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THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 4:

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

Tuesday, September 5:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, September 6:

12:05 p.m. Barbara Whitcher

Thursday, September 7:

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

Friday, September 8:

12:05 p.m. Mary Erin Curley

Saturday, September 9:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer,
Alfred & Betty Mathews, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo,
Georgia Dunn (living), Robert Eberle, Paul Am Mai,
Edgar Campo, Dixie Durastanti, George & Betty
Battalora, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred
Brouillette

Sunday, September 10: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families, (living &
deceased), R. J. Ducote, Louis Joseph, John Dunn,
Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir, Agnes Rita
Roberts, Mary Tower, Kenny Brocato, Louise Brisbois &
Family, Susan Jeansonne, Gloria Rabalais (living),
Maddie Mitchell (living)

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

5:30 p.m. Catherine Sloan

SANCTUARY LIGHT

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

WEEKEND COLLECTION

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| Weekly Budget | \$ 9,500.00 |
| Last Weekend's Collection | \$ 6,747.40 |
| Over or (Short) | \$ (2,752.60) |

Thank you for your generosity!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED LABOR DAY – SEPTEMBER 4

In observance of Labor Day the church office will be
closed, **Monday, September 4. Daily Mass will be
celebrated at 12:05 p.m. as regular.**

CCD CLASSES - 2023

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, 2023 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 a.m.** 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 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!**

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. 12 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.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING – OCTOBER 11

The Altar Society will not have their monthly meeting in September. The next Altar Society Meeting will be on **Wednesday, October 11, at 10:00 a.m.** in Xavier Hall. Anyone interested in becoming a member is invited to come to the meeting.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - SEPTEMBER 3 CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

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 – September 3 – September 9

Tyrone Allred, Joseph Chenevert, Mallori Cole, Brenda Ducote, Mari Faircloth, Shirley Flavin, Keith LaBauve, Nicholas Laborde, O.P. Marcott, Lou Ann Monceaux, Virginia Passman, Andrew Powell, Patsy Rayner, Matthew Ritchie, Laura Robichaux, Santiago Sandoval, Joshua Zona

NECROLOGY – September 3 – September 9

None for the week

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, 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, Connie Stemmann, 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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