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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 24:

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

Tuesday, July 25:

12:05 p.m. Elsie Poche

Wednesday, July 26:

12:05 p.m. Mary Erin Curley

Thursday, July 27:

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

Friday, July 28:

12:05 p.m. Sammie Kelley

Saturday, July 29:

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, Gordon Roy, Peter Gerard Scalfano

Sunday, July 30: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families, (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Louis Joseph, John Dunn (living), Marianne Rabalais Sulser (living), Rose Maria Lefebvre, Mary Tower, Louise Brisbois & Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

5:30 p.m. Sister Catarina Nguyen
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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	\$ 9,073.85
Over or (Short)	\$ (426.15)
Church in Africa	\$ 935.00

Thank you for your generosity!

BIBLE STUDY – THE EUCHARIST IN SCRIPTURE TUESDAY, JULY 25, 6:00 PM IN XAVIER HALL

What we will cover in Lesson 6:

- The early Church's use of the phrase "New Testament"
- The place of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in the life of the early Church
- The place of the Sacred Scriptures in the life of the early Church
- How the Holy Eucharist helps us amid suffering and temptations

Scripture Verses Read in Lesson 6:

- Matthew 16:24; 1
- 1 Corinthians 10:13, 16-17
- Acts 9:1-5

Exposition And Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Following the 6:00 PM Bible study we will proceed to the Cathedral for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction for 30 minutes, then return to Xavier Hall for a light meal and discussion.

SUPPER WITH THE SEMINARIANS – JULY 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.

•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.

"THIS IS MY BODY" BOOK DISTRIBUTION – AUG. 5 - 6

As we continue through the parish year of the Eucharistic Revival here at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, on the weekend of August 5th, we will have at the entrances of the church a book titled "This is My Body" by Bishop Robert Barron. In this brief but illuminating text, Bishop Barron offers a threefold analysis of the Eucharist as sacred meal, sacrifice, and Real Presence, helping readers to understand the sacrament of Jesus' Body and Blood more thoroughly so that they might fall in love with him more completely. Please take a copy home and commit to reading and sharing the book with family and friends. Please limit one copy per household.

FIRST FRIDAY – AUGUST 4

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 5

8:00 a.m. Exposition
First Saturday devotions
8:30 a.m. Rosary for Life and
Confessions
9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT – AUGUST 18 - 20

Retreat Director Dr. Mario Sacasa, a licensed marriage and family therapist in practice for over 15 years, will lead couples in presentations and time for reflection during the weekend. Dr. Sacasa brings years of combined ministry to married couples and offers insightful, practical and humorous ways that will encourage and bless your marriage. Retreat location: Maryhill Renewal Center. To register, visit: <https://www.diocesealex.org/our-diocese/religious-education-faith-formation/married-couples-retreat/>. And for more information, contact Dcn Jason Lavergne @ dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org
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SPECIAL COLLECTION: MANNA HOUSE - JULY 22 - 23

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.**

SPECIAL COLLECTION – AUGUST 6

In a few weeks, we will take up a collection for our beloved Maryhill Renewal Center. Established in the 1940s by Bishop Charles P. Greco, Maryhill is used extensively by many seeking a spiritual and restful place to hold retreats and functions throughout the year. It continues to serve as the spiritual heart of the Diocese of Alexandria. Funds from this collection will be used for the ongoing maintenance of the structures and grounds in order to keep this sacred gift available to us. **Please be prepared to give generously.**

BIRTHDAYS – July 23 - July 29

Leo Aragon, Brenda Bordelon, Denise Borell, Brittanie Chenevert, Todd Curtis, Donald Deville, Lucille Ducote, Corey Gauthier, Brandon LaHood, Louis Pringle, Stephen St. Pierre, Ann Vanderslice, Betty Veillon, Rev. Taylor Reynolds, July 22, Rev. David Braquet, July 29, Rev. Charles Morgan, July 29

NECROLOGY – July 23 - July 29

Rev. F. Vernon Bordelon +July 23, 1991
Dcn. Ray Gibson +July 23, 2017
Rev. Thomas J. Connors +July 25, 1962
Rev. Pierre Felix Dicharry +July 27, 1887

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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, 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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