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THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 21:

12:05 p.m. Patricia Catteruccia

Tuesday, August 22:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, August 23:

12:05 p.m. Mary Erin Curley

Thursday, August 24:

12:05 p.m. David & Patricia LaCaze (living)
(Wedding Anniversary)

Friday, August 25:

12:05 p.m. Jakamiah & Myjoycia Cezar
(living-children)

Saturday, August 26:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Julia Mickel, Al & Betty Mathews, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Christopher Dunn (living), Robert Eberle, Paul Am Mai, Edgar Campo, Dixie Durastanti, George & Betty Battalora, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Helen Fitzgerald, Benjamin Deboisblanc, Susan Marie Jeansonne

Sunday, August 27: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families, (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Louis Joseph, Lynn Dunn (living), Georgia Dunn (living), Mary Tower, Louise Brisbois & Family, Kenny Brocato, Barbara Whitcher, Susan Jeansonne

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

5:30 p.m. Anne Jones

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	\$ 11,066.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 1,566.00
Restoration Fund	\$ 2,058.00
August Online Giving	\$ 1,985.00

Thank you for your generosity!

CCD & OCIA CLASSES - 2023 REGISTRATION AUGUST 20

Registration for CCD & OCIA classes will be held after the weekend Masses of August 20. 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. Please call Mary Lou Maples at 446-5134 for more information regarding CCD. **CCD classes begin, Sunday, September 17, in the church hall at 10:00 a.m.** The CCD teachers will be commissioned at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. **OCIA Classes begin On September 24 in the Church Hall at 10:00 a.m.** The OCIA teachers will be commissioned at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

TRAINING SESSION FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION – AUGUST 22

We are having a training session on August 22ND at 6:30pm in the church for all those who serve in the role Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at the Cathedral. Topics will cover the particulars of serving at the Cathedral, scheduling, and Communion to the Sick and Homebound. **If for some reason you will not be able to attend, please let me know via email at**

DcnJlavergne@diocesealex.org.

THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (OCIA) - SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a formal process of catechetical instruction whereby adults are formally admitted into the Catholic Church and receive the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. Classes for adults who are interested in becoming Catholic will begin on **Sunday, September 24, 2023 in the church hall at 10:00 AM.** The OCIA teachers will be commissioned at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

The classes are also for adult Catholics who are baptized in the Catholic Church but did not receive their First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.

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

NEW CATHEDRAL CHOIR MEMBERS

The Cathedral Choir invites you to join us for our first rehearsal of the fall on **Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30 p.m.** The choir sings at the 11 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, aged 18 and older. **Come join the Cathedral Choir family!**

GENESIS OF EVE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 8 – 10

Join us for a weekend of spiritual encounter, intellectual empowerment and apostolic evangelization. The 2023 Genesis of Eve conference theme this year is "Be Not Afraid." Joan of Arc is our featured saint for this year's conference. To purchase your ticket please visit www.genesisofeve.org.

DISCALCED CARMELITE MONTHLY MEETING SEPTEMBER 9

The Order of the Discalced Carmelites holds its monthly meeting at 9:00 a.m. every second Saturday, at Maryhill Renewal Center. Anyone is invited to attend morning prayer followed by Mass and then the meeting. If you are interested in Carmelite spiritual studies, please contact Mary Jo McCoy at 318-346-6860 or 318-481-9638. **If you plan to attend.....Please call Mary Jo McCoy at the numbers listed above OR Deacon Bill Travis at 318 640-2827 or 318 664-7069 and someone will meet you at the Maryhill gate.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO – NOVEMBER 13 – 18, 2023

Join St. Mary's Assumption in Cottonport on a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico! This pilgrimage is in honor of the life and ministry of Fr. José Robles-Sánchez. Fr. Charles Ray will be the spiritual director. Travel dates are November 13-18, 2023.

Visit <https://holytravels.org/tour/stmarysmexico/> for more information or call Magnificat Travel at 337-291-1933.

VIRTUS TRAINING – SEPTEMBER 12

There will be a Virtus training session on **Tuesday, September 12, 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.**

BIRTHDAYS – August 20 – August 26

James Duncan, Angelina Dupree, Nicole Mitchell, Karen Normand, Michele Pogue, Jimmie Sanchez, Kristen Sologaistoa, Clara St Pierre, Colleen Texada, August 24 Dcn. Sam Jones, August 25 Rev. Daniel Corkery

NECROLOGY – August 20 – August 26

Rev. Jerome J. Bres +Aug. 20, 1884
Rev. Constantine Brahic +Aug. 20, 1925
Msgr. Matthew J. Scanlon +Aug. 20, 1985

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

Birga Alden, Ansley Bellino, Janet Bordelon, Patrick Braquet, Mike Briggs, Patricia Briggs, Carol & Bob Brossett, Janice 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, Tracey Lawrence, 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, Thomas E. Richards, 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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