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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 19:

12:05 p.m. Bennie O. Hastings

Tuesday, February 20:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, February 21: Ash Wednesday

12:05 p.m. Jennifer L. Dunn

Thursday, February 22:

12:05 p.m. Cecile G. Dunn (living)

Friday, February 23:

12:05 p.m. Edgar J. Rachal

Saturday, February 24:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Edgar Campo, Dixie Durastanti, George & Betty Battalora, Paul Am Mai, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Concetta Medica Osborne, John L. Dunn, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Paul Smith, Ruby Williams, Diane Bordelon

Sunday, February 25: Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families, (living & deceased), Wayne Cole, Louis Joseph, Todd Mizell, Mary Treuting, Justin Neal Bates, Blane Rabalais (living), John M. Dunn (living), Cecile G. Dunn (living), Paul Smith, Ruby Williams, Diane Bordelon

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

5:30 p.m. Diana Laborde Rachal

SANCTUARY LIGHT

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

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$ 8,941.77
Over or (Short)	\$ (558.33)

Thank you for your generosity!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



As a Catholic community we are called to be one body in Christ and to live as His disciples. The Annual Diocesan Appeal offers each of us the opportunity to become one in His body by supporting the ministries of the local church and contributing to the ADA.

2024 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.

7 WEEK "JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST" GROUP STUDY – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Join us for the "Jesus and the Eucharist" seven-week Small Group Study which will be held on **Tuesday, February 20 at 6pm in Xavier Hall**. This group study was produced by the National Eucharistic Congress in conjunction with The Augustine Institute.

• **Session 2 Who is Jesus?** It is without question that no person has changed the world like Jesus of Nazareth. Time is measured from his birth, churches were built to worship him in every corner of the world, cities were named after his followers, and his life has captured countless works of art and literature. Is he a legend, a liar, a lunatic? Or is he who he claimed to be—God in the flesh? Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Who do you say that I am?" (Matthew 16:15). He invites us to answer the question too.

VIRTUS TRAINING – FEBRUARY 20

There will be a Virtus training session on **Tuesday, February 20, 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.**

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 & ALTAR SOCIETY FISH FRY – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23 & 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 Friday,

February 23 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 23



Please join us for the Way of the Cross at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral **Friday, February 23 at 5:30 p.m. and each Friday during this Lenten season.**

SPECIAL COLLECTION – BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS FEBRUARY 18

This 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 18 – February 24

Robert Belgard, Melissa Bradford, Seth Guillotte, Bennie Hastings, Amanda Lacombe, Bonnie LeBlanc, Rodney LeBlanc, Chimdal Madikise, Paul Richard, Rev. John Cunningham, Feb. 21

NECROLOGY – February 18 – February 24

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

Please visit the Cathedral's website at <https://sfxcathedral.org> to make an online donation and/or to stay informed on upcoming events by signing up for our Flocknote newsletters. 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 also follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Youtube.

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

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, Albert Welch, 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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