

# St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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## THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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### INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday, September 18:

12:05 p.m. John Borskey

#### Tuesday, September 19:

12:05 p.m. Bennie O. Hastings

#### Wednesday, September 20:

12:05 p.m. Mary Erin Curley

#### Thursday, September 21:

12:05 p.m. Lucille Rachal

#### Friday, September 22:

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

#### Saturday, September 23:

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

#### Sunday, September 24: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families, (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Louis Joseph, Leon Dunn, Mary Tower, Louise Brisbois & Family, Angela Price (living), Poor Souls in Purgatory, Thomas Rabalais, Denise Aldridge, Dorothy Lavespere "Dot" Carlisle

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

5:30 p.m. Margo Trueblood

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

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

### WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$ 7,713.00
Over or (Short)	\$ (1,787.00)
Restoration Fund	\$ 1,863.00

### CATECHETICAL SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 17

Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists of CCD will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to

the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

There will be a Meet & Greet at Xavier Hall for CCD, today, September 17, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Classes will start the following Sunday, September 24 in the Convent Building at 10:00 a.m.

### CCD CLASSES - SEPTEMBER 24

It is not too late to enroll for CCD classes.

Classes for CCD are open for children from kindergarten through 10<sup>th</sup> grade, and Confirmation Classes for 11<sup>th</sup> 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, in the Convent Building at 10:00 a.m.**

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

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. **Catechists of the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 24 and classes will begin after Mass in the Church Hall.**

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](mailto:dcnrmitchell@diocesealex.org).

### PRAYER CARD DISTRIBUTION - SEPTEMBER 23 & SEPTEMBER 24

Continuing in this period of the Eucharistic Revival here at the Cathedral, we ask that you pray for the continued success for this new season of grace. **A prayer card for the success of the revival will be made available on Saturday, September 23 and Sunday, September 24 at the front doors of the church for you to intercede at home.** Please take one per family and commit to praying for the success of renewal in our church.

## LECTOR FORMATION WORKSHOPS BEGIN – OCT 7

The Diocese of Alexandria will be offering Lector workshops for those individuals who are interested in serving or who currently may serve as a Lector in their parish. To serve in this role, one must be of good standing with their Catholic faith and need the approval of their pastor. All training workshops will present the same material and will last no longer than two and a half hours. Please sign up for the session that best fits your schedule at the Diocese website at [www.diocesealex.org](http://www.diocesealex.org). **If you have any questions, please email or call Deacon Jason Lavergne at [dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org](mailto:dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org) or 318-445-6424, ext. 207.**

**The tentative dates, times and locations are:**

- **Oct. 7, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph Catholic Center, Alexandria**
- **Oct. 21, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Natchitoches**
- **Nov. 11, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – St. Francis de Sales Church, Echo**

## SPECIAL COLLECTION – RETIRED PRIESTS SEPTEMBER 17

This weekend we participate in the Retired Priests Collection for our priests who have reached retirement age after years of faithful and dedicated service to the Diocese. With costs continually escalating, the monthly retirement benefit for our retired priests must be adjusted periodically as well. **We appreciate your generosity in helping to assure that the needs of our retired priests will continue to be met, and ask that you remember them in your prayers.**

## BIRTHDAYS – September 17 – September 23

Jennifer Coburn, Cecile Dunn, Bob Dvorak, Charlene Elliott, James Gilchrist, Jennifer Gilchrist, Elizabeth Capa, Natalie LaGrange, Gary LaHood, Karen Landry, Julie LeBlanc, Matthew Molinar, Keith Nelson, Larry Paul, Laurie Paul, Carole Ritchie, Crystal Rodgers, Dawson Slater, Joe Vandersypen, Doug Verzwylt, Stephen Waters, David Wellan, Diane Whaley, Rev. Kenneth Michiels, Sept. 18, Rev. Ramji Shoury, Sept. 22

## NECROLOGY – September 17 – September 23

Rev. Joseph A. Benoit +Sept. 20, 1971  
Dcn. Raymond J. Dunn, Sr. +Sept. 22, 1991  
Bishop Francis Xavier LeRay +Sept. 23, 1887

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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, Bert Allen, 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, Melissa McGlothlin, Peggy McNeely, Bernice Medica, Sam Medica, Tiffany Metrejeun, Todd Mizell, Fran Monk, Clyde Peterson, Diane Rabalais, Thomas E. Richards, Bryan Ryder, Jimmie Sanchez, Antonio Sandoval, Kemal Sanli, Ursula Schramek, Trudy Schuurmans, Paul Smith, 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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