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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 17:

12:05 p.m. Flavin Family (living & deceased)

Tuesday, March 18:

12:05 p.m. Anthon Patrick Cumella

Wednesday, March 19:

12:05 p.m. June A. Muellner

Thursday, March 20:

12:05 p.m. Preston L. Stemmann

Friday, March 21:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Saturday, March 22:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Dixie Durastanti, Edgar Campo, Paul Am Mai, George & Betty Battalora, Angele' Matt, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Marty Vutera, Jr. (living), Robert Eberle, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Colleen Falkner, John Christian Upton, Van Mol Family (living), 'C.E. Judge' Wallace, Janelle & Chuck Haise, Ann Vanderslice, Wallace & Normand Families, Susan Fett Ussery

Sunday, March 23: Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Todd Mizell, Joe Betty Sterkx, John Christian Upton, David & Stacey Lachney, Margaret Henderson, Fr. Paul Nguyen Thong, Van Mol Family (living), Susie Chicola Davis, Ann Vanderslice, R. Thomas (living), Blane Rabalais & Family (living), Marissa Price & Family (living), Allison Price & Family (living), Poor Souls in Purgatory, Bobbie Sealey

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

5:30 p.m. Angele' Matt

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Wilbert, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 10,131.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 631.00
Black & Indian Missions	\$ 745.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$ 2,785.00

Thank you for your generosity!

A WORD OF THANKS

Many sincere thanks to all who participated in the preparations for the Rite of Election and also to the Cathedral Altar Society for hosting the reception that followed. I am so grateful to all of our parishioners and friends of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral for your involvement and support. More than two hundred people from across the diocese were in attendance both at the liturgy in the Cathedral and at the reception in Xavier Hall.
– Msgr. Ferguson.

INTERESTED IN SERVING AS AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION OR LECTOR?

After discernment and prayer, if you are interested in serving as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or as a Lector, please contact **Deacon Jason Lavergne at dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org or by phone at (318) 445-6424 to get more information on the ministry.**

To serve as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion or Lector, persons must: be practicing Catholics, distinguished in their Christian life, faith and morals; be a registered member of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, be at least 18 years old; have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, and makes regular use of the Sacrament of Penance. If married, the marriage must be a valid Catholic marriage.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS – FRIDAY – MARCH 21

Please join us for the Way of the Cross at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral **Friday, March 21 at 5:30 p.m. and each Friday during this Lenten season.**

KCs FISH FRY – MARCH 21 & 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 Friday, March 21 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)

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.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

•**Fasting** is to be observed **Good Friday** by all Catholics who are 18 years of age until the beginning of their 60th year. 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 **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).

"GUYS & DOLLS" PRESENTED BY HOLY SAVIOR MENARD HIGH SCHOOL – MARCH 21 - 23

Join us at the Coughlin Saunders Performing Arts Center in Alexandria, March 21 - 23 for a production of "Guys and Dolls" presented by the theater arts department students of Holy Savior Menard High School. To buy tickets visit www.i2tickets.com.

DISCALCED CARMELITES MONTHLY MEETING - APRIL 11

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.

SILENT LENTEN RETREAT – APRIL 3 - 6

This Lent, set aside time for a profound spiritual renewal. We invite you to experience the grace of silence and solitude at our Silent Lenten Retreat at Maryhill Renewal Center designed to deepen your relationship with Jesus. Spend a weekend in: Guided Prayer tailored for you by an individual Spiritual Director, that is far from the noise and distractions of your busy life by embracing the silence. Give of your time and self and reconnect to the heart of the Lord. Let this be a time of spiritual growth as you journey towards Easter. Space is limited. Open to anyone. To register or for more information contact: Charlotte Wasmer at 318-730-1025 or cwasmer@diocesealex.org; Ingrid Cannella 318-792-3331 or icnewell@yahoo.com.

BIRTHDAYS: March 16 – March 22

Gail Callahan, Kerry Callahan, Randall Chenevert, Joanie Credeur, Chris Dunn, Michael Haise, Alayha Harmson, Kathleen Lacour, Yvonne Lagrange, Alex Mangini, Andrew Mixon, Theodore Morgan, Holly Shadell, Deborah Smith, Jason Tassan, Julian Zona, Dcn. Tommy Robichaux, Mar. 17, Dcn. William Travis, Mar. 17, Rev. Marc Noel, Mar. 18, Dcn. Alex Mangini, Mar. 20

NECROLOGY: March 16 – March 22

Rev. Peter Cooney +Mar 20, 1932
Rev. John Van Bokhoven +Mar. 20, 1932

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. 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, Teresa B. Coutee, 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 McGlothlin, Melanie McNamara, Peggy McNeely, 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, Faith Scharz, 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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