

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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NINETEENTH 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 9:

12:05 p.m. Janice Chenevert Melcher

Tuesday, August 10:

12:05 p.m. Charles Beaufouef

Wednesday, August 11:

12:05 p.m. George Taylor Roberts

Thursday, August 12:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Friday, August 13:

12:05 p.m. Reginald Edmond Williamson

Saturday, August 14:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Mock & Jones Family (living & deceased), Cheryl Campbell, Robin A. Santilli, Robert Eberle, George & Betty Battalora, Linda Cazes, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Angelo "Brother" D'Angelo

Sunday, August 15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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 R.J. Ducote, please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$8,554.23
Over or (Short)	\$54.23
Special Collection – Restoration	\$1,862.00
Online Donations for July	\$2,295.27

Thank you for your generosity!

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

A WORD OF THANKS FROM MANNA HOUSE

I want to give a heartfelt "thank you" to the wonderful people of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral who provided a generous donation of \$1,400 to Manna House. Because of your generosity, staff and volunteers are able to work daily to provide meals to our hungry and homeless neighbors in need, 365 days a year. Your support helps break the cycle of poverty for children, families, seniors and the homeless in our community. I am proud to live in such a caring community. Thank you for supporting Manna House. Sincerely, Jessica Viator, Executive Director

AWARENESS TRAINING - AUGUST 11

There will be a Virtus Awareness training session on **Tuesday, August 11, 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.

DISCALCED CARMELITE MEETING - AUGUST 14

The Order of Discalced Carmelites will hold its monthly meeting 9:00 a.m. Saturday, August 14, at Maryhill Renewal Center. Anyone is invited to attend Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m. followed by Mass and then the community meeting. If you are interested in Carmelite studies, please contact Mary Jo McCoy (318) 346-6860 or (318) 481-9638

CCD CLASSES - 2021

Registration for CCD classes will be held after the weekend Masses, August 28 & 29. Classes for CCD are open for children from Kindergarten through 10th Grade, and Confirmation Classes for 11th Grade. There is a \$15.00 charge for the purchase of books. Please call Mary Lou Maples at 443-1562 for more information regarding CCD. **Classes begin, Sunday, September 19, 2021 in the Convent Building at 10:00 a.m.**

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS - SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

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. Classes for adults who are interested in becoming Catholic will begin on **Sunday, September 19, 2021 in the church hall at 10:00 AM.**

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.

Persons interested in attending RCIA classes are asked to call the church secretary at 445-1451, ext. 14 or you may email Deacon Richard Mitchell at dcnmitchell@diocesealex.org.

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 8 – August 14

Kathy Blackman, James Bordelon, John Broussard, Patricia Dargon, Sally DesOrmeaux, Karen Gauthier, David LaCaze, Kate LaCour, Paul LeBlanc, Chris Lee, Audrey Luczak, Patsy Normand, Will Passman, Benny Russo, Edward Vercher, Jim Verzwylt, Rev. Irion St. Romain, Aug. 8

NECROLOGY: August 8 – August 14

Rev. August Thompson +Aug. 11, 2019
Rev. Herman H. Couvillon +Aug. 12, 1964

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEACON ASPIRANTS

Jason Lavergne, and Alex Mangini

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, Ann Marie Bruner, Shree Brye, Elizabeth Butler, Jerry Byles, Daisy Bynog, Chere Carnahan, Barbara Cole, Wayne Cole, Sawyer Coutee, Kathy Cumella, Sherman Delrie, 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, Michael Perry, Jr., Lou Ann Rigby, Andrew & Kemal Sanli, Stephanie Simmons, Preston Stemann, J. B. Theriot, Mary Tower, Sheron Walker, Lee Arthur Wilson, Ona Wilson, Tony Wilson

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