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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 26:

12:05 p.m. Julia Mickel

Tuesday, August 27:

12:05 a.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, August 28:

12:05 p.m. Selma Sayer

Thursday, August 29:

12:05 p.m. Fred Brouillette

Friday, August 30:

12:05 p.m. Georgia M. Dunn (living)

Saturday, August 31:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Paul Am Mai, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Paul Smith, Peter Yu Mai, Dixie Durastanti, Edgar Campo, George & Betty Battalora, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Mable Titmus, Janelle Martin Nelson

Sunday, September 1: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Louis Joseph, Cecile Dunn, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Altar Society, Dr. Francis Brian, Charlotte White, Clay & Kethi Kelley, Mary Roy, Diane Gremillion, Janelle Martin Nelson

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

5:30 p.m. Laverne Pierce

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Preston L. Stemann, please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$ 9,434.53
Over or (Short)	\$ (65.47)

Thank you for your generosity!

BISHOP MARSHALL CALLS 11 MEN TO CANDIDACY FOR PERMANENT DIACONATE—SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

Eleven men will take a step toward ordination as permanent deacons for the Diocese of Alexandria during the Sunday 9 AM Mass, celebrated by Bishop Robert Marshall, Sunday, August 25, that includes the Rite of Candidacy, at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral.

During the rite, Bishop Marshall will accept the men to enter the candidacy phase of the process in pursuit of becoming permanent deacons. The Rite of Candidacy is the first official recognition of the positive signs of a man's vocation to the permanent diaconate. Standing before the bishop, they will publicly resolve to complete their preparation for Holy Orders and to prepare themselves in mind and spirit to give faithful service to Jesus Christ and His Body, the Church. Over the next three years, these men will receive theological and pastoral formation and upon completion will be called to ordination as permanent deacons.

CCD & OCIA CLASS REGISTRATION & START:

Registration for classes will be held after the weekend Masses of August 25.

- **CCD classes** are open for children from kindergarten through 10th Grade and Confirmation Classes for 11th Grade. Children throughout the Diocese are welcomed to attend. There is a \$15.00 charge for CCD to help purchase books. Please contact Mary Lou Maples at 446-5134 for more information regarding CCD. **There will be a Family Meeting September 15 at 10:00 a.m. in Xavier Hall and classes will begin September 22 at 10:00 a.m. in the Convent Building.**

- **OCIA Classes** are open to any adult who currently is not Catholic and is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. Please contact Dcn Jason Lavergne at 318 445-6424 ext. 207 for more information regarding the OCIA program. **Classes will begin September 22 at 10:00 a.m. in Xavier Hall.**

FIRST FRIDAY – SEPTEMBER 4

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 5

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

WATERPROOFING - ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL

Associated Waterproofing Corporation of Baton Rouge has begun work on waterproofing historic St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. Work will include waterproofing the exterior of the church, clean, repair structural cracks and deteriorated bricks, patch and repair bell tower, tuckpointing and related work. It will take about three months to complete the work. Cost of the project is \$106,000 and will be taken from portions of the St. Francis Xavier Cathedral Restoration Fund and the church's operating account. If you would like to help with expenses, it would be greatly appreciated. You can send your donations to the St. Francis Xavier Cathedral Restoration Fund. Thank you. – Msgr. Jim Ferguson.

GENESIS OF EVE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, SEPT. 6 - 8

Join us downtown at the Alexandria at the Randolph Riverfront Center for a conference weekend be full of opportunities to listen and encounter, as women of all ages gather to expand their community and deepen their personal relationship with Christ. Each day will include talks from nationally recognized Catholic Speakers including Beth Davis, Jackie Francois Angel, Kathryn Whitaker, and Fr. Justin Brady. Worship will be led by Kelley Pease Lombardi and include music by Laura Huval, with the closing Mass to be celebrated by our own Bishop Robert Marshall. With the schedule also including time for Confessions and Adoration, it will be a true time of spiritual nourishment.

The conference is open to women of all faiths, ages 18 and older, and mothers with nursing infants are welcome and encouraged to attend. The Genesis of Eve storefront along with other vendors will be there, with opportunities to shop Catholic and artisanal items. All meals for the weekend are included with ticket purchase, and a special rate is available through the Hotel Bentley for those wishing to stay nearby. For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.genesisofeve.com.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – SEPTEMBER 1

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.**

BIRTHDAYS: August 25 – September 1

Stephanie Belgard, Rita Martin, Rose Mathews, Ross Mathews, Matthew Nowlin, Jimmie Sanchez, Wayne Steimel, Carly Treadway, Rev. Robert Johnson, Aug. 29, Rev. Joseph Hasieber, Aug. 31

NECROLOGY: August 25 – September 1

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

FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

Please visit the Cathedral's website at <https://sfxcathedral.org> to make an online donation and/or to stay informed on upcoming events by signing up for our Flocknote newsletters. 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 also follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Youtube.

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, Brick Hazel, Andrew Hill, Kenneth Jeansonne, Daniel Koury, Jeffrey Kelso, Chance Ryland Lavergne, Chad McCann, Co. G-2-238, William Purdion, Jr., Kaneon Rachal, Daniel Raines, Kevin Raines, Matthew Raines

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ansley Bellino, Janet Bordelon, Patrick Braquet, Mike Briggs, Carol & Bob Brossett, Janice Brossett, John Broussard, Ann Marie Bruner, Daisy Bynog, John Cain, Cheyenne Carmack, Willis Coco, Barbara Cole, Alfred Cook III, Alfred Cook, Jr., April Cook, Sara Dacdac, Jeramie Davidson, Amanda Nugent Divine, Jim Domzalski, Sr., Elray Dubois, Brenda Ducote, Cecile Ducote, Harold Ducote, Norris Ducote, Clyde Ray Eli, Caleeah Fontenot, Carolyn Fontenot, Cathy Grant, Diane Gremillion, Rosemary Gremillion, Celia Halbert, Richard Hall, Scott Hallinan, Melisa Henry, Anna Hooper, Clara Hubbard, Jesse Johnson, Tiffany Johnson, Patrick Jones, Cody & Scott Lachney, James Lachney, Steve Lawrence, Tracey Lawrence, Jimmy Lachney, Carla Lee, Lloyd Lee, Mark Leviner, Pam Lloyd, Audrey Luczak, Melissa McGlothlin, Peggy McNeely, Bernice Medica, Sam Medica, Tiffany Metrejeun, Fran Monk, Matt Owen, Clyde Peterson, Diane Rabalais, Thomas E. Richards, Jimmie Sanchez, Antonio Sandoval, Kemal Sanli, Ursula Schramek, Trudy Schuurmans, Karen Smith, Marianne Julie Sober, Stephanie Simmons, 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

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