

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Father James Ferguson, JCL, Rector • Father William Gearheard, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Richard Mitchell • Deacon Jason Lavergne

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 13:

12:05 p.m. Dwayne Strickland

Tuesday, February 14:

12:05 p.m. Edgar J. Rachal

Wednesday, February 15:

12:05 p.m. Louis Joseph

Thursday, February 16:

12:05 p.m. Sara Dacdac (living)

Friday, February 17:

12:05 p.m. Helen Collins

Saturday, February 18:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Alfred & Betty Mathews, George & Betty Battalora, Robert Eberle, Hazel Neal, Sam & Edith Tamburo, Colingo & Tamburo Families, Simon & Mamei Campo, Campo Family, Jacob Williamson, Edgar Campo, Paul Am Mai, Galardo & Lacroix Families, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Lynn Dunn (living), Irma Lee Jarred, Martha Truong Thi Duo, Phyllis Powell

Sunday, February 19: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Louis Joseph, Bennie O. Hastings, Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council #3200, Cecile Dunn (living), Christopher Dunn (living), Anna Cannella (living), Anthony D'Angelo, Jr., Jacob Williamson, June Melanco, Irma Lee Jarred, Phyllis Powell

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

5:30 p.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Jacob Williamson, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$9,994.98
Over or (Short)	\$494.98
The Church Today	\$1,122.50

Thank you for your generosity!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Today the Diocese of Alexandria begins its 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA). This year's theme is "God's Gift, Our Response" and is an opportunity for us to unite with all Catholics in the Diocese and the universal church to share our blessings and to show our concern for one another. The ADA lets us act together as a family and to support programs and services no single individual or parish can offer alone. Your gift is very important, regardless of size, and is vital to the success of the Appeal. Every registered household in the diocese will receive a letter and brochure from Bishop Marshall. **Please take time to prayerfully consider what you are able to give in support of our diocesan Church.**

"SPIRITUAL WARFARE, WHAT EVERY CATHOLIC FAMILY SHOULD KNOW" - FEBRUARY 17 - 18

"Spiritual Warfare, What Every Catholic Family Should Know" will be presented at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church in Alexandria from Feb. 17-18. Fr. Carlos Martins (Sacred Relics Ministry); Mr. Adam Blai (Expert Demonologist); Mrs. Johnette Benkovic Williams (Author & Founder of Women of Grace); and Fr. Ken Geraci (Fathers of Mercy). Pre-registration cost is \$55 per person to attend in-person or for virtual admission. Students, \$20. Family Pass, \$150 and Priority Pass is \$110. Walk-in registrations increase by \$10. For more information, schedule and to purchase tickets, call (877) 218-7884 or visit www.FullnessOfTruth.org.

MARDI GRAS CELEBRITY CLERGY DINNER - FEBRUARY 20

Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana's first fundraiser for 2023 will be a Mardi Gras "Celebrity Clergy Dinner" fundraiser on Monday, February 20 starting at 6:00 p.m. at Tunk's Cypress Inn on beautiful Kincaid Lake. Clergy of the diocese will be your servers for this event! We will have a silent auction featuring some of our local artists. Tickets are \$50.00 each. We will have a lot of fun and would love to have you join us. To purchase tickets or sponsor a table, contact Heidi Wampler at 318-445-2401, ext. 510 or email hwampler@cccccenla.org.

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 22

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, February 22**. There will be two Masses; **12:05 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.**

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE
CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES:**

Phyllis Powell

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY - FEBRUARY 22
& FRIDAYS DURING LENT THROUGH MARCH 31**



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, February 22 and each Friday through March**

31. Menu includes fried fish, french fries, hush puppies, and coleslaw and is take-out only. Price is \$10.00 a plate. For take-out delivery call 447-3663 with a minimum of four orders. (Please note that the Fish Fry will not be served on Good Friday)

THE WAY OF THE CROSS – FRIDAY - FEBRUARY 24

Please join us for the Way of the Cross at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral **Friday, February 24 at 5:30 p.m. and each Friday during this Lenten season.**

2023 RITE OF ELECTION - SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 26



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, February 26, at 2:30 p.m., at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral.** Parishes from 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 Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). 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.

AWARENESS TRAINING - FEBRUARY 16

There will be a Virtus Awareness training session on **Thursday, February 16, at 6:00 p.m.,** at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria. To pre-register, go to www.virtus.org.

NOTE: Minors are not allowed to attend because of the adult content of the videos and discussions.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND
FEBRUARY 11 - 12**

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up **Saturday, January 11 and Sunday, January 12.** Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

BIRTHDAYS – February 12 – February 18

Robert Belgard, Rebecca Dauzat, Catherine Doyle, Steven Haise, Barbara Hastings, Amanda Lacombe, Paul Riddle, Preston Stemmman, Andrew Waldron, Sharon White, Rev. Jacob Thomas, Feb. 13, Msgr. Steve Testa, Feb. 14, Rev. Louis Sklar Feb. 16

NECROLOGY – February 12 – February 18

Rev. Edward Deasy Feb. 13, 2000

FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

Flocknotes is an email and text message application that allows you to receive news and information from the 1973Cathedral. 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 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, James Domzalski, II, Christopher Fraser, Mason Gremillion, Andrew Hill, Kenneth Jeansonne, Daniel Koury, Jeffrey Kelso, James Madden, Chad McCann, Co. G-2-238, William Purdion, Jr., Kaneon Rachal, Matthew Raines, Kevin Rainesie

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ansley Bellino, Janet Bordelon, Mike Briggs, Patricia Briggs, Carol & Bob Brossett, Janice Brossett, John Broussard, Daisy Bynog, John Cain, Kandy Cain, Mrs. Connie Campo, Patrick Charles, Willis Coco, Barbara Cole, Wayne Cole, Alfred Cook, Jr., Kathy Cumella, Jeramie Davidson, Jim Domzalski, Sr., Elray Dubois, Brenda Ducote, Cecile Ducote, Norris Ducote, Carolyn Fontenot, Cathy Grant, Darlene Gremillion, Rosemary Gremillion, Carolyn Harger, Melisa Henry, Ai Ming Herrington, Anna Hooper, Clara Hubbard, Patrick Jones, Cody & Scott Lachney, James Lachney, Jimmy Lachney, Carla Lee, Lloyd Lee, Pam Lloyd, Audrey Luczak, Kenneth McCarty, Melissa McGlothlin, Peggy McNeely, Bernice Medica, Sam Medica, Tiffany Metrejeun, Laura Murchison, Clyde Peterson, Diane Rabalais, Jimmie Sanchez, Antonio Sandoval, Kemal Sanli, Ursula Schramek, Trudy Schuurmans, Marianne Stephanie Simmons, Preston Stemmman, Mariann Rabalais Sulser, Sam Terracina, Gary Wagers, Sharon Walker, Stephen V. Waters, Robert Welch, Dee & Bailey Wilson, Kitty Wilson, Lee Arthur Wilson, Leonard Wilson, Tony Wilson

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