

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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TWENTY-SEVENTH 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 5:

12:05 p.m. Tom Heston

Tuesday, October 6:

12:05 p.m. Benjamin Van Mol

Wednesday, October 7:

12:05 p.m. Timothy Hollingsworth

Thursday, October 8:

12:05 p.m. Marilyn F. Nugent

Friday, October 9:

12:05 p.m. Fr. Paul Camminati

Saturday, October 10:

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

Sunday, October 11: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Gordon S. Ducote, Jasmine Anderson, R.J. Ducote, Paula DePriest, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir,

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

5:30 p.m. Glenn & Sharon Andrew

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	\$8,436.00
Over or (Short)	\$(64.00)
Bishop Emergency Disaster Fund	\$2,729.36

Thank you for your generosity!

OCTOBER: THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. Fr. Ferguson

PROLIFE ROSARY

Please join Fr. Ferguson who will lead the praying of the Rosary at the Monument of the Unborn, located at the outside area between the Cathedral and Beauregard Street on the following dates.

1. Wednesday, October 7 at 11:00 AM

2. Sunday, October 11, after the 9:00 AM 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

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.

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.

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND OCTOBER 3 - 4

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up, **Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4**. Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

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.

BIRTHDAYS - OCTOBER 4 – October 10

Margaret Ducote, Christy Gootee, Patsy Marien, Ashley Prevot, Carl Riche, Ryan Sandoval, Brittany Stack, Dennis Vicknair, Rev. Christadus Nayak, October 4, Dcn. William Aldridge, October 7, Dcn. Gary Schubach, October 10

NECROLOGY –OCTOBER 4 – October 10

Rev. Francois Le Vesouet +Oct. 8, 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: 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

Vera Jackson Alexander, Glenn Andrew, Brittney Arabie, June Atwood, Hailey Avila, Loraine Barham, Jasemine 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, Steve Perkins, 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 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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