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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 10:

12:05 p.m. Leon Dunn

Tuesday, July 11:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, July 12:

12:05 p.m. Monica & Robert Kirschmann
(living – wedding anniversary)

Thursday, July 13:

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

Friday, July 14: First Friday

12:05 p.m. Sylvan A. Juneau

Saturday, July 15:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer,
Alfred & Betty Mathews, George & Betty Battalora,
Galardo & Lacroix Families, Angelo & Nina Carter
D'Angelo, Christopher 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 16: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families, (living &
deceased), R. J. Ducote, Louis Joseph, Deceased
Members of the Knights of Columbus Council # 3200,
Lynn Dunn (living), Poor Souls in Purgatory, Marianne
Rabalais Sulser (living), Rosa Maria Lefebvre, Mary
Tower

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

5:30 p.m. Norene Garrett

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Clay & Keith
Kelley, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$ 9,808.84
Over or (Short)	\$ 308.84
June Online Giving	\$ 1,920.00

Thank you for your generosity!

WELCOME FATHER MAC ONWAMERE

Please join us in welcoming Fr. Mac Onwamere, SMMM, from the religious order of the Sons of Mary, Mother of Mercy. Fr. Mac is from Nigeria and was ordained a priest in 2010. He will be helping with Masses during the week and on weekends at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, in addition to his ministry as chaplain at Rapides Regional Medical Center. Fr. Mac will be residing and ministering also at Sacred Heart Church in Pineville. Please keep Fr. Mac in your prayers. – Fr. Ferguson.

ALTAR SOCIETY SEMI-ANNUAL BAKE SALE JULY 8 - 9



The Cathedral Altar Society is having 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.

BIBLE STUDY – THE EUCHARIST IN SCRIPTURE TUESDAY, JULY 11, 6:00 PM IN XAVIER HALL

What we will cover in Lesson 4:

- How Jesus' teaching about the Eucharist requires a response of faith
- The role of the Church Fathers as authoritative interpreters of Scripture
- The importance of liturgy in the Bible for making and renewing the covenant
- The centrality of sacrifice and communion in Biblical religion
- The death of the martyrs as a Eucharistic act

Scripture Verses Read in Lesson 4:

John 6:31-35, 53-58

Hebrews: 7:22-28

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

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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.

VIRTUS TRAINING – JULY 11

There will be a Virtus training session on **Tuesday, July 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: Minors are not allowed to attend because of the adult content of the videos and discussions.

MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT - MARYHILL 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/>. For more information, contact Deacon Jason Lavergne at: dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org. Sponsored by the Diocese of Alexandria.

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.

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

Next week 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/afrika.

BIRTHDAYS – July 9 - July 15

Adam Chenevert, Mike Ferguson, Annalee Guillotte, Graham Kramer, Ellis Saybe, Margaret Shackelford, Joyce Thompson, Rev. Edwin Rodriguez-Hernandez, July 10, Rev. Dale Meade, July 11, Msgr. Bruce Miller, July 13

NECROLOGY – July 9 - July 15

Rev. Thomas Francis Corcoran +July 14, 1953

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

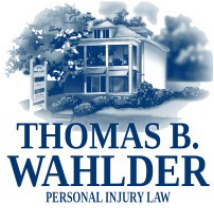
Ansley Bellino, Janet Bordelon, Patrick Braquet, Mike Briggs, Patricia Briggs, Carol & Bob Brossett, Janice Brossett, Judy Brossett, John Broussard, Ann Marie Bruner, Pam Saucier Buerlew, Daisy Bynog, John Cain, Connie Campo, Cheyenne Carmack, Patrick Charles, Willis Coco, Barbara Cole, Alfred Cook, 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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