

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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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 2:

12:05 p.m. Janice Chenevert Melcher

Tuesday, August 3:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, August 4:

12:05 p.m. Burnette Bordelon

Thursday, August 5:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Friday, August 6: First Friday

12:05 p.m. Lee Ray Coleman

Saturday, August 7: First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Mother Regina, O.C.D.

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer,

Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Sam & Velma Galardo, Sam & Edith Tamburo, Colingo & Tamburo Family, Simon & Marie Campo, Campo Family, Linda Cazes, Mock & Jones Family (living & deceased), Cheryl Campbell, Robin A. Santilli, Robert Eberle, George & Betty Battalora, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Geneva Hayes Moreau, Angelo R. D'Angelo

Sunday, August 8: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Donald Monsour, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir, Geneva Hayes Moreau, Angelo D'Angelo

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

5:30 p.m. Clement F.X. Carroll, M.D.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for Catherine Sloan, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$7,070.00
Over or (Short)	\$(1,429.33)
Special Collection – Manna House	1,400.00

Thank you for your generosity!

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CATHEDRAL

Beginning last Sunday, the Church began the first of four Sundays considering the sixth chapter of St. John's gospel on the "Bread of Life Discourse," and the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves. In this Sunday's Gospel, Christ declares: "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst" (John 6:35). Here, our Blessed Lord begins His discourse or "sermon" on the Sacrament of the Eucharist, a sacrament that He will later institute in the "Upper Room" at the Last Supper, along with the Sacrament of Holy Orders.

Wednesday, August 4th is the Memorial of St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests. Please take some time on this day to pray for the priests serving the Diocese of Alexandria.

Friday, August 6th is the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord and First Friday. Annually, forty days before the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14, we celebrate the Transfiguration of the Lord on top of Mount Tabor. The voice from heaven echoes the words spoken at the Lord's Baptism, "This is my beloved Son, listen to Him."

Join us this Friday, August 7th and Saturday, August 8th, and the First Friday and First Saturday of every month, as we make reparations to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Together we will respond wholeheartedly to the requests of Jesus and Mary to repair for the sins of the world with prayer and penance for the conversion of sinners and for peace throughout the world.

First Friday devotion is a Eucharistic adoration held the first Friday of every month in the church. It begins with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 11:00 AM, followed by devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Confessions, and ends with Benediction. Mass begins at 12:05 PM.

First Saturday devotion is held the first Saturday of every month. It begins with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 8:00 AM, followed by devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, pro-life Rosary, Confessions, and ends with Benediction. Mass begins at 9:00 AM.

God bless you and keep you well. – Fr. Ferguson

LOCAL CATHOLICS INVITED TO "COME TO THE TABLE"

The Diocese of Alexandria is engaging in a marketing campaign, entitled, "Come to the Table," in an effort to invite Catholics back to regular attendance at Mass.

Posts are available on the Diocesan and Cathedral Facebook with a video of Bishop Robert Marshall announcing the lifting of the dispensation from the

obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation, effective August 15, 2021.

However, Bishop Marshall has made it clear that "no one is required to participate in Mass if they are sick, incapacitated, or have conditions that make them at risk for Covid-19.

On behalf of Bishop Marshall we thank you for support of this campaign. – Fr. Ferguson

PARISH PASTORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS MEETING - AUGUST 2

There will be a joint meeting of the St. Francis Xavier Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils next Monday, August 2, at 5:30 p.m. in the Rectory.

FIRST FRIDAY - AUGUST 6

11:00 a.m. Holy Hour
11:00 a.m. First Friday Devotions
11:15 a.m. Confessions
12:05 p.m. Holy Mass

FIRST SATURDAY - AUGUST 7

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

After the First Saturday Mass we will recite a Litany of Parish and Mission Saints and end with a prayer for an increase of vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Alexandria. The Litany includes the list of saints from each parish and mission in the Diocese of Alexandria. Handouts will be available. Fr. Ferguson

GIFT OF LIFE BANQUET FOR CENLA PREGNANCY CENTER - SEPTEMBER 14

Join the Cenla Pregnancy Center this September for our 3rd Annual Gift of Life Fundraising Banquet. The banquet will be held Tuesday, September 14 at the Randolph Riverfront Center in downtown Alexandria. Our featured guest will be Abby Johnson, former Planned Parenthood director. Come celebrate life with us as we enjoy a delicious meal and hear Abby's story of conversion. We will also hear from a client who has benefited directly from your donations. Learn how your contributions support life in Central Louisiana and beyond! To purchase tickets or for more information, please visit www.cenlapc.com.

BIRTHDAYS: August 1 – August 7

Jimmy Doyle Birdsall, Martin Coco, Mark Dotson, Rose Hetcher, Bridgitte Kelso, Herman Martinez, Katie Nation, Karlye Sandoval, Jackey Tassan, Sally Vandersypen, Vicki Velotta, Rev. Scott Chemino, Aug. 1, Dcn. Lawrence Feldkamp, Aug. 3

NECROLOGY: August 1 – August 7

Rev. Francis Grosse, +Aug. 2, 1908
Rev. Russell Lemoine +Aug. 4, 2015
Rev. Belton Anthony Scallan +Aug. 7, 1996

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEACON ASPIRANTS

Jason Lavergne, and Alex Mangini

SPECIAL COLLECTION - MANNA HOUSE - JULY 25

This weekend there is a special collection for the Manna House. The Manna House is an ecumenical community volunteer effort to feed the hungry in the area. Open 7 days a week, 365 days a year, the Manna House serves the hungry every day of the year, and "no questions asked." Please be generous and support this ministry.

FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral is subscribed to Flocknotes, 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.

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: Gerard A. Abair, Jr., Brent Marcus Barbour, Byron P. Barbour, Quincy Bordelon, Kevin Burnett, James Domzalski, II, Andrew Hill, Kenneth Jeansonne, Jeffrey Kelso, Chad McCann, Co. G-2-238, Evan Nugent, Simon Pelto, Kaneon Rachal, Matthew Raines, Kevin Raines, Natalie T. Wall

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Glenn Andrew, Carol Brossett, John Broussard, Shree Brye, Jerry Byles, Daisy Bynog, Chere Carnahan, Barbara Cole, Wayne Cole, Sawyer Coutee, Kathy Cumella, Brenda Ducote, Linda Dupuis, Kathryn Frey, Ruth Gilchrist, Louis Joseph, Cody & Scott Lacheny, Pam Lloyd, Paul Jared Louviere, Audrey Luczak, Melvin Mayeaux, Linda McCain, Clayton McCann, Norma McCann, Tara McCann, Ann McQuagge, Kelly Miller, Lou Ann Rigby, Andrew & Kemal Sanli, Preston Stemmann, Wade Swart, J. B. Theriot, Lee Arthur Wilson, Ona Wilson, Tony Wilson

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