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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Father James Ferguson, JCL, Rector • Father William Gearheard, Parochial Vicar
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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 3:

12:05 p.m. Cecile Dunn (living)

Tuesday, July 4:

12:05 p.m. Freedom

Wednesday, July 5:

12:05 p.m. Mary Erin Curley

Thursday, July 6:

12:05 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Lester Cezar

Friday, July 7: First Friday

12:05 p.m. Sammie Kelley

Saturday, July 8:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Alfred & Betty Mathews, George & Betty Battalora, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Georgia Dunn (living), Robert Eberle, Paul Am Mai, Edgar Campo, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Helen Fitzgerald, Dixie Durastanti, Gordon Roy, Mary Tower

Sunday, July 9: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families, (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Louis Joseph, Agnes Rita Roberts, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir, John Dunn (living), Poor Souls in Purgatory, Marianne Rabalais Sulser (living), Rosa Maria Lefebvre, Adrienne Louis Perkins, Msgr. Francis Lloyd, Mary Tower

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

5:30 p.m. Selma Sayer

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Edgar Campo, please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$ 6,030.04
Over or (Short)	\$ (3,469.96)

Thank you for your generosity!

2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral goal \$37,244.00. Pledges to date \$79,006.00. Thank you for your generosity. – Fr. James Ferguson

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of Independence Day, the church office will be closed on Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4. (There will be a 12:05 Mass both days as usual)

INDEPENDENCE DAY – JULY 4

On July 4, 1776, a little group of patriots from every walk of life, members of the Continental Congress, met in the city of Philadelphia and resolved: "The United Colonies are and ought to be free and independent States." On this day we celebrate the Anniversary of the First Independence Day when the courage and development of America pledged its life, fortune and its honor to the cause of freedom. **Among the signers of the Declaration of Independence there was only one Catholic, Charles Carroll of Carrollton.**

FLY THE STARS AND STRIPES

July 4th is a day set aside to meditate upon the simple but fundamental principles upon which the greatest nation in the world has been built. It is a day to familiarize ourselves with the words of the Declaration of Independence. **It is a day when the Stars and Stripes of the United States will be flying in American homes and institutions. Let us always cherish and respect our Flag of Freedom.**

NO BIBLE STUDY, TUESDAY, JULY 4

Since Tuesday, July 4 is Independence Day, we will not have Bible Study that evening. **We look forward to seeing you the following week, Tuesday, July 11 at 6:00 PM, in Xavier Hall.**

A WORD OF THANKS

Many thanks to all who participated at Fr. Bill's Farewell Reception last Sunday in Xavier Hall. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus and the Altar Society who prepared and cooked the food; words cannot express how grateful Fr. Bill and I are for everyone's hard work and dedication. – Fr. Ferguson

YEARLY SCHEDULE FOR THE CATHEDRAL'S NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Check out the 2023-2024 National Eucharistic Revival event schedule to learn more about all that is to come at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. **The schedule of events is located on the tables near the entrances of the Cathedral.**

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

Mary Tower

**ALTAR SOCIETY SEMI-ANNUAL BAKE SALE
JULY 8 - 9**



The Cathedral Altar Society will have their Semi-Annual Bake Sale in Xavier Hall on July 8 - 9, after the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and after the 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday. Donations of baked goods can be dropped off in the church hall on Saturday, July 9 between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, or before each weekend Mass. Please come by and support the Altar Society. Your contributions help pay for the necessary items for the upkeep of the Cathedral sanctuary.

**WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT - JULY 14 - 16
MARYHILL RENEWAL CENTER**

Retreat Director, Claire Gallagher, will lead a weekend silent retreat where she will invite women to sit at the feet of Christ. The retreat will explore the spirituality of the feminine genius. Claire will draw on scripture, the wisdom of St. Therese of Lisieux and her own life experiences to help women grow in their spirituality and intimacy with Christ. Retreat location: Maryhill Renewal Center.

To register, visit: <https://www.diocesealex.org/our-diocese/religious-education-faith-formation/womens-silent-retreat/>. For more information, contact Dcn Jason Lavergne @ dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org. Sponsored by the Diocese of Alexandria.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION - PETER'S PENCE - JULY 2
This week is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church,**

including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. That this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION - RESTORATION FUND
JULY 8 - JULY 9**

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up **Saturday, July 8 & Sunday, July 9.** Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

BIRTHDAYS - July 2 - July 8

Francine Allen, Leon Bergeron, Tom David, Douglas DePriest, Adley Jo Desselle, Graham Guillory, Sharon Hunter, Faith Moreau, Marshall Paige, Loujean Wasson, Dcn. Chad Thibodeaux, July 2, Rev. John O'Brien, July 4, Dcn. Ken Primeaux, July 5, Rev. Dwight DeJesus, July 8

NECROLOGY - July 2 - July 8

Rev. Vincent Gerard Couvillon +July 5, 1949
Rev. Raymond Lavelle O'Dwyer +July 7, 1983

FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

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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, Ashton Brouillette, Kevin Burnett, Delaney Byard, James Domzalski, II, Christopher Fraser, Mason Gremillion, Andrew Hill, Kenneth Jeansonne, Daniel Koury, Jeffrey Kelso, James Madden, Chad McCann, Co. G-2-238, William Purdion, Jr., Kaneon Rachal, Matthew Raines, Kevin Rainesie

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ansley Bellino, Janet Bordelon, Patrick Braquet, Mike Briggs, Patricia Briggs, Carol & Bob Brossett, Janice Brossett, Judy Brossett, John Broussard, Ann Marie Bruner, Pam Saucier Buerlew, Daisy Bynog, John Cain, Patrick Charles, Willis Coco, Barbara Cole, Alfred Cook, Jr., Kathy Cumella, Sara Dacdac, Jeramie Davidson, Amanda Nugent Divine, Jim Domzalski, Sr., Elray Dubois, Brenda Ducote, Cecile Ducote, Norris Ducote, Clyde Ray Eli, Carolyn Fontenot, Cathy Grant, Rosemary Gremillion, Richard Hall, Carolyn Harger, Melisa Henry, Ai Ming Herrington, Anna Hooper, Clara Hubbard, Tiffany Johnson, Patrick Jones, Cody & Scott Lachney, James Lachney, Jimmy Lachney, Carla Lee, Lloyd Lee, Pam Lloyd, Audrey Luczak, Kenneth McCarty, Melissa McGlothlin, Peggy McNeely, Bernice Medica, Sam Medica, Tiffany Metrejeun, Todd Mizell, Clyde Peterson, Diane Rabalais, Jimmie Sanchez, Antonio Sandoval, Kemal Sanli, Ursula Schramek, Trudy Schuurmans, Marianne Julie Sober, Stephanie Simmons, Preston Stemmman, Mariann Rabalais Sulser, Sam Terracina, Gary Wagers, Sharon Walker, Stephen V. Waters, Katina Watson, Dee & Bailey Wilson, Kitty Wilson, Lee Arthur Wilson, Leonard Wilson, Tony Wilson, William Joel Wood

Before someone's name is placed in prayer, be sure to have permission from that person to publicize his or her name in the bulletin.

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