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THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 12:

12:05 p.m. James Flavin

Tuesday, February 13:

12:05 p.m. Edgar J. Rachal

Wednesday, February 14: Ash Wednesday

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

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

Thursday, February 15:

12:05 p.m. Msgr. Steve Testa

Friday, February 16:

12:05 p.m. R. Thomas (living)

Saturday, February 17:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Helen Collins, Edgar Campo, Dixie Durastanti, George & Betty Battalora, Paul Am Mai, Sam & Edith Tamburo, Colingo & Tamburo Families, Simon & Mamie Campo, Campo Family, Jacob Williamson, Sam & Velma Galardo, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Leon Dunn, Jennifer L. Dunn (living), John L. Dunn, Paul Smith, Ruby Williams, Diane Bordelon

Sunday, February 18: First Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families, (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Louis Joseph, Todd Mizell, Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council # 3200, Mary Treuting, Justin Bates, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Brett Baudin, Jared Price (living), Christopher J. Dunn (living), John M. Dunn (living), Georgia M. Dunn (living), Paul Smith, Ruby Williams, Diane Bordelon

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

5:30 p.m. Justin Neal Bates

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Cecile G. Dunn, please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$ 15,634.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 6,134.00
Restoration Fund	\$ 4,485.00

Thank you for your generosity!

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES

Paul Smith, Ruby Williams, and Diane Bordelon

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



Today the Diocese of Alexandria begins its

2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal. 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.

DEAR CATHEDRAL PARISHIONERS

After eight years as Music Director here at the Cathedral, I have decided to step down to make way for new ideas and new leadership. This parish is

blessed to have Msgr. Ferguson, organist Nick Lena, and a dedicated volunteer choir to serve the Parish. I am confident that under the new director, Enrico Cannella, the Cathedral will continue to be the model for sacred music in our Diocese. Thank you for your encouragement and support over the years. In my opinion, this is the best parish around and I look forward to seeing you all at Mass. Cordially, Josh Zona.

A WORD OF THANKS AND WELCOME

I want to take this opportunity to thank Josh Zona for his hard work and dedicated service as choir director of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral for the past eight years. His music ministry has been a blessing to our church. Thank you, Josh. You have taught our church family the joy of worshipping the Lord through music. May God bless you.

I also want to welcome our new choir director, Enrico Cannella. Enrico received his bachelor's and Master of Music degrees in Vocal Performance from LSU and is professor at Louisiana Christian University, Pineville. His parents are parishioners of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral.
~ Msgr. Ferguson

7 WEEK "JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST" GROUP STUDY – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13



Join us for the "Jesus and the Eucharist" seven-week Small Group Study which will be held on Tuesdays starting February 13th at

6pm in Xavier Hall. This group study was produced by the National Eucharistic Congress in conjunction with The Augustine Institute.

• **Session 1 - What's Our Story?** We all love a good story—from the characters and the twists and turns of a captivating plot to the dynamics of a conflict and the resolution at the end. Perhaps we love stories because they give us insight into ourselves, animating a deeper sense of meaning in our lives. The Bible is the story of God's love for us. It begins with him creating us out of love, redeeming us by that love, and finally transforming us in his love. This divine author is love—an exchange of love within the life of the Blessed Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. What a story!

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 14



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 14**. 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.**

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).

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY - ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 & FRIDAYS DURING LENT THROUGH MARCH 22



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 14 and each Friday through March 22. Menu includes fried fish, french fries, hush puppies, and coleslaw and is dine in or take-out. 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 16

Please join us for the Way of the Cross at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral **Friday, February 16 at 5:30 p.m. and each Friday during this Lenten season.**

2023 RITE OF ELECTION - SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 18



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 18, 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 – CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE - FEBRUARY 14

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 struggle to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future of this region. **Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection.**

BIRTHDAYS – February 4 – February 10

Rebecca Dauzat, Catherine Doyle, Steven Haise, Barbara Hastings, Don Meeker, Anna Parker, Paul Riddle, Preston Stemmann, Gayla Verzwylvelt, Andrew Waldron, Sharon White, Rev. Jacob Thomas, Feb. 13, Rev. Louis Sklar, Feb. 16

NECROLOGY – February 4 – February 10

Rev. Joseph Montalbano +Feb. 11, 2014
Rev. Edward Deasy +Feb. 13, 2000

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, Brick Hazel, Andrew Hill, Kenneth Jeansonne, Daniel Koury, Jeffrey Kelso, James Madden, Chad McCann, Co. G-2-238, William Purdion, Jr., Kaneon Rachal, Daniel Raines, Kevin Raines, Matthew Raines

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ansley Bellino, Janet Bordelon, Patrick Braquet, Mike Briggs, Carol & Bob Brossett, Janice Brossett, John Broussard, Ann Marie Bruner, Pam Saucier Buerlew, Daisy Bynog, John Cain, Cheyenne Carmack, Patrick Charles, Willis Coco, Barbara Cole, Alfred Cook, Jr., Kathy Cumella, Sara Dacdac, Jeramie Davidson, Amanda Nugent Divine, Jim Domzalski, Sr., Elray Dubois, Brenda Ducote, Cecile Ducote, Harold Ducote, Norris Ducote, Clyde Ray Eli, Carolyn Fontenot, Cathy Grant, Rosemary Gremillion, Richard Hall, Carolyn Harger, Melisa Henry, Ai Ming Herrington, Anna Hooper, Clara Hubbard, Katherine Kutch, Tiffany Johnson, Patrick Jones, Cody & Scott Lachney, James Lachney, Tracey Lawrence, Jimmy Lachney, Carla Lee, Lloyd Lee, Pam Lloyd, Audrey Luczak, Melissa McGlothlin, Peggy McNeely, Bernice Medica, Sam Medica, Tiffany Metrejeun, Fran Monk, Matt Owen, Clyde Peterson, Diane Rabalais, Thomas E. Richards, Bryan Ryder, Jimmie Sanchez, Antonio Sandoval, Kemal Sanli, Ursula Schramek, Trudy Schuurmans, Paul Smith, Marianne Julie Sober, Stephanie Simmons, Preston Stemann, Sam Terracina, Gary Wagers, Sharon Walker, Stephen V. Waters, Katina Watson, Dee & Bailey Wilson, Kitty Wilson, Lee Arthur Wilson, Leonard Wilson, Tony Wilson, William Joel Wood

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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