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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 26:

12:05 p.m. Lloyd Lachney

Tuesday, February 27:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, February 28:

12:05 p.m. Edith Rose Bellingham (living)

Thursday, February 29:

12:05 p.m. Georgia M. Dunn (living)

Friday, March 1: First Friday

12:05 p.m. Jennifer L. Dunn

Saturday, March 2: First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Connie Randall

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

Edgar Campo, Dixie Durastanti, George & Betty Battalora, Paul Am Mai, Lloyd & Mary Lachney, Galardo & Lacroix Families, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Mrs. Ruby Williams, Paul Smith, Concetta Medica Osborne, Christopher J. Dunn (living), Katherine Kutch

Sunday, March 3: Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families, (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Louis Joseph, Todd Mizell, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Altar Society, Dr. Francis Brian, David & Stacey Lachney, Mary Treuting, Paul Smith, Cecile G. Dunn (living), John M. Dunn (living), Katherine Kutch

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 Jennifer L. Dunn, please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$ 9,540.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 40.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$ 2,700.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 708.00

Thank you for your generosity!

A WORD OF THANKS

It is with humble gratitude to express my thanks to everyone who helped with the Rite of Election last Sunday. Two hundred people from across the diocese were in attendance both at the liturgy in the Cathedral and at the reception in Xavier Hall. ~ Msgr. Ferguson

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



Jesus didn't do it alone. He called disciples to assist him in his 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?

7 WEEK "JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST" GROUP STUDY – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Join us for the "Jesus and the Eucharist" seven-week Small Group Study which will be held on Tuesday, February 27 at 6pm in Xavier Hall. This group study was produced by the National Eucharistic Congress in conjunction with The Augustine Institute.

• **Session 3 - Am I saved?** What Jesus did for us through his Death and Resurrection was the greatest act of love in history. Through this act he saved us. And then, desiring that we encounter him and allowing his Paschal Mystery to reach each of us, he gave us himself in the Eucharist. He did this for each one of us. Individually. But it is easy to feel unworthy of this gift of love. We may feel we have too much baggage. We may feel unlovable. But God didn't come to reveal himself to us on a pedestal; he came to enter into our messy condition, no matter how messy! He came to fix us from within—to transform us from the inside out. Some might be surprised by how generous and abundant the love of God really is. We don't deserve God's love, but that's the incredible reality of God's mercy. This relationship with God isn't all about our love for him. It's about his love for us that changes our lives forever.

FIRST FRIDAY – MARCH 1

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 2

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

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

•**Fasting** is to be observed on **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 **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, MARCH 1 & 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, March 1 and each Friday through March 22**. Menu includes fried fish, french fries, hush puppies, and coleslaw and 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, MARCH 1



Please join us for the Way of the Cross at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral **Friday, March 1 at 5:30 p.m. and each Friday during this Lenten season.**

REMEMBER A LOVED ONE THROUGH A MEMORIAL GIFT OF EASTER LILIES



Provide the name of the person to be remembered and place it with \$13.00 in an envelope marked "Easter Flower Offering." Envelopes are located on the tables at the entrances of the Church. You can drop the envelope in the Mass collection basket or bring it to the parish office.

GOLF TOURNAMENT BENEFITS MANNA HOUSE MARCH 19 - 23

The annual APT All Pro Golf Tour and the Walker GMC ProAM Golf Tournament, hosted at Links on the Bayou Golf Course in Alexandria, will once again benefit Manna House. Professional golfers from all over the world will

travel to Alexandria for the Coca-Cola Dr. Pepper Open on March 20-23 which will be played at Links on the Bayou Golf Course. If you are not a golfer and would like to make a donation or purchase a sponsorship visit our website: givetomannahouse.com or send a check to Manna House P.O. Box 6011 Alexandria, LA. 71307. For more information contact Theresa Slater, tournament chairperson at (318) 664-3603 or Jessica Viator at (318) 445-9053.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND MARCH 2 & MARCH 3

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up **Saturday, March 2 and Sunday, March 3**. Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

BIRTHDAYS – February 25 – March 2

Paul Ceasar, Michiel Chenevert, Nancy Ferguson, Susan Lofton, Neil Martinez, Allison Paige, Rylee Parker, Caroline Randall, Lisa Ritchie, Samantha Waldron, Dcn. Ted Moulard, Mar. 1, Rev. Adam Travis, Mar. 2

NECROLOGY – February 25 – March 2

Rev. Nino G. Viviano +Feb. 27, 2020
Rev. Emile Puefier +Feb. 28, 1910

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, Chance Ryland Lavergne, 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., April Cook, 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, Caleeah Fontenot, Carolyn Fontenot, Cathy Grant, Rosemary Gremillion, Richard Hall, Carolyn Harger, Melisa Henry, Ai Ming Herrington, Anna Hooper, Clara Hubbard, Katherine Kutch, Jesse Johnson, 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,

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Ryder, Jimmie Sanchez, Antonio Sandoval, Kemal Sanli,
Ursula Schramek, Trudy Schuurmans, Marianne Julie Sober,
Stephanie Simmons, Preston Stemmman, Sam Terracina,
Gary Wagers, Sharon Walker, Stephen V. Waters, Katina
Watson, Albert Welch, Dee & Bailey Wilson, Kitty Wilson, Lee
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Wood

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