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THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 25:

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

Tuesday, September 26:

12:05 p.m. Paula Roy

Wednesday, September 27:

12:05 p.m. James F. Curley, Sr.

Thursday, September 28:

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

Friday, September 29:

12:05 p.m. Chris Scalfano (living)

Saturday, September 30:

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

Sunday, October 1: 26th 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, John Dunn (living), George Taylor Roberts, Mary Tower, Louise Brisbois & Family

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

5:30 p.m. Hazel Neal

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Cecile Dunn, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$ 9,333.00
Over or (Short)	\$ (167.00)
Retired Priests	\$ 1,354.00

Thank you for your generosity!

PRAYER CARD DISTRIBUTION – SEPT. 23 - 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.

CCD CLASSES - SEPTEMBER 24

It is not too late to enroll for CCD classes.

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, in the Convent Building at 10:00 a.m.**

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

The (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 OCIA classes are asked to call the church secretary at 445-1451, ext. 14 or email Deacon Richard Mitchell at dcnrmitchell@diocesealex.org.

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.

FIRST FRIDAY – OCTOBER 6

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 – OCTOBER 7

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

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOPS BEGIN – OCTOBER 10

The next workshops for Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will be held on the dates, times and locations below. The average time for the workshop is about three hours so please plan accordingly. The same information will be presented at each session. To sign up, please visit www.diocesealex.org or contact Dcn Jason Lavergne at (318) 445-6424 ext. 207 or by email at dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org.

The tentative dates, times and locations are:

- Oct. 10, 2023, 6:00 p.m. – St. Joseph Catholic Center, Alexandria
- Feb. 10, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Natchitoches
- Apr. 6, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – St. Francis de Sales Church, Echo

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS JULY 1, 2022 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023

RECEIPTS

Parish Support Etc.	585,550
Investment Income	10,035
Other Receipts, Rentals, Candle Sales, Subsidy, Etc.	28,943
Diocesan Collections, Fees, Etc. – Net	3,014
Less:	627,542

DISBURSEMENT

Wages and Employee Benefits	197,214
Church Ministries, Etc.	29,997
Diocesan Assessment, Insurance, Etc.	133,412
Parish Operating Expenses	51,398
Repairs and Maintenance	69,983
Utilities	57,619
Capital Expenditures	41,033
Excess Receipts Over Disbursement	580,656
	46,886

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 1

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up Saturday, September 30 & Sunday, October 1. Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

BIRTHDAYS – September 24 – October 1

Theresa Catteruccia, Amanda Chenevert, Ashley Dailey, Emily Coburn, Ashley Dailey, Melvin Hicks, Christopher Laborde, Josephine LaCour, Tara McCann, Remi Miller, Cody Mixon, Mary Kathryn Mixon, Donna Nelson, Angela Price, Matthew Richey, Arlene Ryder, Charles Simmons, Brock Sues, Lauren Tassin, Barbara Ward, Rev. Martin Laird, Sept. 27

NECROLOGY – September 24 – October 1

Rev. Jean Marie Biler +Sept. 26, 1873
Rev. John M. Gayer +Sept. 28, 1984
Most. Rev. August M. Martin +Sept. 29, 1875
Dcn. Wilfred Broussard +Sept. 30, 1987

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, 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,

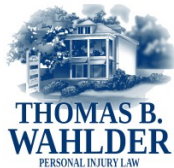
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Patrick Jones, Cody & Scott Lachney, James Lachney,
Tracey Lawrence, Jimmy Lachney, Carla Lee, Lloyd Lee,
Pam Lloyd, Audrey Luczak, Melissa McGlothlin, Peggy
McNeely, Bernice Medica, Sam Medica, Tiffany Metrejeun,
Todd Mizell, Fran Monk, Clyde Peterson, 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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