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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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### INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday, January 13:

12:05 p.m. Special Intentions

#### Tuesday, January 14:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

#### Wednesday, January 15:

12:05 p.m. Bishop Lawrence P. Graves

#### Thursday, January 16:

12:05 p.m. Sam & Myrtle DeBona

#### Friday, January 17:

12:05 p.m. Joe. V. LaCombe

#### Saturday, January 18:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Robert Eberly, Dixie Durastanti, Willard Price, Annie Cazes Price, Charles Cazes, Theresa Cazes, Edgar Campo, Paul Am Mai, George & Betty Battalora, Fr. Joseph Hassiber, Sam & Velma Galardo, Ann Vanderslice, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Eric Ducote, Bailey Elizabeth Brown, Jeanne Distefano, Fr. Gunter Josef Hubl, O.S.B.

#### Sunday, January 19: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Mary Roy, Joe Betty Sterkx, Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council #3200, Todd Mizell, Floyd C. Lachney, Jeanne Destefano

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

5:30 p.m. Leonard Dale Spurlock

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Marilyn Wilbert, please remember her in your prayers.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's & Christmas	\$ 17,786.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 8,286.00
The Church Today	\$ 861.00
Restoration Fund	\$ 3,560.00
Online Giving for December	\$ 8,804.80

Thank you for your generosity!

### JUBILEE YEAR PILGRIMAGE SITES

Sites include: St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Alexandria; Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Natchitoches; St. Augustine Church, Isle Brevelle; Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission Church, Forest Hill; St. Anthony of Padua Church, Bunkie; St. Paul the Apostle Church, Mansura; Holy Ghost Church, Marksville; Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Vidalia.

Pilgrimage participants can pick up a Pilgrim's Passport at any of these locations to begin the pilgrimage. Stickers to place in the passport booklet are available at each site. Each location has a different sticker. There is also a youth's Junior Pilgrim Guidebook sheet available at each site. For more information about the Jubilee Year, the Pilgrimage, the Junior Pilgrim events and other events throughout the year, visit [www.diocesealex.org/jubilee-year-2025/](http://www.diocesealex.org/jubilee-year-2025/).

### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN – JANUARY 22

Though the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to preborn children, so great prayer and advocacy is still very needed. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

### CONFIRMATION RETREAT – JANUARY 25

The Diocese of Alexandria will hold a Confirmation Retreat for any young person that is being confirmed in 2025. This is an opportunity for parishes who do not host an in-parish retreat to attend a retreat focused on the Sacrament of Confirmation. Cost is \$10 per person, which covers lunch and speaker. The deadline to register is Jan. 13. The retreat will take place at Maryhill Renewal Center, Pineville, on Saturday, January 25, 2025. To register or if you have any questions, please contact Deacon Jason Lavergne at [dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org](mailto:dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org).

### HOLY SAVIOR MENARD PREVIEW DAY – JANUARY 30

Come and see what HSM has to offer your family! Walk the halls, visit classrooms and meet our community. For prospective 7-12 grade students and families. From 8:00-9:00 a.m. in the library. For more information contact Lynn Roy at [lroy@holysaviormenard.com](mailto:lroy@holysaviormenard.com).

## **CENLA LIFE MARCH – FEBRUARY 1**

**Join us and March for Life to protect unborn babies and their mothers at the Cenla Life March in Pineville-Alexandria on Saturday, Feb. 1.** We will meet at Louisiana Christian University by 10:00 a.m. Keynote Speaker, Sean Corcoran, a father whose son was lost from abortion, will share his powerful story of hardship and healing from abortion. You won't want to miss hearing his testimony! Visit us online at [www.LaLifeMarch.com](http://www.LaLifeMarch.com) for more information. Questions? Call Louisiana Right to Life at +1 (866) 463-5433. Please join us and spread the word as we march! The Life Marches are open to all!

## **PRE-CANA MARRIAGE PREP WORKSHOP FEBRUARY 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.

## **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.

## **BIRTHDAYS: January 12 – January 18**

Kim Boeta, Joey Carmouche, Barbara Cezar, Reagan Chenevert, Rosemary Delrie, Deborah Deorosan, Madeline Ducote, Robbie Duffy, Joseph Francis, Sondra Long, Abigail McNeely, Lavender Grace Morgan, Vickie Paige, Jeffery Price, Matthew Ritchie, Katie Scalfano, Catherine Shackelford, Savannah Sues, Dcn. Mike Young, Jan. 17

## **NECROLOGY: January 12 – January 18**

Msgr. Leonard Menard	+Jan. 12, 1930
Msgr. Henry Allen Thompson	+Jan. 12, 1981
Rev. Achille Anseeuw	+Jan. 14, 1921
Bishop Lawrence Preston Graves	+Jan. 15, 1994
Rev. Duane Stenzel	+Jan. 18, 2011
Rev. Jean E. Chauvin	+Jan. 18, 1906

Rev. Ludovic Enaut +Jan. 18, 1919  
Rev. H. Gerald Bordelon +Jan. 18, 2008

## **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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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, 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., 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

**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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