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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 20:

12:05 p.m. Bishop Charles P. Greco

Tuesday, January 21:

12:05 p.m. Clyta Mock

Wednesday, January 22:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Thursday, January 23:

12:05 p.m. Joe V. Lacombe

Friday, January 24:

12:05 p.m. Andy Juneau

Saturday, January 25:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Robert Eberly, Dixie Durastanti, Edgar Campo, Paul Am Mai, George & Betty Battalora, Fr. Joseph Hassiber, Ann Vanderslice, Galardo & LaCroix Families, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Bailey Elizabeth Brown, Jeanne Distefano

Sunday, January 26: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Mary Roy, Joe Betty Sterkx, Todd Mizell, Jeanne Destefano

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

5:30 p.m. Hazel Neal

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	\$ 11,516.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 2,016.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY - MONDAY, JANUARY 20

The Church Office will be closed **Monday, January 20, for Martin Luther King Day** and will re-open on Tuesday, January 21. **We will have the 12:05 p.m. Mass as usual.**

"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 dcnrmitchell@diocesealex.org.

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/.

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.

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.

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 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!

SPECIAL COLLECTION – THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA – JANUARY 26

Next week our special collection supports the Church in Latin America. For many living in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all make it difficult for people to practice the faith. Your donations fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian formation, so that people can grow closer to Christ. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection to share your faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. Thank you!

BIRTHDAYS: January 19 – January 25

Abbie Bradford, Susan Daigrepoint, Celeste Dotson, L. J. Ducote, Connie Hassion, Chris Hazel, Cynthia Lamartiniere, John Landry, Thimothy Ledet, Blake Prevot, Garry Wagers

NECROLOGY: January 19 – January 25

Bishop Charles Paschal Greco +Jan. 20, 1987
Msgr. J. Francis Van Haver +Jan. 21, 1945
Rev. Samuel Joseph Polizzi +Jan. 21, 1999
Rev. Ernest Bailly +Jan. 24, 1914

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

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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