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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 12:

12:05 p.m. Alice Foster

Tuesday, January 13:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, January 14:

12:05 p.m. Leonard Dale Spurlock

Thursday, January 15:

12:05 p.m. Hazel Cezar

Friday, January 16:

12:05 p.m. Dorothy West

Saturday, January 17:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Family, Dixie Durastanti, Bishop Lawrence P. Graves, Anglo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, John Christian Upton, Robert Eberle, Lennie Humphreys, Wallace & Normand Families (living & Deceased), Michael Thomas Laborde, George & Betty Battalora, Edgar & Connie Campo, Esther Hernandez, Mable Titmus, Egidio John DiStefano, Sam & Maggie DiStefano, Fred Brouillette, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Judy Thornhill DeSoto, Gregory Nelson, Maxine Price Grass

Sunday, January 18: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R.J. Ducote, Joe Betty Sterkx, John Christian Upton, Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council #3200, Todd Mizell, Grass & Ferguson Families, Victoria Young (living), Selma & Richard Sayer, Clyta Mock, Jonathan Scalfano (living), Sophia Van Horne (living), Hallee & Michael Yerby (living), Sam & Myrtle DeBona, Sam Johnson, Judy Thornhill DeSoto, Maxine Price Grass

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

5:30 p.m. Lavergne Pierce

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Maxine Price Grass, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 26,745.63
Over or (Short)	\$ 17,245.63
Restoration Fund	\$ 7,811.00
Online Donations for December	\$ 9,242.74

Thank you for your generosity!

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES

Maxine Price Grass

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to the Cathedral Choir, altar servers, ushers, lectors, and extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion for your service at the Christmas Masses. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus Council 3200, the Altar Society, those who decorated the church and to all of you who are our parish family and friends for your involvement, support and commitment to St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. — Msgr. Ferguson

LECTOR FORMATION WORKSHOP – JANUARY 13

The Diocese of Alexandria is offering Lector Formation workshops for those individuals who are interested in serving or who currently may serve as a Lector in their parish. To serve in this role, one must be of good standing with their Catholic faith and need the approval of their pastor. All training workshops will present the same material and will last no longer than two and a half hours. If you would like to sign up for the next workshop, please contact Dcn Jason Lavergne at email dcnlavergne@diocesealex.org or (318) 445-6424 ext. 207. The date is **Tuesday, January 13, at 6:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd., Alexandria.** There is no need to register and no charge to attend. When the session is completed, you will receive a certificate. We will be happy to have you!

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING – JANUARY 14

The Altar Society will have their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, January 14, at 10:00 a.m.** in Xavier Hall. Anyone interested in becoming a member is invited to come to the meeting.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES THRIFT SHOP VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT BREAKFAST – JANUARY 15

Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana will be opening its own thrift shop in February! Volunteers are needed to help sort and price merchandise, pickup donations, and man the sales floor during hours of operation. If you are interested in volunteering, a volunteer recruitment breakfast will be held from 9:00-10:00 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 15 at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd., Alexandria. For more information or to RSVP please contact Jennifer Gilchrist at jgilchrist@cccnla.org.

"9 DAYS FOR LIFE" ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE NOVENA BEGINS JANUARY 16

In the Catholic Church, a 'novena' consists of prayers over nine successive days, and this particular novena is an opportunity for prayer and penance in observance of the annual Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children on January 22. All are invited to sign up! Participants may access the novena or subscribe to receive the daily prayers by email or text message in English at 9daysforlife.com or in Spanish at respectlife.org/9-dias-por-la-vida. The overarching intention of the novena is the end to abortion. Each daily prayer intention highlights a related topic and is accompanied by a reflection, educational information, and suggested daily actions. A resource kit is available, featuring the daily prayer intentions and reflections, in both English and Spanish. A press kit is also available.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY - MONDAY, JANUARY 19

The Church Office will be closed **Monday, January 19, for Martin Luther King** Day and will re-open on Tuesday, January 20. We will have the 12:05 p.m. Mass as usual.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP – JANUARY 20

The next workshop for Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will be held on January 20. The average time for the workshop is about three hours so please plan accordingly. For more information, contact Dcn Jason Lavergne at (318) 445-6424 ext. 207 or by email at dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org. The workshop on **Tuesday, January 20, 6:00 p.m.** is at **St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd., Alexandria**. There is no need to register and no charge to attend. When the session is completed, you will receive a certificate. We will be happy to have you!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN, JANUARY 22

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion."

VIRTUS TRAINING HAS NOW BEEN MOVED ONLINE!

Now it is more convenient to become VIRTUS certified! Detailed information about how to register for an online training session is available on the Safe Environment webpage on the Diocese of Alexandria website: diocesealex.org/our-diocese/safe-environment/. For more information, contact Kecia Coco, director of our Safe Environment program, kcoco@diocesealex.org.

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 THE CHURCH TODAY - JAN. 11

The Church Today. The week of January 11, we will be taking up a special collection for the Church Today. Every month, this 20-page newspaper is mailed FREE to every Catholic household in the diocese. All donations to this special collection go directly to the Church Today to help defray the cost of printing and mailing. Your donation also defrays the cost of our digital outreach via the diocesan website www.diocesealex.org. If you, or someone you know, would like to receive the Church Today FREE each month, call 318- 445-6424, ext. 209 to request it or sign up at <https://www.diocesealex.org/the-office-of-communications/>.

BIRTHDAYS – JANUARY 11 - JANUARY 17

Joey Carmouche, Barbara Ceasar, Reagan Chenevert, Elizabeth Delao, Rosemary Delrie, Deborah Deorosan, Madeline Ducote, Robbie Duffy, Darrell Dunlap, Stella Durastanti, Joseph Francis, Deidre Hughston, Sondra Long, Abigail McNeely, Lavender Morgan, Vickie Paige, Jeffery Price, Agnes Roberts, Katie Scalfano, Catherine Shackelford, Dcn. Mike Young, Jan. 17

NECROLOGY – JANUARY 11 - JANUARY 17

Msgr. Leonard Menard	+Jan. 12, 1930
Msgr. Henry Allen Thompson	+Jan. 12, 1981
Rev. Achille Anseeuw	+Jan. 14, 1921
Bishop Lawrence P. Graves	+Jan. 15, 1994

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 Jeanssone, 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

Bob Alden, Chella Alden, Johnnie Alston, Brandon Ashley, Raymond Battalora, Bobby & Carol Brossett, Theresa Catteruccia, Alice Chambers, Brenda Ducote, Christopher Ducote, Joy Gauthier, Sandra Gooden, Carolyn Harger, Tish Hull, Logan & Mary Jock, Cody Lachney, Scott Lachney, Chris Littleton, Catherine Medica, Melanie McManara, Michele Pogue, Robert Southren, Joseph Veillon, Vergie Walker, Katina Watson, Maria White, Marilyn Wilbert

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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