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TWENTY-NINTH 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, October 19:

12:05 p.m. Benjamin Van Mol

Tuesday, October 20:

12:05 p.m. Timothy Hollingsworth

Wednesday, October 21:

12:05 p.m. Msgr. Joseph M. Susi

Thursday, October 22:

12:05 p.m. Selma Sayer

Friday, October 23:

12:05 p.m. Marilyn F. Nugent

Saturday, October 24:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, George & Betty Battalora, Leonard Michiels, Rachael Brouillette, Connie Campo, Carl A. Jeansonne, Sr., W.E. Jones (living), Vanessa Adkinson (living)

Sunday, October 25: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Gordon S. Ducote, Jasmine Anderson, R.J. Ducote, June A. Muellner, Paula DePriest

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

5:30 p.m. Catherin Sloan

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	\$6,684.50
Over or (Short)	\$(1,815.50)

Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS MEETING - OCTOBER 12

There will be a joint meeting of the St. Francis Xavier Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils this **Monday, October 12, at 5:30 p.m. in the Xavier Hall.**

OCTOBER: THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

October is dedicated as the Month of the Rosary because we celebrate the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary each year on October 7. To understand this feast, we need to go back in time. In the 16th century, the Islamic Ottoman Empire presented a serious military threat to western Europe and sent a fleet of ships to attack Christian defenses in southern Europe. Pope Pius V recognized the grave danger and organized a fleet called the Holy League to confront the navy of the Ottoman Turks.

On October 7, 1571, the two navies engaged in a pivotal battle that would determine who controlled maritime traffic in the Mediterranean, Adriatic and Aegean seas. The fate of Western Europe depended upon the success of Christians in this navy battle, which involved more than 400 warships (it was the largest naval battle in Western history for centuries).

Pius V knew he needed more than just military strength to defend Christian Europe, so he asked that all the faithful pray the rosary, requesting the intercession of the Blessed Mother. At the end of the Battle of Lepanto, the Holy League was victorious and the maritime expansion of the Ottoman Empire was permanently prevented.

The next year, Pius V established a feast on October 7 in honor of the Blessed Mother, originally called Our Lady of Victory. After a few centuries, the name was changed to Our Lady of the Rosary

The rosary is an invitation to experience the grace of Mary's spiritual motherhood as she leads us to her Son, Jesus. For this reason, it has been an invaluable source of countless spiritual graces for the saints. Remember, every time you pray the rosary you are given the privilege and honor of pronouncing the holy name of Jesus more than 50 times.

Maybe October would be a good month to turn off the radio or podcast as you commute to work or school and pray the rosary instead. See what graces the Lord wants to pour into your life from the rose garden of this daily meditation.

OTHER LITURGIES AND GATHERINGS

Everyone attending baptisms, weddings and funerals should take extra precautions at this time, including wearing a mask and social distancing of at least six feet, except for members of the same household. The clergy will provide specific guidance to assist families and couples in planning these liturgies and other gatherings.

GOT LIFE QUESTIONS?

- Interested in becoming Catholic?
- Was never baptized?
- Was baptized in another Christian Denomination?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) group is the particular process by which the unbaptized, and baptized Christians of other faith traditions, are especially invited to explore the Catholic faith and deepening our relationship with Jesus Christ. We also invite baptized adult Catholics who are seeking First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation. The sessions are on Sunday mornings from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM in the Church Hall. For more information contact Deacon Richard Mitchell at (318) 447-8429.

VIRTUS AWARENESS TRAINING - SEPTEMBER 22

There will be a Virtus Awareness training session on Tuesday, September 22, at 6:00 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.

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY

Remember that All Saints and All Souls Day are coming up at the beginning of November. We will have our **Vigil Mass for All Saints** on Saturday, **October 31 at 4:00 p.m.** All Saints Day falls on a Sunday this year. Masses will be at their regular Sunday times, **9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.**

Mass on All Souls Day will be at **12:05 p.m., Monday, Nov. 2.** All Souls envelopes are available on the tables near the doors of the Cathedral. Please print the names of the departed you wish to remember and send it to the parish office or place it in the weekend collection basket. The envelopes with the names will be kept on the altar during the month of November.

LOVE LIFE VOTE YES FOR AMENDMENT #1 NOVEMBER 3

Please vote "YES" for Amendment #1 on November 3. The Love Life Amendment will make sure there is no constitutional right to an abortion or no taxpayer funding of an abortion in the Louisiana Constitution.

Visit www.LOVELIFEVOTEYES.com or Text LOVELIFE to 77222 for updates. Please call Cenla Pregnancy Center at (318) 314-3061 and speak with Claire Lemoine on how you can receive a yard sign or other Love Life Amendment material.

BIRTHDAYS - OCTOBER 18 – October 24

Kenneth Bergeron, Albert Blackman, Alexis Cannella, Donna Domzalski, Zachary Ducote, Douglas Dupree, Willie Mae Forest, Georgie Guillory-Ober, Robert King, Patrick LaCour,

Morgan Lott, Daniel Raines, Sandy Riche, Janis Russo, Philip Tarver, Hannah Travis, Summer Valdez, Stephen Vanderslice, Dennis Ward, Brandie White

NECROLOGY –OCTOBER 18 – October 24

Rev. Theodore M. Lelleveld +Oct. 21, 1976
Msgr. Joseph M. Susi +Oct. 21, 2011
Rev. Louis P. Senesac +Oct. 22, 1966

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 18

World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

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: 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

Carol Brossett, Shree Brye, Linda McCain, Ann McQuagge, Wade Swart.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK HAS BEEN STARTED OVER

The Prayers for the Sick has been started over. If you want the name of a family member who is ill to be remembered in prayer in the weekly church bulletin, please call 318-445-1451 x 14 by Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. to be included in the upcoming weekly church bulletin.

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Fri. - Sat. 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Sunday 11:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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