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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 10:

12:05 p.m. Alvin Duprey

Tuesday, February 11:

12:05 p.m. Lucille Rachal

Wednesday, February 12:

12:05 p.m. Preston L. Stemmann

Thursday, February 13:

12:05 p.m. James Flavin

Friday, February 14:

12:05 p.m. Edgar J. Rachal

Saturday, February 15:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Dixie Durastanti, Edgar Campo, Paul Am Mai, George & Betty Battalora, Fr. Joseph Hassiber, Sam & Edith Tamburo, Colingo & Tamburo Families, Simon & Mamie Campo, Campo Family, Jacob Williamson, Ann Vanderslice, Galardo & LaCroix Families, Bailey Elizabeth Brown, Robert Eberle, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Jerry Byles

Sunday, February 16: 6th 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, Felix Joseph "Jessie" Vanedersypen, Richard Stephen Vandersypen, Todd Mizell, Agnes Rita Roberts, Ernest Henry Gauthier, John Upton, R. Thomas (living), Randolph Mitchell (living) Poor Souls in Purgatory, Jerry Byles

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

5:30 p.m. Rose Marie Francis

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Katherine Kutch please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's & Christmas	\$ 9,631.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 131.00

Thank you for your generosity!

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE

CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES: Jerry Byles

"TOGETHER AS ONE CHURCH: EMBRACING A FUTURE OF HOPE" – FEBRUARY 11

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 when it has been determined.

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 dcnmitchell@diocesealex.org.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING – FEBRUARY 12

The Altar Society will have their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, February 12, at 10:00 a.m.** in Xavier Hall. Anyone interested in becoming a member is invited to come to the meeting. We would like to also welcome our new members: Fran Allen, Wendy Bellino & Michele Lacour.

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!

BIRTHDAYS: February 9 – February 15

Elizabeth Battalora, Kim Craig, Catherine Doyle, Steve Haise, Barbara Hastings, Bennie Hastings, Emily Ann McCullough, Anna Parker, Paul Riddle, Gayla Verzwuyvelt, Sharon White, Dcn. John Whitehead, Feb. 10, Rev. Jacob Thomas, Feb. 13

NECROLOGY: February 2 – February 8

Msgr. Terrence Joseph Lennon +Feb. 9, 1976
Rev. Joseph Montalbano +Feb. 11, 2014
Rev. Edward Deasy +Feb. 13, 2000

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,

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Trudy Schuurmans, Karen Smith, Marianne Julie Sober,
Stephanie Simmons, Sam Terracina, Gary Wagers, Sharon
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