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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 20:

12:05 p.m. Courtney Kilgo

Tuesday, February 21:

12:05 p.m. Felix LaCaze

Wednesday, February 22: Ash Wednesday

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

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

Thursday, February 23:

12:05 p.m. Edgar J. Rachal

Friday, February 24:

12:05 p.m. Fr. Cal Giesen

Saturday, February 25:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Alfred & Betty Mathews, Dixie Durastanti, George & Betty Battalora, Robert Eberle, Edgar Campo, Paul Am Mai, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Hazel Neal, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Leon Dunn, Phyllis Powell

Sunday, February 26: First Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Louis Joseph, Georgia Dunn (living), Anna Cannella (living), Anthony D'Angelo, Jr., June Melanco, Phyllis Powell, Jared Price & Family (living), R. Thomas & Family (living)

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 Edgar Campo, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$14,416.48
Over or (Short)	\$4,916.48

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFICE CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY & MARDI GRAS - FEBRUARY 20 - 21

The church office will be closed **Monday, February 20 & Tuesday, February 21. There will be a 12:05 p.m. Mass as usual on both days.**

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Jesus didn't do it alone. He called disciples to assist him in mission. Jesus challenged and supported his disciples - at times gently chiding them, or reaching out a hand to help, and at times demanding a lot from them. Our Lord walks with us but he also challenges us to be good disciples by supporting the universal Church. Do we ask ourselves are we imitators of Christ by giving freely of ourselves - our time, talent and financial resources? Are our gifts to our parish acceptable? Are our gifts to the local Church through the Annual Diocesan Appeal acceptable?

LENTEN HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION -

4 TUESDAYS DURING LENT, 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Since we are in the midst of a National Eucharistic Revival, join us in prayer for a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration on four Tuesdays during Lent (February 28, March 7, March 14 and March 21). The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed beginning at 6 PM, followed by the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a 10 minute talk on the Eucharist given by one of our clergy, as well as time for silent prayer and reflection.... Benediction will take place at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Ferguson.

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. Bishop Robert Marshall will officiate at the 12:05 p.m. Mass. The Mass will also be live-streamed.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY -

ASH WEDNESDAY, 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 Ash Wednesday, 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.**

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).

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - THE CHURCH OF CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE - FEBRUARY 22

On **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 reconstruction, education, formation and poverty outreach. Please be generous to the collection. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS FEBRUARY 26

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.

BIRTHDAYS – February 19 – February 25

Melissa Bradford, Paul Ceasar, Seth Guillotte, Bonnie LeBlanc, Rodney LeBlanc, Susan Lofton, Richard Paul, Rev. John Cunningham, Feb. 21

NECROLOGY – February 19 – February 25

Msgr. Celestine Mahe +Feb. 19, 1933
Rev. Leo P. Van Hoorn +Feb. 21, 2006
Rev. Leopold P. Van Lint +Feb. 22, 1926
Rev. Armand Chorin +Feb. 23, 1894

FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

Flocknotes is an email and text message application that allows you to receive news and information from the 1973 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 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:

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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 Stemmann, Mariann Rabalais Sulser, Sam Terracina, Gary

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