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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 3: Feast of St. Blaise

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Tuesday, February 4:

12:05 p.m. Orstance Vandersypen

Wednesday, February 5:

12:05 p.m. Joe V. Lacombe

Thursday, February 6:

12:05 p.m. Merle Vahlkamp

Friday, February 7: First Friday

12:05 p.m. Special Intentions

Saturday, February 8:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Robert Eberle, Leonard Dale Spurlock, Edgar Campo, Paul Am Mai, George & Betty Battalora, Todd Mizell, Fr. Joseph Hassiber, Ann Vanderslice, Sam & Velma Galardo, Bailey Elizabeth Brown, Jeanne Distefano, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo

Sunday, February 9: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Mary Roy, Joe Betty Sterkx, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir, Todd Mizell, Lucille M. Ducote, John Christian Upton, Jimmy Mock, David Mock, Jr., Poor Souls in Purgatory & Limbo, Ernest Henry Gauthier, John Upton

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

5:30 p.m. Dixie Durastanti

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Norene Garrett, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's & Christmas	\$ 9,631.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 131.00

Thank you for your generosity!

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - FEBRUARY 2

One of the most ancient observances in the Christian calendar, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (also known as Candlemas) commemorates the day when Mary

and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to be presented according to Jewish law. **We mark this day with the blessing of candles and a procession.** The presentation of Christ in the temple, forty days after his birth, commemorates the entry of the "true light" into the world. All are welcome to bring candles to be blessed. Candles will be provided for the procession

Sunday, February 2 is observed also as World Day for Consecrated Life. Its purpose is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of these persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels" {poverty, chastity and obedience} as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord" (St. John Paul II, 1997). **We welcome our religious sisters who will celebrate this occasion at the 11:00 AM Mass, with Bishop Marshall presiding.**

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE AND BLESSING OF THE THROATS – FEBRUARY 3

The Blessing of Throats will take place at the **12:05 PM Mass on Monday, February 3**, in celebration of the Feast of St. Blaise. Also, there will be blessing of throats **at the conclusion of each Mass next weekend** (the weekend of February 8th and 9th.)

FIRST FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 7

11:00 a.m. Holy Hour
11:00 a.m. First Friday Devotions
11:15 a.m. Confessions
12:05 p.m. Holy Mass

PRE-CANA MARRIAGE PREP WORKSHOP – FEB. 8

These one-day workshops will be at the St. Joseph Catholic Center located at 4400 Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria, LA. Beginning at 8:00 a.m., the day will include presentations on various topics that are vital to a couple's lifelong marriage. The workshop will end at approximately 3:00 p.m. and lunch will be included. Space will be limited, so please register for a workshop as soon as possible. **Registration for the February 8 workshop is now open. There is a fee of \$60 per couple. You may pay online after submitting the registration form.**

You can also pay the day of the workshop via check, money order or cash. Or you can prepay by mailing your check or money order (payable to Diocese of Alexandria) and mail to: Office of Religious Education and Faith Formation, P.O. Box

7417, Alexandria, LA 71306-0417. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Jason Lavergne in the Office of Religious Education and Faith Formation at (318) 445-6424 ext. 207.

“TOGETHER AS ONE CHURCH: EMBRACING A FUTURE OF HOPE”

As part of “Together as One Church: Embracing a Future of Hope”, the Diocese of Alexandria’s pastoral planning project, each parish will be hosting two Parish Listening Sessions during which important information will be shared and feedback from parishioners will be gathered. Please attend both of our parish sessions in order to hear first-hand how the pastoral planning process will impact our parish and grow the presence of the Church throughout the Diocese of Alexandria and to provide your feedback to Bishop Marshall and the project Core Team.

Our first parish session will be held in Xavier Hall on February 11th at 6:00 pm. We will announce the date of the second parish session in February.

These are two separate sessions and you are invited to attend both, as different information is provided at each. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Richard Mitchell, our contact for the pastoral planning process, at dcnmitchell@diocesealex.org.

DISCALCED CARMELITES MONTHLY MEETING – FEBRUARY 8

The Order of the Discalced Carmelites holds its monthly meeting at 9:00 a.m. every second Saturday, at Maryhill Renewal Center. Anyone is invited to attend morning prayer followed by Mass and then the meeting. If you are interested in Carmelite spiritual studies, please contact Mary Jo McCoy at 318-346-6860 or 318-481-9638. ****If you plan to attend.....Please call Mary Jo McCoy at the numbers listed above OR Deacon Bill Travis at 318 640-2827 or 318 664-7069 and someone will meet you at the Maryhill gate.**

VIRTUS TRAINING – FEBRUARY 5

There will be a Virtus training session on **Wednesday, February 5, 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.**

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND FEBRUARY 1 – FEBRUARY 2

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up Saturday, February 1 & Sunday, February 2. Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

BIRTHDAYS: February 2 – February 8

Emily Bruno, Frank Bruno, Betty Chelette, Joanna Guillotte, Jeffrey Pogue, Thomas Richards, Brenda Steimel, Jackson Sues, Linda Vaughn, Michael Yerby, Dcn. Stephen Gramigna, Jan. 30

NECROLOGY: February 2 – February 8

Rev. Francis Xavier Kronemeyer +Feb. 5, 1949

Rev. Antonio Enrique Villaverde +Feb. 5, 1999
Rev. Joseph Aubree +Feb. 6, 1897
Rev. Francis Bertels +Feb. 6, 1927
Rev. Bernard Regis +Feb. 7, 1916

FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

Flocknotes is an email and text message application that allows you to receive news and information from the Cathedral. It is free. You can sign up to receive the weekly bulletin and the Sunday Mass Liturgy Guide, plus receive other notifications from the church.

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 unsubscribe anytime. If you any questions or need assistance with getting set up, please send an email to Deacon Richard Mitchell at dcnmitchell@diocesealex.org. Try it out! Stay connected!

Also, we are now live-streaming the 9AM Sunday Masses via Facebook, Youtube and at sfxcathedral.org.

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ansley Bellino, Kathy Blackman, Janet Bordelon, Patrick Braquet, Carol & Bob Brossett, Janice Brossett, John Broussard, Ann Marie Bruner, Daisy Bynog, John Cain, Cheyenne Carmack, Willis Coco, Barbara Cole, Alfred Cook III, Alfred Cook, Jr., April Cook, Sara Dacdac, Jeramie Davidson, Jim Domzalski Sr., Donna Domzalski, Elray Dubois, Brenda Ducote, Cecile Ducote, Harold Ducote, Norris Ducote, Chester Durr, Clyde Ray Eli, Caleah Fontenot, Carolyn Fontenot, Cathy Grant, Rosemary Gremillion, Celia Halbert, Richard Hall, Carolyn Harger, Scott Hallinan, Linc Harris, Melisa Henry, Anna Hooper, Tish Hull, Jesse Johnson, Tiffany Johnson, Patrick Jones, Cody & Scott Lachney, James Lachney, Steve Lawrence, Tracey Lawrence, Jimmy Lachney, Carla Lee, Lloyd Lee, Mark Leviner, 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, Benny Russo, Jimmie Sanchez, Antonio Sandoval, Kemal Sanli, Ursula Schramek, Trudy Schuurmans, Karen Smith, Marianne Julie Sober, Stephanie Simmons, Sam Terracina, Gary Wagers, Sharon Walker, Stephen V. Waters, Katina Watson, Brendan Weidner Morgan White, Marilyn Wilbert, Dee & Bailey Wilson, Kitty Wilson, Lee Arthur Wilson, Leonard Wilson, Tony Wilson, William Joel Wood

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