol & Bob Brossett, Janice Brossett, Patrick Charles, Barbara Cole, Wayne Cole, Kathy Cumella, Brenda Ducote, Cathy Grant, Brenda Hardee, Louis Joseph, Patrick Jones, Cody & Scott Lachney, Pam Lloyd, Audrey Luczak, Linda McCain, Clyde Peterson, Stephen V. Waters, Kitty Wislon, Lee Arthur Wilson, Tony Wilson, Jim Domzalski, Sr.

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