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## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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### INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday, March 2

12:05 p.m. Dale Hebert

#### Tuesday, March 3

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

#### Wednesday, March 4:

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

#### Thursday, March 5:

12:05 p.m. Joan Jeffries

#### Friday, March 6: First Friday

12:05 p.m. Lucille M. Ducote

#### Saturday, March 7: First Saturday

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Dixie Durastanti, George & Betty Battalora, Anglo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, John Christian Upton, Wallace & Normand Families (living & Deceased), Esther Hernandez, Edgar & Connie Campo, Mable Titmus, Egidio John DiStefano, Sam & Maggie DiStefano, Paul & Elizabeth Ceasar, Ellis & Hop LaHood, Fred Brouillette, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Robert Eberle, Richard "Dick" Ducote, Sr., Eric Ducote

#### Sunday, March 8: Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Dixie Durastanti, George & Betty Battalora, Anglo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, John Christian Upton, Wallace & Normand Families (living & Deceased), Esther Hernandez, Edgar & Connie Campo, Mable Titmus, Egidio John DiStefano, Sam & Maggie DiStefano, Paul & Elizabeth Ceasar, Ellis & Hop LaHood, Fred Brouillette, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Robert Eberle, Richard "Dick" Ducote, Sr., Eric Ducote

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

5:30 p.m. Noreen Garrett

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Fred & Joy White, please remember them in your prayers.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 10,771.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 1,271.00

Thank you for your generosity!

### ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL - 2026



Jesus didn't do it alone. He called disciples to assist him in his mission. Jesus challenged and supported his disciples – at times gently chiding them, or reaching out a hand to help, and at demanding a lot from them. Our Lord walks with us but he also challenges us to be good disciples by supporting the universal Church. Do we ask ourselves are we imitators of Christ by giving freely of ourselves – our time, talent and financial resources? Are our gifts to our parish acceptable? Are our gifts to the local Church through the Annual Diocesan Appeal acceptable?

**The goal for St. Francis Xavier Cathedral this year is \$38,234.00.**

### LENTEN BIBLE STUDY – WED., MARCH 4 – 5:30 PM

Please join us, beginning at 5:30 pm in Xavier Hall. This week's session, "Why confess to a priest? Did Jesus arrange for us to confess our sins to a priest of the new covenant?" – Msgr. James Ferguson.

### THE WAY OF THE CROSS – FRIDAY – MARCH 6

Please join us for the Way of the Cross at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral **Friday, March 6 at 5:30 p.m. and each Friday during this Lenten season.**

### FIRST FRIDAY – MARCH 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 – MARCH 7

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

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

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY – FRIDAY, MARCH 7 & FRIDAYS DURING LENT THROUGH MARCH 27



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 7 and each Friday through March 27.** 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 729-6280 with a minimum of five orders or more, local. **(Please note that the Fish Fry will not be served on Good Friday)**

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS – MARCH 8

Daylight Savings Time begins **2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 8.** That is when households in the United States need to turn their clocks forward one hour.

## FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

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

## DOMESTIC CHURCH EVANGELIZATION RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES AT MARYHILL RENEWAL CENTER – MARCH 13 - 15

The Domestic Church Evangelization Retreat provides sacramentally married couples with an opportunity to begin their spiritual journey together (or deepen it if it already exists). The retreat serves as the introduction to Domestic Church for those interested in beginning formation in a Domestic Church circle. For more information visit <https://domesticchurchfamilies.com/retreats/> or contact Catherine and Mark Turner by email at [alexandria@domesticchurchfamilies.com](mailto:alexandria@domesticchurchfamilies.com) with any questions.

## SHAMROCKIN' FEST – MARCH 14

Join us at 6:00 p.m., March 14 at the Randolph Riverfront Center in Alexandria for Shamrockin' Fest! Proceeds from Shamrockin' Fest will benefit classroom upgrades at Holy Savior Menard School. Please consider contributing to our Shamrockin' Fest by purchasing a table, an individual ticket, contributing to a mixology team and/or making a monetary donation. Visit [www.givebutter.com/hsmfest](http://www.givebutter.com/hsmfest). This event is for adults only.

## JUBILEE OF ST. FRANCIS PILGRIMAGE & INDULGENCE – JAN. 10, 2026 THRU JAN. 10, 2027

**Pope Leo has declared Jan. 10, 2026 - Jan. 10, 2027 as the Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi to mark the 800th anniversary of his death.** To commemorate, the Pope is granting a plenary indulgence (under usual conditions of confession, eucharist and prayers for pope's intentions) to the faithful who visit a church dedicated to St. Francis of Assisi, pray for a suitable period, then pray the creed, an Our Father and Hail Mary invoking St. Francis. The Catholic Church of St. Francis of Assisi in Waterproof, LA is inviting anyone to come on pilgrimage, individual or group, during this year. As a special gift, the church has received a relic of the hairshirt of St. Francis. Pilgrims can sign their pilgrim book, receive a holy card of St. Francis, venerate the relic, and obtain a plenary indulgence. To set up a time to visit please email [stjosephinstjoe@gmail.com](mailto:stjosephinstjoe@gmail.com) or call 318-766-3565. – Fr. Taylor Reynolds

## VIRTUS TRAINING HAS 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/](http://diocesealex.org/our-diocese/safe-environment/). **For more information, contact Kecia Coco, director of our Safe Environment program, [kcoco@diocesealex.org](mailto:kcoco@diocesealex.org).**

## SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND FEBRUARY 28 & MARCH 1

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up **Saturday, February 28 and Sunday, March 1**. Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

## BIRTHDAYS – MARCH 1 – MARCH 7

Terry Antoon, Debby Dunlap, Patrick Flavin, Megan Kelso, William Lacombe, M. J. Monsour, Diana Pharis, Caroline Randall, Lisa Ritchie, Tony Suttles, Dcn. Ted Moulard, Mar 1, Rev. Adam Travis, Mar. 2, Dcn. Patrick McCusker, Mar. 4, Rev. Peter Kuligowski, Mar. 5, Rev. William Gearheard, Mar 5, Rev. Thomas Paul, Mar. 7

## NECROLOGY – MARCH 1 – MARCH 7

Rev. Jean Baptiste Malassagne +Mar. 4, 1861  
Rev. Regis Gimbert +Mar. 5, 1912  
Msgr. Leon Roy Aycock +Mar. 6, 1961

## 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](mailto: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, Kay Harville, Kortni Hensen, Jim Hickman, 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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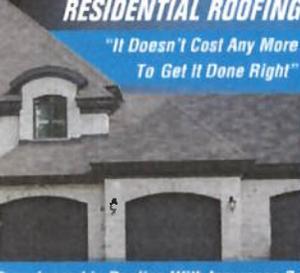


  
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