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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 24:

12:05 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. J.B. Veasley

Tuesday, February 25:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, February 26:

12:05 p.m. Dr. Ron Cezar

Thursday, February 27:

12:05 p.m. Joseph Lacombe

Friday, February 28:

12:05 p.m. Special Intentions

Saturday, March 1: First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Mounzer Chalah

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Dixie Durastanti, Edgar Campo, Paul Am Mai, George & Betty Battalora, Shirley Lachney Price (living), Lloyd & Mary Lachney, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Marty Vutera, Jr. (living), Burrell J. Quickle

Sunday, March 2: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Joe Betty Sterkx, Todd Mizell, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Altar Society, George Taylor Roberts, John Upton, Ernest Henry Gauthier, Lou Lintereur

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

5:30 p.m. Fr. Harold Kamhuber

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Mounzer Chalah please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's & Christmas	\$ 8,765.95
Over or (Short)	\$ (734.05)

Thank you for your generosity!

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

Donna Domzalski & Guy Theriot

REMEMBER A LOVED ONE THROUGH A MEMORIAL GIFT OF EASTER LILIES



Provide the name of the person to be remembered and place it with \$13.00 in an envelope marked "Easter Flower Offering." Envelopes are located on the tables at the entrances of the Church. You can drop the envelope in the Mass collection basket or bring it to the parish office.

UPDATE ON MONSIGNOR BRUCE MILLER

Monsignor Bruce Miller was in the hospital for the past several days as his health steadily declined. Tests indicated serious issues with his liver. The doctors determined that he was not a candidate for chemotherapy. Monsignor Miller has accepted this news and has decided to receive only palliative care. His faith is strong and he is at peace with his decision. His sister has been with him. He has chosen to return to his home in Covington with hospice care. Please keep him in your prayers.

A WORD OF THANKS

I want to take this opportunity to thank Enrico Cannella for his hard work and dedicated service as choir director of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral for the past year. His music ministry has been a blessing to our church. Thank you, Enrico. You have taught our church family the joy of worshipping the Lord through music. May God bless you.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

•**Fasting** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

•**Abstinence from meat** is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years or older on **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday** and on **all Fridays of Lent**. And let us remember, it's a day of penance and a time to reflect on Christ's sacrifice. (It is obvious that abstaining from meat is meaningless for vegetarians, who must choose some other form of abstinence. It is equally obvious that replacing meat with a gourmet seafood dinner is not keeping with the spirit of Lent).

FIRST SATURDAY – MARCH 1

8:00 a.m. Exposition First Saturday devotions

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

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 5



Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the season of Lent, is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Ashes will be distributed at all Masses on **Ash Wednesday, March 5**. There will be two Masses: **12:05 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Bishop Robert Marshall will officiate at the 12:05 p.m. Mass. The Mass will also be live-streamed.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY - ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 & FRIDAYS DURING LENT



Our local Knights of Columbus council 3200 will have their annual Lenten Fish Fry in Xavier Hall **from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, March 5 and each Friday through April 11**. Menu includes fried catfish, french fries, hush puppies, and coleslaw and is dine in or take-out. Price is \$12.00 a plate. For take-out delivery call 447-3663 with a minimum of two orders. **(Please note that the Fish Fry will not be served on Good Friday)**

FIRST FRIDAY – MARCH 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

THE WAY OF THE CROSS – FRIDAY – MARCH 7



Please join us for the Way of the Cross at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral **Friday, March 7 at 5:30 p.m. and each Friday during this Lenten season.**

2025 RITE OF ELECTION - SUNDAY – MARCH 9



The Rite of Election of Catechumens and Call to Continuing Conversion for Candidates for Full Communion in the Catholic Church will be celebrated by the parishes of the Diocese of Alexandria on **Sunday, March 9, at 2:30 p.m., at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral**. Parishes from throughout the diocese will send those who will celebrate the sacraments of initiation this Easter, as well as their sponsors, family, and friends. The celebration is one part of a year-long process that is called the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). It also includes adaptations for those who were baptized in another Christian denomination and seek to become members of the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

DISCALCED CARMELITES MEETING – MARCH 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE – ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

On March 5 we will take up the annual Ash Wednesday collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that

are still struggling to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations, and seminary formation. Your contribution restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection. You can find more information at www.usccb.org/ccee. #GiveCatholicTogether also accepts funds for this collection if you prefer to donate online.

BIRTHDAYS: February 23 – March 1

Thomas Brothers, Paul Cezar, Nannette Chenevert, Nancy Ferguson, Seth Gauthier, Susan Lofton, Neil Martinez, Hadassah Morgan, Havilah Morgan, Allison Paige, Rylee Parker, Lisa Ritchie, Dcn. Ted Moulard, Mar. 1

NECROLOGY: February 23 – March 1

Rev. Armand Chorin +Feb. 23, 1894
Bishop Anthony Durier +Feb. 28, 1904
Rev. Emile Peulier +Feb. 28, 1910

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 Brosssett, Janice Brosssett, John Broussard, Ann Marie Bruner, Daisy Bynog, John Cain, Cheyenne Carmack, Willis Coco, Barbara Cole, Alfred Cook III, Alfred Cook, Jr., April Cook, Teresa B. Coutee, Sara Dacdac, Jeramie Davidson, Jim Domzalski Sr., Elray Dubois, Brenda Ducote, Cecile Ducote, Harold Ducote, Norris Ducote,

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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, 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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