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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 11:

12:05 p.m. Ethan Michael Catteruccia

Tuesday, March 12:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, March 13:

12:05 p.m. Fr. Frederick J. Lyons

Thursday, March 14:

12:05 p.m. Sylvan A. Juneau

Friday, March 15:

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

Saturday, March 16:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, 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, Mrs. Ruby Williams, David Muncy (living), Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Paul Smith, John M. Dunn (living), Georgia M. Dunn (living), Mounzer Chalah

Sunday, March 17: Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families, (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Flavin Family (living & deceased), Louis Joseph, Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council # 3200, Todd Mizell, Rev. Anthony Cumella, David & Stacey Lachney, Paul Smith, John L. Dunn, Jennifer L. Dunn, Cecile G. Dunn (living), Mounzer Chalah

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

WEEKEND COLLECTION

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| Weekly Budget | \$ 9,500.00 |
| Last Weekend's Collection | \$ 13,782.00 |
| Over or (Short) | \$ 4,282.00 |
| Restoration Fund | \$ 2,092.00 |
| February Online Giving | \$ 3,064.69 |

Thank you for your generosity!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



Just as we are one in the Body of Christ, we must remember that we are one with other parishes in our Diocese. Once a year, each of us is asked to make a commitment to support the work of our Diocesan programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish could provide on its own.

Next weekend, in every parish throughout the Diocese of Alexandria, Catholics who have not done so already, will be asked to support the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal. Please experience the joy of giving and join us as we work to continue God's work of spirituality, formation and education by contributing to the ADA. **The goal for St. Francis Xavier Cathedral this year is \$40,313.00.**

SYNOD LISTENING SESSIONS – MARCH 11 & 18

Under the guidance of Pope Francis and in preparation for the second and final session of the ongoing Synod for the universal church, every diocese in the world has been asked to host listening sessions for the public. The Diocese of Alexandria has scheduled sessions on the following dates:

- **Monday, March 11 at 6:30 p.m.** - St. Joseph Catholic Center, Alexandria.
- **Monday, March 18** - Holy Cross Church, Natchitoches.

7 WEEK "JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST" GROUP STUDY – TUESDAY, MARCH 12

Join us for the "Jesus and the Eucharist" seven-week Small Group Study which will be held on **Tuesday, March 12 at 6pm in Xavier Hall.** This group study was produced by the National Eucharistic Congress in conjunction with The Augustine Institute.

• **Session 5 God is with Us!** From the very beginning, God desired to be with his people. From the Garden of Eden to the Exodus, from the tabernacle in the wilderness to the temple in Jerusalem, the God of the universe has chosen to accompany his people and dwell with them. The Sacrament of the Eucharist, as the gift par excellence, is the gift of Christ himself. Under the humble species of bread and wine, there is the sacramental reality of Christ's Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. God gives himself to us in the Eucharist to give us strength for our journey and to accompany us along our way.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING – MARCH 13

The Altar Society will have their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, March 13, at 9:00 a.m.** in Xavier Hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & ALTAR SOCIETY FISH FRY – FRIDAY, MARCH 15 & 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 15 & 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 15



Please join us for the Way of the Cross at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral **Friday, March 15 at 5:30 p.m. and each Friday during this Lenten season.**

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE – MONDAY, MARCH 18

There will be a Penance Service in the Cathedral on **Monday, March 18 beginning at 5:30 p.m.** Several priests will be present to hear confession.

DIOCESAN CHOIR BEING FORMED

If you are interested in participating in events such as Chrism Mass and Ordinations, we encourage music directors, congregants, or choir members to join us in forming a diocesan choir. In the interest of organizing in time for this year's Chrism Mass, Tuesday, March 26 at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, interested individuals would be required to commit to two rehearsals on Wednesday nights at the Cathedral in order to join us for that Mass. We welcome anyone that may desire to attend. If you are interested, please contact Cathedral organist Nick Lena [nicklena@lenatechnical.com](mailto:nicklana@lenatechnical.com) or Cathedral choir director Enrico Cannella at enrico.m.cannella@gmail.com.

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).

VIRTUS TRAINING – TUESDAY, MARCH 19

There will be a Virtus training session on **Tuesday, March 19, 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.**

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES – MARCH 10

This week, we will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support for this collection aids victims of persecution and natural disasters, provides legal services to poor immigrants, and advocates for the powerless. Through your generosity, six Catholic agencies reveal Christ's love to the vulnerable refugee, the immigrant family, and those who are poor and marginalized. **Please prayerfully consider contributing to The Catholic Relief Services Collection today.**

BIRTHDAYS – March 10 - March 16

Harlan Bordelon, Joyce Broussard, Kenneth Bruno, Gail Callahan, Ernest Chenevert, Richard Ducote, Chris Dunn, Bobby Grant, Susan Humphreys, Michelle LaCour, Celine Lee, Andrew Mixon, River Rachal, Jason Tassin, John Van Mol, Mar. 10, Dcn. Lee Moreau, Mar. 13 Dcn. Darrell Dubroc

NECROLOGY – March 10 - March 16

Rev. Frederick J. Lyons +March 13, 2019

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

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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., April Cook, 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, 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, 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, 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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