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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 19:

12:05 p.m. Alice Foster

Tuesday, January 20:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, January 21:

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

Thursday, January 22:

12:05 p.m. Tommy & Clifton Cezar

Friday, January 23:

12:05 p.m. Dorothy West

Saturday, January 24:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Dixie Durastanti, Bishop Charles P. Grecco, Anglo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, John Christian Upton, Robert Eberle, Wallace & Normand Families (living & Deceased), Lennie Humphreys, 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, Maxine Price Grass, John Landry, Sean Linn Perry, Mr. & Mrs. Audrie Metoyer Sr, Sam & Velma Galardo, Paul & Elizabeth Ceasar

Sunday, January 18: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R.J. Ducote, Todd Mizell, John Christian Upton, Atwell Family, Grass & Ferguson Families, Jonathan Scalfano (living), Sophia Van Horne (living), Hallee & Michael Yerby (living), Sam & Myrtle DeBona, Maxine Price Grass, John Landry, Joe Betty Sterkx

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

5:30 p.m. Catherine Sloan

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Margo Trueblood, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 15,383.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 5,883.00
The Church Today	\$ 1,037.00

Thank you for your generosity!

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES

John Landry

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MLK DAY - 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.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT – JAN. 24 AND FEB. 28

The annual Confirmation Retreat will have two date options (the same retreat each weekend, students are **only required to attend one**): January 24 and February 28. The location is at Maryhill Renewal Center, Pineville. 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 Master's 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.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

JANUARY 25 – 31

A week to celebrate the value of a Catholic education, its impact on students' minds, bodies, and spirits, and its contributions to the Church and society. We welcome you to come see for yourself, what our Catholic Schools are all about.

SMOKING CESSATION WEEKLY SUPPORT GROUP BEGINS - JANUARY 26

Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana invites adults who are ready to quit smoking, vaping, or using tobacco to join a supportive, no-cost cessation group. Sessions will be held from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria. Led by nationally credentialed tobacco treatment specialists (NCTTP) certified through the University of Mississippi Medical Center's ACT Center, this group offers expert guidance and peer support to help you succeed. Individual sessions are also available. Register today: <https://cccenla.org/mental-health-services>. For more information, call: 318-445-6424 ext. 506.

CENLA LIFE MARCH – JANUARY 31

Join us marching for unborn babies and their mothers on Saturday, Jan. 31 at the annual Cenla Life March. We will gather at 10:00 a.m. at Louisiana Christian University in Pineville.

“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.**

SPECIAL COLLECTION – THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA, JANUARY 25

Many in Latin America and the Caribbean find that a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit usccb.org/latin-america.

BIRTHDAYS – JANUARY 18 - JANUARY 24

Kim Boeta, Abbie Bradford, Susan Daigrepont, Celeste Dotson, L. J. Ducote, Connie Hussion, Lowell Hazel, Cynthia Lamartinire, John Landry, Savannah Sues, Garry Wagers, Gary Westmoreland

NECROLOGY – JANUARY 18 - JANUARY 24

Rev. Duane Stenzel	+Jan. 18, 2011
Rev. Jean E. Chauvin	+Jan. 18, 1906
Rev. Ludovic Enaut	+Jan. 18, 1919
Rev. H. Gerald Bordelon	+Jan. 18, 2008
Bishop Charles P. Greco	+Jan. 20, 1987
Msgr. J. Francis Van Haver	+Jan. 21, 1945
Rev. Samuel Joseph Polizzi	+Jan. 21, 1999

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

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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