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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 26:

12:05 p.m. Alice Foster

Tuesday, January 27:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, January 28:

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

Thursday, January 29:

12:05 p.m. Tommy & Clifton Cezar

Friday, January 30:

12:05 p.m. Dorothy West

Saturday, January 31:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Dixie Durastanti, 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, Sean Linn Perry, Galardo & LaCroix Families, Ellis & Hop LaHood, Paul & Elizabeth Ceasar, Bob McBride, Dr. Alfred Mansour, Gary Tillman

Sunday, January 18: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R.J. Ducote, Todd Mizell, John Christian Upton, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Altar Society, Selma & Richard Sayer, Jonathan Scalfano (living), Sophia Van Horne (living), Dufour & Wasmer Family, Sam & Myrtle DeBona, Hailee & Michael Yerby (living), Joe Betty Sterkx, Bob McBride, Dr. Alfred Mansour

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

5:30 p.m. Connie Randall

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Walter Randall, please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 8,302.63
Over or (Short)	\$ (1,107.37)

Thank you for your generosity!

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES

Bob McBride & Dr. Alfred Mansour & Maxine Grass

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK JAN. 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.**

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, February 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.

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND JANUARY 31 & FEBRUARY 1

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up Saturday, March 1 & Sunday, March 2. Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

BIRTHDAYS – JANUARY 25 - JANUARY 31

Emily Bruno, Betty Chelette, Timothy Ledet, Jeffrey Pogue, Blake Prevot, Nancy Sipowicz, Brenda Steimel, Jackson Sues, Linda Vaughn, Michael Yerby, Dcn. Stephen Gramigna Jan. 30

NECROLOGY – JANUARY 25 - JANUARY 31

Dcn. Charles Jones +Jan. 25, 2001
Rev. Marinus Van Eyck +Jan. 26, 1912
Rev. Jean B. Limagne +Jan. 27, 1912
Rev. Peter Joseph Besselaar +Jan. 28, 1957
Msgr. John Chrysostom Vandegaer +Jan. 28, 1980
Msgr. John Joseph Wakeman +Jan. 28, 2001
Rev. Gerard Michael Foley +Jan. 29, 2006
Rev. George Krosfield +Jan. 29, 2024

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, Robin Bonnette, 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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