

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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SEVENTEENTH 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, July 26:

12:05 p.m. Janice Chenevert Melcher

Tuesday, July 27:

12:05 p.m. Donald Monsour

Wednesday, July 28:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Thursday, July 29:

12:05 p.m. Charles Beaubouef

Friday, July 30:

12:05 p.m. Sam Rini

Saturday, July 31:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Patricia Lynn Catteruccia, George & Betty Battalora, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Weston Charles Johnson, Jr., Mock & Jones Families (living & deceased), Cheryl Campbell, Robin A. Santilli, Robert Eberle, Linda Cazes, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Hermon Gerard Moreau, Geneva Hayes Moreau, Angelo D'Angelo

Sunday, August 1: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), David Voelker, Donald Monsour, Charles Beaubouef, Gerri Deptula, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Altar Society, R.J. Ducote, 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 Ann Jones, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$9,776.03
Over or (Short)	\$1,276.03
Special Collection – Church in Africa	\$652.00

Thank you for your generosity!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY - JULY 24 - 25

Pope Francis has established an annual date for the Roman Catholic Church throughout the world to honor grandparents and the elderly, lamenting that they are often forgotten.

The Roman Pontiff has announced that every year, on the fourth Sunday of July, the Roman Catholic Church will pay tribute to older adults who have "thoughts and words of wisdom" to offer. **It will be called the World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly, and the date this year falls on the weekend of July 24 and 25, the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

Pope Francis is 84 years old, and he is a frequent admirer of grandparents in his remarks for their value to society. "Their voice is precious because they sing the praises of God and preserve the roots of peoples," he has said. "They remind us that old age is a gift, and that grandparents are the ring linking generations, to transmit to young people the experience of life and faith."

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.**

Every Thursday through November a new video will be posted to the Diocesan and Cathedral Facebook featuring testimonials from parishioners from across the Diocese explaining why the Holy Mass is important to them.

As part of the "Come to the Table" campaign, the Diocese of Alexandria has distributed yard signs to the individual church parishes and missions. Parishioners of the Cathedral are encouraged to display a sign at their homes. The signs are available at the entrances of the Cathedral.

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

– Fr. Ferguson

CATHOLICS UNITED FOR THE FAITH - JULY 27

Catholics United for the Faith (CUF) is an international lay apostolate. It is an association of lay Catholics committed to spreading the kingdom of Christ throughout the world. It was founded in 1968 in response to the Second Vatican Council Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity (Apostolicam Actuositatem) in order to support, defend and advance the efforts of the teaching Church.

If you are interested in learning and growing in your faith and formation and making new friends in the Catholic faith, this is the group for you!

We will have an information meeting to discuss the forming of a new chapter of CUF in Louisiana. It will consist of shaping the chapter to meet the most prominent needs of our Catholic parishioners such as Bible study and evangelization.

The meeting will be held in Xavier Hall on Tuesday, July 27 at 6:00 p.m. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Call or message Mrs. Lynn Raia at 318-794-3664 if you need more information. – 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
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*

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES:

Geneva Hayes Moreau & Angelo D'Angelo

BIRTHDAYS: July 18 – July 24

Leo Aragon, Brenda Bordelon, Brittanie Chenevert, Neal Dausat, Lucille Ducote, Angelica Gauthier, Brandon LaHood, Louis Pringle, Ann Vanderslice, Rev. David Braquet, July 29, Rev. Charles Morgan, July 29

NECROLOGY: July 18 – July 24

Rev. Thomas J. Connors +July 25, 1962
Dcn. John Foster +July 30, 2014

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: 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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