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## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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### INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday, March 9

12:05 p.m. Leonard Dale Spurlock

#### Tuesday, March 10

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

#### Wednesday, March 11:

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

#### Thursday, March 12:

12:05 p.m. Ethan Catteruccia

#### Friday, March 13:

12:05 p.m. Dale Hebert

#### Saturday, March 14:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Dixie Durastanti, George & Betty Battalora, Anglo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Wallace & Normand Families (living & Deceased), Fr. Frederick J. Lyons, Esther Hernandez, Edgar & Connie Campo, Mable Titmus, Egidio John DiStefano, Sam & Maggie DiStefano, Sam & Velma Galardo, Paul & Elizabeth Ceasar, Ellis & Hop LaHood, Colingo & Tamburo Families, Campo Family, Jacob Williamson, Fred Brouillette, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Robert Eberle, Richard "Dick" Ducote, Sr., Eric Ducote, Paul Am Mai, Samuel Joseph Medica

#### Sunday, March 15: Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R.J. Ducote, Susan Fett Ussery, Selma & Richard Sayer, Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council # 3200, Todd Mizell, Joe Betty Sterkx, Bob McBride, Dr. Alfred Mansour, Allison Ann Tillie, Grass & Ferguson Family, Daphine Fullford Shotton, Fredrick Leonardo Green, David Lachney, Stacey Lachney, Chelsea Martin, Brenda Brocato, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Blaine & Lorraine Rabalais (living), R Thomas & Family (living), Sarah & Child (living), Dorothy S. Johnosn, Ronnie Wilkins, Samuel Joseph Medica,

11:00 a.m. People of SFX Cathedral Parish  
5:30 p.m. Lena Gengo

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Norene Garrett, please remember her in your prayers.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 13,574.50
Over or (Short)	\$ 4,074.50
Restoration Fund	\$ 2,576.00

Thank you for your generosity!

### ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL - 2026



The waters of Baptism make us part of the new covenant in Christ. But the bishop's pastoral letter on stewardship reminds us that "there is a fundamental obligation arising from the Sacrament of Baptism...that people place their gifts, resources – their selves – at God's service in and through the Church." Prayerfully consider supporting your parish by weekly contribution and the diocesan church by contributing to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. **The goal for St. Francis Xavier Cathedral this year is \$38,234.00. Pledges to date \$20,181.00**

### ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING – MARCH 11

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

### LENTEN BIBLE STUDY – WED., MARCH 11 – 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 13

Please join us for the Way of the Cross at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral **Friday, March 13 at 5:30 p.m. and each Friday during this Lenten season.**

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY – FRIDAY, MARCH 13 & 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 13 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)

### 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.

### **LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE - MARCH 25**

There will be a Penance Service in the Cathedral on **Wednesday, March 25 beginning at 5:30 p.m.** Several priests will be present to hear confession.

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

This year marks the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi, and the Church is granting the faithful the opportunity to receive a plenary indulgence if you do one of the first three listed along with the last requirement: **The Diocese of Alexandria has 3 parishes in his honor: Sts. Francis and Ann (Kolin), St. Francis of Assisi (Powhatan), and St. Francis of Assisi (Waterproof).**

- Visit a church or shrine designated under the patronage of St. Francis of Assisi.
- Participate in liturgical celebrations or devotional exercises in honor of St. Francis.
- Pray before relics or at places connected with his life.

#### **AND also:**

- Fulfill the usual conditions of Sacramental Confession, Reception of Holy Communion, Prayer for the Pope's Intentions, and Complete Detachment from All Sin.

– Fr. Luke LaFleur

### **REMEMBER A LOVED ONE THROUGH A MEMORIAL GIFT OF EASTER LILIES**

Provide the name of the person to be remembered and place it with \$13.00 in an envelope marked "Easter Flower Offering." Envelopes are located on the tables at the entrances of the Church. You can drop the envelope in the Mass collection basket or bring it to the parish office.

### **SPECIAL COLLECTION – CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES - MARCH 15**

The week of March 15 our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

### **BIRTHDAYS – MARCH 1 – MARCH 7**

Lesley Ashworth, Natalie Bates, Joyce Broussard, Richard Ducote, III, Bobby Grant, Susan Humphreys, Rainesa Mission, River Allen Rachal, Linda Stringfield, John Van Mol, Dcn. Doug Moreau, Mar. 8, Dcn. Lee Moreau, Mar. 10, Dcn. Darrell Dubroc, Mar. 13

### **NECROLOGY – MARCH 1 – MARCH 7**

Msgr. Napoleon J. Roulleaux +Mar. 9, 1918  
Rev. John Girards +Mar. 9, 1947  
Rev. Bernard Zagst +Mar. 9, 2012

### **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, Wilber Bertrand, 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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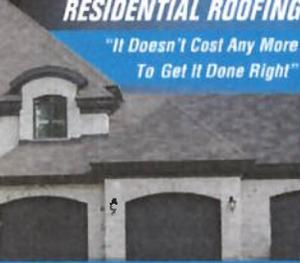


  
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