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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 18:

12:05 p.m. Bennie O. Hastings

Tuesday, March 19:

12:05 p.m. June A. Muellner

Wednesday, March 20:

12:05 p.m. Brett Baudin

Thursday, March 21:

12:05 p.m. James F. Curley, Sr. & Mary Erin Curley

Friday, March 22:

12:05 p.m. Bennie O. Hastings

Saturday, March 23:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Dixie Durastanti, George & Betty Battalora, Paul Am Mai, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Mrs. Ruby Williams, Paul Smith, Georgia M. Dunn (living), Christopher J. Dunn (living), Edgar Campo, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Jimmy Bell, Jr.

Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families, (living & deceased), Paul Smith, Louis Joseph, Todd Mizell, David & Stacey Lachney, Jennifer L. Dunn, John L. Dunn, John M. Dunn (living), Cecile G. Dunn (living), Doris Foster, Poor Souls in Purgatory, R. Thomas (living), Jimmy Bell, Jr.

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	\$ 9,962.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 462.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 684.00

Thank you for your generosity!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul, "created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance."

Today is our parish's 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal in pew weekend. In the past weeks you might have received a letter from Bishop Marshall asking for your support of the annual appeal. After the homily, parishioners who have not yet pledged to the ADA will have an opportunity to join with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Alexandria to support the diocesan church.

COVER STATUES AND CROSSES

The custom of veiling religious images is a way of focusing on the penitential aspect of this liturgical season. It reminds us in a visual way that our faith in all its glory is made possible only through the work of Christ in his suffering and death on the cross. When we cover or remove these holy and sacred images that we are so accustomed to, we are starkly confronted and reminded in a poignant way of all that Christ has won for us.

The tradition is often practiced during the last two weeks before Easter, starting on the Fifth Sunday of Lent and ending on Good Friday. The coverings are removed before the Easter Vigil begins. The joy of the Easter season and the hope of the Resurrection then comes to the forefront.

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.

7 WEEK "JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST" GROUP STUDY – TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Join us for the "Jesus and the Eucharist" seven-week Small Group Study which will be held on **Tuesday, March 19 at 6pm in Xavier Hall.** This group study was produced by the National Eucharistic Congress in conjunction with The Augustine Institute. • **Session 6 The Story of the Eucharist.** God is the Master Storyteller. His great love story is authored not only with words but also with deeds. All of God's mighty deeds throughout history make up one beautiful narrative of salvation, which culminates in the Paschal Mystery. Jesus's teachings and actions throughout his ministry prepare for the fulfillment of his promise that "My

flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." (John 6:55)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & ALTAR SOCIETY FISH FRY – FRIDAY, 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

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)**

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES

Jimmy Bell, Jr.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS – FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Please join us for the Way of the Cross at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral Friday, March 22 at 5:30 p.m.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Saturday, March 23: Palm Sunday Vigil Mass

- 4:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- Masses at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

Monday, March 25

- 12:05 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, March 26: Chrism Mass

- 11:00 a.m. only (There is no 12:05 p.m. Mass)

Wednesday, March 27:

- 12:05 p.m. Mass

Thursday, March 28: Holy Thursday, "Mass of the Lord's Supper"

- 5:30 p.m. only (There is no 12:05 p.m. Mass)

Friday, March 29: Good Friday, "The Passion of The Lord"

- 3:00 p.m. only (There is no 12:05 p.m. Mass)

Saturday, March 30: Easter Vigil Mass

- 8:00 p.m. only (There is no 4:00 p.m. Mass)

Sunday, March 31: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

of the Lord

- Masses at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

(The oil for the Chrism Mass was donated in Memory of the Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir)

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).

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 or Cathedral choir director Enrico Cannella at enrico.m.cannella@gmail.com.

BIRTHDAYS – March 17 - March 23

John P. Benjamin, Kerry Callahan, Joanie Credeur, Michael Haise, Alayha Harmson, Kathleen Lacour, Yvonne Lagrange, Norma McCann, Deborah Smith, Julian Zona, Dcn. Tommy Robichaux, Mar. 17, Dcn. William Travis, Mar. 17, Rev. Marc Noel, Mar. 18, Dcn. Alex Mangini, Mar. 20

NECROLOGY – March 17 - March 23

Rev. John Van Bokhoven +Mar. 20, 1932
Rev. Andrew Andries +Mar. 23, 1904

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 III, 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,

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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 Stemmann, 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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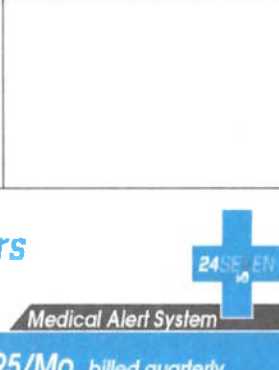
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