

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Father James Ferguson, JCL, Rector • Father William Gearheard, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Richard Mitchell • Deacon Jason Lavergne

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 19:

12:05 p.m. Colleen Carol (living)

Tuesday, September 20:

12:05 p.m. Megan Carol (living)

Wednesday, September 21:

12:05 p.m. Lucile Mickel

Thursday, September 22:

12:05 p.m. Kevin Carol (living)

Friday, September 23:

12:05 p.m. Barbara Ponthier

Saturday, September 24:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Weston Charles Johnson, Jr., Bill Jones (living), Grace Mock, Edgar Campo, Alfred & Betty Mathews, Robert Eberle, Dixie Durastanti, George & Betty Battalora, Rachael Brouillette, Fred Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Allan Schara (living)

Sunday, Sept. 25: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Agnes & Leonard Zablonki, Rose & Julie Zablonki, Diane Gremillion, Deceased Members of the Menard Class of 1982, Joe Betty Sterkx, Denise Aldridge, Mariann Rabalais Sulser (living)

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

5:30 p.m. Paula Roy

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Cecile Dunn, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$9,632.13
Over or (Short)	\$132.13
Restoration Fund	\$2,933.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 18

Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists of CCD and the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

There will be a Meet & Greet at Xavier Hall for CCD, today, September 18, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Classes will start the following Sunday, September 25 in the Convent Building at 10:00 a.m.

CCD CLASSES - SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

It is not too late to enroll for CCD classes. 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. Any adult Catholics who have not yet been confirmed are welcome to join the confirmation classes. Please call Mary Lou Maples at 318-443-1562 for more information regarding CCD.

Classes begin, Sunday, September 25, 2022 in the Convent Building at 10:00 a.m.

THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS - SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

It is not too late to register for our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults). This is the process of catechetical instruction whereby adults learn and are fully admitted into the Catholic Church. In this process adults receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist). The classes are also for adult Catholics who are baptized in the Catholic Church but have not receive their First Communion and/or Confirmation.

Classes for adults who are interested in becoming Catholic will begin on Sunday, September 25, 2022 in the Convent Building at 10:00 a.m.

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CENTRAL LOUISIANA DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

Are you suffering loss from divorce? Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana is sponsoring a group for those experiencing divorce as a part of "Our Lady Queen of Peace Ministry of Healing Life Wounds." Processing loss is an important component to living a more integrated and peaceful life. We do not have to walk the journey alone. Join us as we unite together in God's grace and support one another. Each session will be led by trained facilitators and professionals.

Sessions will begin Thursday, September 29th from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Catholic Diocese of Alexandria Conference Room, 4400 Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria, La. Groups will be capped at 15 participants. Registration opens September 1st. Go to www.cccenla.org to register. Click on the "Support Groups" tab under Mental Health Services. Then click "Register Now."

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: Minors are not allowed to attend because of the adult content of the videos and discussions.

NEW CATHEDRAL CHOIR MEMBERS

The Cathedral Choir invites you to join us for rehearsal on Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m. The choir sings at the 11:00 a.m. Mass each Sunday as well as diocesan Masses and special events. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings. The choir is made up of singers of various levels of experience and we welcome new members, especially men, aged 18 and older. Come join the SFX Choir family!

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RETIRED PRIESTS SEPTEMBER 18

This weekend we participate in the Retired Priests Collection for our priests who have reached retirement age after years of faithful and dedicated service to the Diocese. With costs continually escalating, the monthly retirement benefit for our retired priests must be adjusted periodically as well. We appreciate your generosity in helping to assure that the needs of our retired priests will continue to be met, and ask that you remember them in your prayers.

BIRTHDAYS – September 18 to September 25

Theresa Catteruccia, Jennifer Coburn, Cecile Dunn, Robert Dvorak, James Gilchrist, Jennifer Gilchrist, Elizabeth Kapa, Natalie LaGrange, Gary LaHood, Karen Landry, Julie LeBlanc, Matthew Molinar, Keith Nelson, Larry Paul, Lauri Paul, Matthew Richey, Crystal Rodgers, Dawson Slater, Brock Sues, Joe Vandersypen, Doug Verzwylt, Stephen Waters, David Wellan, Diane Whaley, Rev. Kenneth Michiels, Sept. 18, Rev. Ramji Shoury, Sept. 22

NECROLOGY – September 18 to September 25

Rev. Joseph A. Benoit +Sept. 20, 1971
Dcn. Raymond Dunn, Sr. +Sept. 22, 1991
Bishop Francis Xavier Leray +Sept. 23, 1887

FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

Flocknotes is an email and text message application that allows you to receive news and information from the 1973 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 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:

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ansley Bellino, Janet Bordelon, Mike Briggs, Patricia Briggs, Carol & Bob Brossett, Janice Brossett, John Broussard, Daisy Bynog, Bud Cain, Kandy Cain, Mrs. Connie Campo, Patrick Charles, Willis Coco, Barbara Cole, Wayne Cole, Alfred Cook, Jr., Kathy Cumella, Jeramie Davidson, Elray Dubois, Brenda Ducote, Cecile Ducote, Norris Ducote, Carolyn Fontenot, Cathy Grant, A1C Mason Gremillion, Darlene Gremillion, Rosemary Gremillion, Carolyn Harger, Melisa Henry, Anna Hooper, Clara Hubbard, Patrick Jones, Louis Joseph, Cody & Scott Lachney, James Lachney, Jimmy Lachney, Pam Lloyd, Audrey Luczak, Kenneth McCarty, Melissa McGlothlin, Peggy McNeely Bernice Medica, Sam Medica, , Tiffany Metrejeun, Laura Murchison, Clyde Peterson, Diane Rabalais, Jimmie Sanchez, Kemal Sanli, Connie Stemmann, Preston Stemmann, Marianne Stephanie Simmons, Rabalais Sulser, Sheron Walker, Stephen V. Waters, Dee & Bailey Wilson, Kitty Wilson, Lee Arthur Wilson, Leonard Wilson, Tony Wilson, Jim Domzalski, Sr.

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