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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 2:

12:05 p.m. Dale Hebert

Tuesday, February 3:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, February 4:

12:05 p.m. Msgr. James A. Ferguson (special intentions)

Thursday, February 5:

12:05 p.m. Lucille Cezar Artis

Friday, February 6: First Friday

12:05 p.m. Flowers Family

Saturday, February 7: First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Timothy Hollingsworth

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Dixie

Durastanti, Gary Tillman, Anglo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, John Christian Upton, Robert Eberle, Wallace & Normand Families (living & Deceased), Michael Thomas Laborde, George & Betty Battalora, Esther Hernandez, Edgar & Connie Campo, Mable Titmus, Egidio John DiStefano, Sam & Maggie DiStefano, Albert B. McNamara, Fred Brouillette, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Sean Linn Perry, Paul & Elizabeth Ceasar, Ellis & Hop LaHood, Bob McBride, Dr. Alfred Mansour

Sunday, February 8: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R.J. Ducote, Leonard Dale Spurlock, John Christian Upton, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir, Lennie Humphreys, Jimmy Mocik, Seminarian David Rubio (living), Jonathan Scalfano (living), Sophia Van Horne (living), Sam & Myrtle DeBona, Hailee & Michael Yerby (living), Todd Mizell, Joe Betty Sterkx, Bob McBride, Dr. Alfred Mansour, James E. Radkay, Jacob Williamson, Selma & Richard Sayer, R. Thomas (living), Albert LaJeune

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

5:30 p.m. Martha Lee

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Merle Vahlkamp, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 3,483.00
Over or (Short)	\$ (6,017.00)

Thank you for your generosity!

"BREATHING THROUGH GRIEF" WEEKLY SUPPORT GROUP BEGINS – FEBRUARY 2

Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana offers an eight-week program, "Breathing through Grief", designed to bring comfort and hope to anyone facing loss—whether through death, illness, broken relationships, or other life-altering changes. Rooted in faith and guided by grace, this program provides a safe haven for sharing, embrace healing, and discover that even in the emptiness, God is near and new beginnings are possible.

Participants will find strength to renew their spirit, experience inner peace, and take intentional steps toward a meaningful new chapter in life. Each session blends practical tools with spiritual encouragement in a caring group setting, fostering resilience and hope throughout the journey. The program begins Monday, Feb. 2, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph Catholic Center Conference Room at 4400 Coliseum Boulevard in Alexandria. **For more details or to register, call Catholic Charities at 318-445-6424, Ext. 506.**

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 Tuesday, 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 7 and February 8)

FIRST FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 6

11:00 a.m. Holy Hour

11:00 a.m. First Friday Devotions

11:15 a.m. Confessions

12:05 p.m. Holy Mass

FIRST SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 7

8:00 a.m. Exposition, First Saturday devotions

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

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

PRE-CANA MARRIAGE PREP WORKSHOP – FEB. 7

These one-day workshops will be at the **St. Joseph Catholic Center located at 4400 Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria, LA**. Beginning at 8:00 a.m., the day will include presentations on various topics that are vital to a couple's lifelong marriage. The workshop will end at approximately 3:00 p.m. and lunch will be included. Space will be limited, so please register for a workshop as soon as possible. **Registration for the February 7, 2026 workshop is now open.** There is a fee of \$60 per couple. You may pay online after submitting the registration form. You can also pay the

day of the workshop via check, money order or cash. Or you can prepay by mailing your check or money order (payable to Diocese of Alexandria) and mail to: Office of Religious Education and Faith Formation, P.O. Box 7417, Alexandria, LA 71306-0417. **Other future workshop dates:** May 30 & Sept. 12, 2026. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Jason Lavergne in the Office of Religious Education and Faith Formation at (318) 445-6424 ext. 207.

"SECOND BLESSINGS" THRIFT STORE GRAND OPENING – FEBRUARY 10

"Second Blessings" Thrift Store will open its doors for business at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10. The store will offer clothing and accessories for men, women and kids; furniture, home decor including wall decor, housewares, bedding, toys, jewelry, luggage and more! Regular operating hours afterward will be 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Donations will be accepted only on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m.-12 noon. Or you can place your donations in the plastic covered deck boxes to the right of the building. "Second Blessings" is located at 4409 Coliseum Blvd, Suite A, between and behind the Chevron and the credit union, in the same building as Eagle Hydraulics. If you'd like to volunteer to work, contact Heidi Wampler at hwampler@cccenla.org or call 318-445-6424, ext. 510.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING – FEBRUARY 11

The Altar Society will have their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, February 11, at 10:00 a.m.** in Xavier Hall. Anyone interested in becoming a member is invited to come to the meeting.

DISCALCED CARMELITE MONTHLY MEETING FEBRUARY 14

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.**

CONFIRMATION RETREAT – FEBRUARY

Location: TO BE DETERMINED due to rescheduling of the cancelled January retreat. Presenter for the day will be Dustin Bertrand. Dustin is a dynamic speaker, youth minister, and evangelist from south Louisiana. He has a degree in psychology and criminal justice and a Masters degree in Theology and Christian Ministry from Franciscan University, Steubenville, Ohio and has been evangelizing for the past 12 years through his ministry called God Made Self Driven.

NOTE: The retreat for January 24 was cancelled due to expected winter weather. Rescheduling information is forthcoming.

VIRTUS FLYERS IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

We have VIRTUS flyers available in the back of the church that gives information and contact numbers to help protect God's children from Child Abuse.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND JANUARY 31 & FEBRUARY 1

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up Saturday, January 31 & Sunday, February 1. Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

BIRTHDAYS – FEBRUARY 1 - FEBRUARY 7

John Aguillard, Holly Boone, Frank Bruno, Shiloh Caubarreaux, Todd Curtis, Dale Dasco, Charlie DeWitt, Sam Giordano, Joanna Guillotte, Brick Hazel, Kristy Kelley, Dominic Molinar, Randal Moore, Lauren Pogue, Thomas Richards, Dcn. Paul Sunderhaus, Feb. 5

NECROLOGY – FEBRUARY 1 - FEBRUARY 7

Rev. Francis Xavier Kronmeyer	+Feb. 5, 1949
Rev. Antonio Enrique Villaverde	+Feb. 5, 1999
Rev. Joseph Aubree	+Feb. 6, 1897
Rev. Francis Bertels	+Feb. 6, 1927

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, Evan Cree, James Domzalski, II, Christopher Fraser, Brick Hazel, Joe Herrera, Andrew Hill, Kenneth Jeansonne, 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

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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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