

# St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, January 27:**

12:05 p.m. Frank Patcholik

**Tuesday, January 28:**

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

**Wednesday, January 29:**

12:05 p.m. John Hallquist

**Thursday, January 30:**

12:05 p.m. Joe V. Lacombe

**Friday, January 31:**

12:05 p.m. Preson Stemmann

**Saturday, February 1: First Saturday**

9:00 a.m. Mounzer Challah

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, Lloyd & Mary Lachney, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Bailey Elizabeth Brown, Jeanne Distefano, Tara Ainsley McCann, John Christian Upton, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo

**Sunday, February 2: The Presentation of the Lord**

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Mary Roy, Joe Betty Sterkx, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Altar Society, Todd Mizell, Orstance Vandersypen, George Taylor Roberts, John Christian Upton

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	\$ 9,183.00
Over or (Short)	\$ (371.00)

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE  
CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES**

Tara Ainsley McCann & John Christian Upton

### FIRST SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 1

8:00 a.m. Exposition First Saturday devotions

8:30 a.m. Rosary for Life and Confessions

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

### 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 beginning outside of the Cathedral, between the church and Beauregard Street.** 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, which will include all of the Masses, the 4 PM Saturday Mass on February 1 and the 9 AM, 11 AM, and 5:30 PM Masses on February 2.

**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

## **“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](mailto:dcnrmitchell@diocesealex.org).

## **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!

## **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](http://www.virtus.org). **NOTE: Minors are not allowed to attend because of the adult content of the videos and discussions.**

## **SPECIAL COLLECTION – THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA – JANUARY 26**

**This 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!

## **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: January 26 – February 1**

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: January 26 – February 1**

Rev. Marinus Van Eyck	+Jan. 26, 1912
Rev. Sheldon Louis Roy	+Jan. 27, 2018
Rev. Joseph Besselaar	+Jan. 28, 1957
Msgr. John C. Vandegair	+Jan. 28, 1983
Msgr. John J. Wakeman	+Jan. 28, 2001
Rev. Gerard M. Foley	+Jan. 29, 2006
Rev. George T. Krosfield	+Jan. 29, 2024

## **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 [dcnrmitchell@diocesealex.org](mailto:dcnrmitchell@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, 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

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**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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