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THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 9:

12:05 p.m. Greg & Amy Esper

Tuesday, October 10:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, October 11:

12:05 p.m. Gloria Rabalais (living)

Thursday, October 12:

12:05 p.m. Selma Sayer

Friday, October 13:

12:05 p.m. Chris Scalfano

Saturday, October 14:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Alfred & Betty Mathews, Albert Poche, 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, Nancy Benjamin, Gordon Roach, Grover Robertson

Sunday, October 15: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families, (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Abraham Mickel, Louis Joseph, Lynn Dunn (living), Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council #3200, Leon Dunn, Mary Tower, Louise Brisbois & Family, Maddie Mitchell (living)

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

5:30 p.m. Connie Randall

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	\$ 9,541.83
Over or (Short)	\$ 41.83
September Online Giving	\$ 1,785.00

Thank you for your generosity!

EQUESTRIAN ORDER OF THE KNIGHTS & LADIES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE OF JERUSALEM

We welcome the Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem who will be present at the **11:00 AM Mass, on Sunday, October 15. Bishop Robert Marshall will be present at the Mass.**

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem is an association of Roman Catholic Christian faithful entrusted with an important mission from the Holy Father – to serve as witnesses to the Christian faith and supporters and protectors of the Church and the living Christian communities in the Holy Land.

ANNUAL WHITE MASS FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

In recognition of the dedicated work of Health Care Professionals, the Diocese of Alexandria invites all physicians and medical personnel to the celebration of a **White Mass at Cathedral on Wednesday, October 18th at the 12:05 PM Mass.**

The White Mass is a special celebration to acknowledge the unique contributions made by all Health Care Professionals, and takes its name from the white coat most commonly worn by those in the medical field. Please note that the public is invited to attend also. Bishop Marshall will be present at the Mass.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN OCTOBER

Through the month of October, St. Francis Xavier Cathedral will have additional times for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Keeping with the Eucharistic Revival, what better way to know our Lord better than to be in his Divine Presence.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on Saturdays in October from 3:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. On Sundays in October, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be from 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING – OCTOBER 11

The Altar Society will have their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, October 11, at 10:00 a.m.** in Xavier Hall.

CCD CLASSES

It is not too late to enroll for CCD classes.

Please call Mary Lou Maples at 318-443-1562 for more information regarding CCD. **Classes are on Sundays in the Convent Building at 10:00 a.m.**

THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (OCIA)

It is not too late to register for our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults). 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. **Classes are on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Hall.**

LECTOR FORMATION WORKSHOPS – OCTOBER 21 & NOVEMBER 11

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. **If you have any questions, please email or call Deacon Jason Lavergne at dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org or 318-445-6424, ext. 207.**

The tentative dates, times and locations are:

- 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

CERTIFIED SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

In August, Nicole Mitchell and Patrick Moore completed their four years of study and internship and are now Certified Spiritual Directors, trained in Ignatian Spirituality and the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius, through the Archdiocese of New Orleans. This is a blessing for us because both of them are parishioners of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. We congratulate them on this accomplishment and encourage anyone interested in learning more about spiritual direction and how it can help you grow in your faith to contact them. – Msgr. Ferguson.

- Nicole Mitchell – forevercatholic820@gmail.com
- Patrick Moore – Patrick.mpg@outlook.com

SPECIAL COLLECTION - CATHOLIC CHARITIES OCTOBER 8

This week we will take up a collection for Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana. Celebrating one year of services, Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana has helped hundreds of people in need by providing Mental Health Services, Disaster Response, and Basic Needs Assistance. Their efforts have impacted over 500 individuals and families across the four deaneries of the diocese. Interns and volunteers give their time and talent; however, this work requires funds to address the physical needs of residents. This week's second collection is for Catholic Charities; thank you for blessing them with the means to bring the corporal works of mercy to our communities. To learn more visit www.cccenla.org.

BIRTHDAYS – October 1 – October 7

Amy Bergeron, Cannin Cole, Margaret Ducote, Elizabeth Mayeaux, William Paddie, Shirley Richards, Carl Riche, Ryan Sandoval, Anna Scalfano, Betty Smith, Luke Vercher, Dennis Vicknair, Dorothy Wolf

NECROLOGY – October 1 – October 7

Rev. Francois LeVezouet +Oct. 8, 1873
Rev. Joseph Quillard +Oct. 10, 1880
Rev. Clement I Nuedling +Oct. 11, 1948

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 dcnrmitchell@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, 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, Harold 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, Preston Stemann, Mariann Rabalais Sulser, Sam Terracina, Gary Wagers, Sharon Walker, Stephen V. Waters,

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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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