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THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

Deacon Richard Mitchell • Deacon Jason Lavergne • www.sfxcathedral.org

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 17:

12:05 p.m. Helen Collins

Tuesday, February 18:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, February 19:

12:05 p.m. Floyd C. Lachney

Thursday, February 20:

12:05 p.m. Joseph Lacombe

Friday, February 21:

12:05 p.m. L.P. Vaughn

Saturday, February 22:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Dixie Durastanti, Edgar Campo, Paul Am Mai, George & Betty Battalora, Guy Theriot, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Robert Eberle, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Jerry Byles, Guy Theriot, Donna Domzalski

Sunday, February 23: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Edgar J. Rachal, Joe Betty Sterkx, Felix LaCaze, Lloyd Lachney, Todd Mizell, Ernest Henry Gauthier, John Upton, Blane Rabalais & Family (living & deceased), Angela & Jeff Price Family (living), Lou Lintereur, Jerry Byles, Guy Theriot, Donna Domzalski

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

5:30 p.m. Timothy Hollingsworth

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Jacob Williamson please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's & Christmas	\$ 11,687.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 2,187.00
Online Giving for January	\$ 10,948.91

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Donna Domzalski & Guy Theriot

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.

Visit www.diocesealex.org/jubilee-year-2025/ for more information about the Jubilee Year, the Pilgrimage, the Junior Pilgrim events and other events throughout the year.

THE SEASON OF SERVICE (S.O.S.) PROGRAM HAS BEGUN IT'S 4TH YEAR

As we enter this Lenten season, we are reminded that Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, sacrifice and almsgiving. With this year being the Jubilee Year of Hope, Season of Service is a great way to put our faith into action. Last year over 50 teams comprised of well over 500 volunteers participated in acts of service to their community or church. Some of last year's projects included cleaning of the priest graves at Maryhill, a rosary walk at Maryhill, prayer with those who are shut-ins or in nursing homes, to pressure washing and landscaping church grounds.

Projects for Season of Service are only limited by the imagination. We live in a world where there are many needs around us so it should be somewhat easy to define a project from those who find themselves without shelter, those who may go without food, those who are alone or isolated. From the physical to the spiritual, there are needs around us where we can gather a group together, and in service, make a huge difference in the lives of people and our parish communities.

Additionally, this year, if you are participating in the Jubilee pilgrimage within our Diocese, you will also get a sticker to add to your passport, documenting your work of service during this year of Hope.

To register your team, please visit the Diocese of Alexandria's website at diocesealex.org, click on the S.O.S. tab to register. You will need the following information to register your team: Team Name, Team Captains name and contact information, a description of your service project and your team members names. If you participate in this year's S.O.S., you have the option of the S.O.S. t-shirt like last year or a keychain.

*Please keep in mind that T-shirts ordered can take up to two weeks to arrive. Key chains are in limited quantity as well, so get your teams registered as soon as possible.

We look forward to hearing and seeing about your service project.

Any photos taken of your teams serving in their project or need any additional information please contact Dcn Jason Lavergne at dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org. Photos may be used on our website or on future issues of the Church Today.

VIRTUS TRAINING – FEBRUARY 18

There will be a Virtus training session on **Tuesday, February 18, 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.**

SAVE THE DATE: CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CENTRAL LOUISIANA MARDI GRAS CLERGY DINNER – MARCH 3

Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana will be hosting their first fundraiser of 2025 at MaryHill Renewal Center on Lundi Gras, March 3! We invite you to join us for a night of Mardi Gras fun with Bishop Marshall and the clergy of our Diocese as we raise funds for the good work of this organization. There will be a delicious meal, a silent auction, and of course fun with our wait staff!

Two sponsorship levels available as well as individual tickets. Purchases can be made either online at cccenla.org or by check payable to Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana and mailed to 4400 Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria, LA 71303.

For more information, please contact Heidi Wampler at hwampler@cccenla.org or call (318) 445-2401, extension 510. Thank you for your support! We look forward to seeing you on March 3, 2025!

4TH ANNUAL FULLNESS OF TRUTH CONFERENCE – MARCH 7 - 9

The Fullness of Truth Conference will be held at the Randolph Riverfront Center in Alexandria. The theme of this year's conference is "Go Make Disciples: The Eucharistic Revival & the Call to Evangelize".

Equip yourselves with the expertise of renown convert scripture scholar & prolific author, Dr. John Bergsma, the dynamic Louisiana-native & veteran Catholic apologist Dr. Karlo Broussard, the spunky Catholic convert "evangelista" & author Sonja Corbitt, and the hilarious comedian & evangelist Paul J. Kim. Sacred music will be provided by NOLA-based & Hallow App's The Vigil Project and a special youth track as well. Our Conference will be your guide to what the "New Evangelization" is, and to the next chapter in the National Eucharistic Revival; a new Pentecost! Don't miss it!

To make the conference more accessible to everyone, discounts are being offered:

- Parish staff and spouse or guest: DIOCSTAFF
- OCIA Candidate and spouse or guest: OCIA25
- Educators or staff at our Catholic Schools: TEACH25
- Anyone who has attended an ACTS Retreat and spouse or guest: ACTS25.

To register, make room reservations, see the event schedule, or to learn more details, call 877-218-7884 (877-21-TRUTH) or visit our website: www.fullnessoftruth.org.

BIRTHDAYS: February 16 – February 22

Robert Belgard, Melissa Bradford, Rebecca Dauzat, Amanda Lacombe, Bonnie LeBlanc, Rodney LeBlanc Chimdalu Madikise, Don Meeker, Richard Paul, Rev. Louis Sklar, Feb. 16, Rev. John Cunningham, Feb. 21

NECROLOGY: February 16 – February 22

Msgr. Celestine Mahe +Feb. 19, 1933
Rev. Leo P. Van Hoorn +Feb. 21, 2006

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., 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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McGlothlin, Peggy McNeely, Bernice Medica, Sam Medica, Tiffany Metrejeun, Fran Monk, Matt Owen, Clyde Peterson, Britney Rousseau, 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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