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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 17:

12:05 p.m. Mary Ruth Funk

Tuesday, July 18:

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

Wednesday, July 19:

12:05 p.m. Bennie O. Hastings

Thursday, July 20:

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

Friday, July 21:

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

Saturday, July 22:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Alfred & Betty Mathews, Dixie Durastanti, George & Betty Battalora, Sam & Edith Tamburo, Colingo & Tamburo Families, Simon & Mamie Campo, Campo Family, Jacob Williamson, Anthony D'Angelo, Jr., Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Robert Eberle, Paul Am Mai, Edgar Campo, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Helen Fitzgerald, Gordon Roy, H. A. Catteruccia, Sr.

Sunday, July 23: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families, (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Louis Joseph, Leon Dunn, Marianne Rabalais Sulser (living), Mary Tower, Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

5:30 p.m. Lena Gengo

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Glenn Andrew, please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$ 9,617.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 117.00
Restoration fund	\$ 3,712.00

Thank you for your generosity!

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners and friends of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral,

Bishop Robert Marshall made an announcement at the 11:00 A.M. Mass last Sunday that Pope Francis has appointed me as a "Chaplain to His Holiness," with the title of Monsignor. It is a great blessing to receive this honor from the Pope and to have been nominated for this honor by Bishop Marshall.

I am most grateful to Almighty God for my priestly vocation and for all those who have enriched my faith throughout the years. The faith of so many is a true inspiration and a great blessing to me.

This is certainly a great honor, and I am humbled by this announcement. Since it is an honorary title, it does not affect my priestly duties or assignment at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. God bless you. ~ Msgr. Ferguson.

BIBLE STUDY – THE EUCHARIST IN SCRIPTURE TUESDAY, JULY 18, 6:00 PM IN XAVIER HALL

What we will cover in Lesson 5:

- The idea of sacrifice in the Old Testament and the New Testament
- The meaning of Jesus' death on the Cross
- The meaning of "New Testament"

Scripture Verses Read in Lesson 5:

- Ezekiel 3:1-4
- Revelation 10:8-11
- 1 Corinthians 5:7

SUPPER WITH THE SEMINARIANS, JULY 18 & 27

Bring your friends and family because everyone is invited! These events are free, but donations are welcome.

All donations will be used to assist in funding our Seminarians' education. The diocese has five men in priestly formation at this time: Donnie Kuzma, Matthew Bonner, Blaine Phillips, Jacob Cass and Gabe Dowden.

- Tuesday, July 18, Nativity of the BVM Church, Campiti.
- Thursday, July 27, St. Rita Church, Alexandria

To reserve your seat, contact Sandi Tarver at (318) 445-6424, ext. 209 or email starver@diocesealex.org. Seatings are at 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral goal \$37,244.00. Pledges to date \$80,435.00. Thank you for your generosity.
~ Rev. Msgr. James Ferguson

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The ABC Education Group is looking for warm and welcoming host families for our international students wishing to attend our Catholic schools in the Diocese of Alexandria. Join us to provide an enriching and bonding experience for our students! The ideal family speaks English at home, lives within 30 minutes driving distance of the school, takes part in a student's cultural exchange experience. Host families will provide: 3 meals a day, private bedroom, reliable internet, transportation to/from school, airport pickup/drop off. Please contact Chelsea Sherman for more information at (337) 400-6684 or support@abceducationgroup.com.

BRUMFIELD vs DODD POLICY - In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the following statement is published: **DIocese OF ALEXANDRIA NON-DISCRIMINATORY SCHOOL POLICY, AUGUST 2022**

The Diocese of Alexandria School System re-affirms its non-discriminatory policy on the basis of race, sex, color, national and ethnic origin in its educational programs, activities and employment policies in accordance with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments and Sections 4.03(a) and 4.03 (c) Revenue Procedure 75-50.

All students, faculty members and staff, without exception, are admitted to all rights, privileges and activities generally accorded or made available at the schools which do not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, national and ethnic origin in the administration of its employment policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs and athletic and other school-administered programs.

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 - St. Mary's Catholic School, Natchitoches
 - Holy Savior Menard Central High, Alexandria
 - Our Lady of Prompt Succor School, Alexandria
 - St. Frances Cabrini School, Alexandria
- Most Rev. Robert W. Marshall, Jr., Bishop of Alexandria

SPECIAL COLLECTION – SOLIDARITY FUND FOR THE CHURCH IN AFRICA - JULY 16

This weekend our parish will take up a collection to support the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Although the Church in Africa is growing, many still lack access to basic resources and pastoral care. The solidarity fund supports pastoral projects to build the capacity of the Church and foster lasting peace and reconciliation in a continent often marked by division and tension. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/africa.

BIRTHDAYS – July 16 - July 22

Johnnie Alston, Angelo D'Angelo, Eamon Halpin, Janet Marcantel, Peggy Marcott, Annalise Strange, Nicholas Zona, Rev. Thomas Fey, July 19, Rev. Taylor Reynolds, July 22

NECROLOGY – July 16 - July 22

Rev. Lloyd Mortimer Samson +July 18, 1950

FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral has subscribed to Flocknotes which is 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, 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, Connie Campo, Cheyenne Carmack, 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 Stemmann, 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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