

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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TWENTY-SIXTH 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, September 28:

12:05 p.m. John Sampratt, Jr.

Tuesday, September 29: Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

12:05 p.m. Benjamin Van Mol

Wednesday, September 30:

12:05 p.m. Timothy Hollingsworth

Thursday, October 1:

12:05 p.m. Marilyn F. Nugent

Friday, October 2: First Friday – The Holy Guardian Angels

12:05 p.m. Lee Ray Coleman

Saturday, October 3: First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Lee Ray Coleman

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

Sunday, October 4: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Gordon S. Ducote, Jasmine Anderson, R.J. Ducote, Paul Damian Monsour, Deceased Members of the Altar Society, Paula DePriest, Benjamin Van Mol

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

5:30 p.m. Jean L. Lively

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for victims of Hurricane Laura and Hurricane Sally, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget \$8,500.00

Last Weekend's Collection \$8,439.00

Over or (Short) \$(61.00)

Diocesan Retired Priests \$1,295.00

Thank you for your generosity!

FIRST FRIDAY - OCTOBER 2

11:00 a.m. Holy Hour

11:00 a.m. First Friday Devotions

11:15 a.m. Confessions

12:05 p.m. Holy Mass

PHASE III COVID - 19

As we move into Phase III re-opening of the coronavirus, guidelines for public Masses and other liturgies again do not involve major changes. The same principles apply in Phase III as did in both Phases I and II: maintaining social distance (six feet), wearing masks, and proper hygiene and sanitizing. Hand sanitizers are located on the tables at the doors of the church.

Church occupancy in Phase III has now increased to 75% of a church's occupancy limit, which would include around 200 people. However, social distancing of six feet is still required, except for family/household grouping. Every other pew inside the Cathedral continues to be roped off to maintain social distancing.

Until further notice, all Catholics in the Diocese of Alexandria remain dispensed from their obligation to attend Sunday Mass. Persons who are at-risk, ill, or experiencing symptoms consistent with the coronavirus should be encouraged to not attend Mass.

The inside of the church will continue to be disinfected after every Mass. Holy Water fonts are to remain empty and dry. We will continue to distribute single-use handouts of readings and hymns prior to Mass.

The clergy and other ministers are required to wear a mask during the distribution of Holy Communion. Other liturgical ministers should wear masks and properly distanced.

The sign of peace is omitted and the chalice with the Precious Blood may not be distributed.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. I wish you and your loved ones continued blessing of good health, peace and the love of God.
Sincerely yours in Christ. – Fr. Ferguson

FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral subscribed to Flocknotes several weeks ago. Flocknotes is an email and text message application that allows you to receive news and information from the Cathedral. It is free. You can sign up to receive the weekly bulletin and the Sunday Mass Liturgy Guide, plus receive other notifications from the church.

If you are interested in receiving information via this platform, please go to flocknote.com and search either by City (Alexandria) or the Zip Code (71301) and sign up there. You can unsubscribe anytime. If you have any questions or need assistance with getting set up, please send an email to Deacon Richard Mitchell at dcnmitchell@diocesealex.org. Try it out! Stay connected!

Also, we are now live-streaming the 9AM Sunday Masses via Facebook, Youtube and at sfxcathedral.org.

FIRST SATURDAY - OCTOBER 3

- 8:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
First Saturday Devotions
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary for Life
Confessions
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

EXTRAORDINARY SECOND COLLECTION: BISHOPS EMERGENCY DISASTER FUND, SEPT. 26 - 27

Archbishop Jose Gomez of Los Angeles, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has asked that archdioceses and dioceses throughout the United States take up an extraordinary second collection during the month of September. The USCCB maintains a Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund to assist people and parishes affected by natural disasters. The funds received in this collection are designated to assist those impacted by Hurricane Laura, Hurricane Sally, and other storms and the wildfires in the West. If there are any remaining funds from this collection, they will be used to assist those impacted by the next round of storms, fires, or earthquakes.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS - SEPTEMBER 27, 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.

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.

Classes will begin on Sunday, September 27, at 10:00 a.m. in Xavier Hall.

TWO YEAR SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR INTERNSHIP INFORMATION MEETING - SEPTEMBER 29

There will be two informational meetings on Tuesday, Sept. 29. The first meeting will be from 10:00 a.m. to noon and repeated again from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria.

The Diocese will partner with the Archdiocese of New Orleans Spirituality Center Formation Program to offer a certification for those interested in this ministry. This program is a two-year Spiritual Director Internship that is based on the Spiritual Exercise of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Classes are one day per month and available during either weekdays or weekends. There is an application process with prerequisite requirements and a \$2,000 fee for the 2-yr program. Learn more by attending an information meeting.

To register for the meetings, contact Deacon Richard Mitchell at dcnrmitchell@diocesealex.org.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR ST. KATHERI TEKAKWITHA - OCTOBER 23

Bishop Robert Marshall will celebrate the Mass of Thanksgiving for St. Kateri Tekakwitha at St. Anne Chapel, Spanish Lake (Robeline) on Friday, October 23 at 6:00 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS - SEPTEMBER 27 – OCTOBER 3

Elizabeth Carmouche, Christopher Laborde, Josephine LaCour, Clayton McCann, Tara McCann, Kathleen Molinar, Lloyd Moreau, Donna Nelson, Arlene Ryder, Luis Sologaistoa, Lauren Tassin, Rev. Martin Laird, Sept. 27

NECROLOGY – SEPTEMBER 27 – OCTOBER 3

Rev. John M. Gayer	+Sept. 28, 1984
Bishop Auguste Marie Martin	+Sept. 29, 1875
Dcn. Wilfred Broussard	+Sept. 30, 1987
Rev. Louis Gergaud	+Oct. 1, 1873

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, Jasmine Benjamin, John Bordelon, Richard Brazil, Patricia Briggs, Irene Broussard, Marie Bruner, Kimberly Ann Bryant, Sheree Brye, Timothy Bullock, Marie Burns, 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, Gloria Goff, Mike Grant, John Gremillion, Carolyn Harger, Joseph Herzog, Melvin Hicks, Sr., Melvin Hicks, Jr., Brenda Bacon Jackson, Kenney Jeansonne, W.E. Jones, Wright Kemmerly, Cody & Scott Lachney, Dr. & Mrs. Mark Lemaire, 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, Glenda Outlaw, Michael Perry, Jr., Clea 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

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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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