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THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 28:

12:05 p.m. Selma Sayer

Tuesday, August 29:

12:05 p.m. Fred Brouillette

Wednesday, August 30:

12:05 p.m. Barbara Whitcher

Thursday, August 31:

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

Friday, September 1: First Friday Mass

12:05 p.m. Mary Erin Curley

Saturday, September 2: First Saturday Mass

9:00 a.m. Theodore & Clair Poche

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Al &

Betty Mathews, Sam & Velma Galardo, Mary & Lloyd Lachney, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Cecile Dunn (living), Robert Eberle, Paul Am Mai, George & Betty Battalora, Edgar Campo, Dixie Durastanti, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette

Sunday, September 3: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families, (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Louis Joseph, Dr. Francis Brian, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Altar Society, Leon Dunn, George Taylor Roberts, Mary Tower, Kenny Brocato, Louise Brisbois & Family, Susan Jeansonne, Fr. Edmund Barry

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

5:30 p.m. Lavergne Pierce

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	\$ 10,538.99
Over or (Short)	\$ 1,038.99

Thank you for your generosity!

CCD CLASSES - 2021

If you were not able to enroll for CCD classes it is not too late. 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. Any adult Catholics who have not yet been confirmed are welcome to join the confirmation classes. Please call Mary Lou Maples at 318-446-5134 for more information regarding CCD. **Classes begin, Sunday, September 24, 2022 in the Convent Building at 10:00 a.m.**

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.

Persons interested in attending OCIA 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!

FIRST FRIDAY – SEPTEMBER 1

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 – SEPTEMBER 2

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

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.

CENLA PREGNANCY CENTER'S 5TH ANNUAL GIFT OF LIFE BANQUET, "THE ROYAL HOMECOMING – SEPTEMBER 12

Cenla, Avoyelles and Miss-Lou Pregnancy Centers cordially invite you to attend our 5th Annual Gift of Life Banquet, "The Royal Homecoming", Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Randolph Riverfront Center, featuring Keynote Leah Darrow, former America's top model contestant, a fabulous meal, live music led by Grae McCoullough, an unexpected yet beautiful story of homecoming shared by a former client and much more. Tickets and/or table information can be found at www.cenlapc.com. Call 318-314-3061 for questions about seating, table reservations or volunteering.

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.**

SPECIAL COLLECTION – CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA - SEPTEMBER 3

Since 1903, The Catholic University of America has been blessed by the generosity of parishioners around the country through the National Collection. James Cardinal Gibbons, our first chancellor and the ninth Archbishop of Baltimore, affectionately called the collection "the people's endowment." Catholic University is the national university of the Catholic Church. Gifts to the National Collection — the only second collection taken for higher education in the U.S. — support students during this crucial time and help the University conduct critical research that will serve parishes and dioceses throughout the country. Please be generous. For more information visit: <https://engage.catholic.edu/giving/how-give/national-collection>.

BIRTHDAYS – August 27 – September 2

Stephanie Belgard, Charles Cumella, Carolyn Guidry, Kara Guillory, Rita Martin, Ross Mathews, Maddie Mitchell, Todd Mizell, Louis Nowlin, George Parker, Mary Ellen Randall, Wayne Steimel, Carly Treadway, Joey Vercher, Rev. Robert Johnson, Aug. 29, Rev. Joseph Hasieber, Aug. 31

NECROLOGY – August 27 – September 2

Rev. Peter Guilloux +Aug. 27, 1871
Rev. Yves M. LeConnat +Aug. 28, 1862
Rev. Thomas A. Rebours +Aug. 30, 1876

FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

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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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