

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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August 2, 2020

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Father James Ferguson, JCL, Rector • Father William Gearheard, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Richard Mitchell • Deacon Luke White

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 3:

12:05 p.m. Sam & Myrtle Debona

Tuesday, August 4:

12:05 p.m. William J. Gearheard, Sr.

Wednesday, August 5:

12:05 p.m. Norene Garrett

Thursday, August 6:

12:05 p.m. Timothy Hollingsworth

Friday, August 7: First Friday

12:05 p.m. Ben Van Mol

Saturday, August 8:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, George & Betty Battalora, Sam & Velma Galardo, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Rachael Brouillette, Carl A. Jeansonne, Sr., W.E. Jones (living)

Sunday, August 9: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Gordon S. Ducote, Jasmine Anderson, R.J. Ducote, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir, Ernie & Fern Wilbert, Glenn & Ann Andrew

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

5:30 p.m. Jean L. Lively

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for **The Sick of Our Parish**, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$8,469.00
Over or (Short)	\$(31.00)
Manna House	\$1,156.00

Thank you for your generosity!

FIRST FRIDAY - AUGUST 7

11:00 a.m. Holy Hour

11:00 a.m. First Friday Devotions

11:15 a.m. Confessions

12:05 p.m. Holy Mass

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS - SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a formal process of catechetical instruction whereby adults are formally admitted into the Catholic Church and receive the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. Classes for adults who are interested in becoming Catholic will begin on **Sunday, September 20, 2020 in the church hall at 10:00 AM.**

The classes are also for adult Catholics who are baptized in the Catholic Church but did not receive their First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.

Persons interested in attending RCIA classes are asked to call the church secretary at 445-1451, ext. 14 or you may email Deacon Richard Mitchell at dcnrmitchell@diocesealex.org.

CCD CLASSES - 2020

Registration for CCD classes will be held after the weekend Masses, August 15 & 16. Classes for CCD are open for children from Kindergarten through 10th Grade, and Confirmation Classes for 11th Grade. There is a \$15.00 charge for the purchase of books. Please call Mary Lou Maples at **443-1562** for more information regarding CCD. **Classes begin, Sunday, September 20, 2020 in the Convent Building at 10:00 a.m.**

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL IS LIVE STREAMING

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral will be live-streaming the Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass on its Facebook page. **The dispensation from the obligation to participate in Sunday Mass is extended to every one until further notice.**

CONFESSIONS

Confessions are 30 minutes before Daily Masses, Saturday from 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., and Sunday from 4:45 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. in the Confessional.

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MASS SCHEDULES FOR THE CATHEDRAL

The weekday Mass schedules are Monday thru Friday at 12:05 p.m. The weekend Mass schedules are Saturday Anticipated Mass at 4:00 p.m., Sunday Masses at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. With the state in Phase Two, this means that the number of persons gathered in Church can be 50% of the total occupancy which is about 140 people per Mass. Also we must continue to observe social distancing which requires persons to be six feet apart. The only exception to this is people living in the same household.

VIRTUS AWARENESS TRAINING - AUGUST 4

There will be a Virtus Awareness training session on Wednesday, August 4, at 1:00 p.m., at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria. To pre-register, go to www.virtus.org.

NOTE: Masks must be worn the entire session, which typically lasts 2.5 to 3 hours. Seating will be one (1) person per table (spouses may sit together). A maximum of ONLY 15 adults will be allowed to attend each session. Minors are not allowed to attend because of the adult content of the videos and discussions.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND AUGUST 1 - 2

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

SPECIAL COLLECTION - SOLIDARITY FUND FOR THE CHURCH IN AFRICA - AUGUST 9

Next week, our parish will take up a collection for the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care. Many suffer due to high rates of poverty and unemployment, illiteracy, and poor education. The Solidarity Fund supports pastoral projects that foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/africa.

BIRTHDAYS – August 2 - August 8

Jimmy Doyle Birdsall, Martin Coco, Mark Dotson, Paul LeBlanc, Herman Martinez, Katie Nation, Geneie Rousseau, Karlye Sandoval, Jackey Tassin, Sally Vandersypen, Dcn. Lawrence Feldkamp, August 3

NECROLOGY – August 2 – August 8

Rev. Francis Grosse +August 2, 1908
Rev. Russell Lemoine +August 4, 2015

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEACON ASPIRANTS

Jason Lavergne, and Alex Mangini

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: Jr., Brent Marcus Barbour, Byron P. Barbour, Quincy Bordelon, Kevin Burnett, James Domzalski, II, Garrett Gilchrist, Andrew Hill, Caleb Holloway, Jeffrey Kelso, Chad McCann, Co. G-2-238, Evan Nugent, Simon Pelto, Matthew Raines, Kevin Raines, Natalie T. Wall

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Vera Jackson Alexander, Glenn Andrew, Brittney Arabie, June Atwood, Hailey Avila, Loraine Barham, Helen Bellino, Jasemine Benjamin, John Bordelon, Richard Brazil, Patricia Briggs, Irene Broussard, Marie Bruner, Kimberly Ann Bryant, Sheree Brye, Timothy Bullock, Marie Burns, Enrico Cannella, Chere Carnahan, Dr. Clement Carrol, Cheryl Chalah, Adam Clavrie, Ashley Coburn, Elise Coco, Wayne & Barbara Cole, Alice Cosenza, Daren Coutee, Linda Coutee, Joann Cumella, Kathy Cumella, Angelo R. "Brother" D'Angelo, Brenda Ducote, Debby & Dee Dee Dunlap, Cecile Dunn, Mary Simon Dupas, Alex Ekermeier, Gary Elliott, Rose Marie Francis, Randy Frank, Bernard Fontenot, John Gallent, Ruth Gilchrist, Barbara Goff, Ann Gonzales, Gloria Goff, Mike Grant, John Gremillion, Carolyn Harger, Joseph Herzog, Melvin Hicks, Brenda Bacon Jackson, W.E. Jones, Wright Kemmerly, Cody & Scott Lachney, Kimberly Lemoine, Audrey Luczak, Bobbie Maddox, Michael Maples, Nate Maples, John Marzullo, Linda McCain, Ann McQuagge, Emma Medlin, Brenda Mercer, Dean Donna Nelson, Evan Nugent, Michael Perry, Jr., Cleta Perry, Barbara Pontheaux, Paul Pontheaux, Shirley Price, Mary Simon Pupas, Tammy Rachal, Mark & Alma Reitzell, Bennett Roland, Jr., Diane Rabalais, Richard Reed, Jr., Annetta Richardson, Lou Ann Rigby, Andrew Sanli, Kemal Sanli, Maurice Slaughter, Preston Stemmann, Mamie Sterkx, Jackie Storer, Janelle Struble, J. B. Theriot, Chris Tidwell, Olga Velarde, C.E. (Judge) Wallace, Tom Webb, Robert Welch, Nettie Marie Williams, Ruby J. Williams, Carol Willis, Kenneth Wood, Corey Young.

We encourage our parishioners to call with the name of family members who are ill and wish to be remembered in prayer in the weekly church bulletin. Their names will remain on the list for approximately one month. Please notify the church secretary by the 1st Wed. of the Month at 318-445-1451 x 14. If we do not hear from you, we will assume that your family member may be taken off the list.

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