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THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 29:

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

Tuesday, July 30:

12:05 a.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, July 31:

12:05 p.m. Patricia Catteruccia

Thursday, August 1:

12:05 p.m. Katherine Steely (living)

Friday, August 2: First Friday

12:05 p.m. Msgr. James Ferguson (living)

Saturday, August 3: First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Madeline Jeansonne

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer,

George & Betty Battalora, Paul Am Mai, Lloyd & Mary Lachney, Galardo & Lacroix Families, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Paul Smith, Dixie Durastanti, Ann Gravel Vanderslice, Edgar Campo, Peter Yu Mai, Mrs. Charlotte White, Mr. & Mrs.

O'Connor, Wallace & Normand Families (living & deceased), Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Mable Titmus, Van Mol Family (living & deceased), Cecile G. Dunn, Mary Ferguson Roy

Sunday, August 4: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living &

deceased), R. J. Ducote, Louis Joseph, Rose V. Juneau, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Altar Society, Dr. Francis Brian, Charlotte White, Jennifer L. Dunn, John L. Dunn, Todd Mizell, Cecile G. Dunn, Mary Ferguson Roy

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

5:30 p.m. Lena Gengo

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 \$ 7,684.00

Over or (Short) \$ (1,816.00)

Thank you for your generosity!

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES

- Mary Ferguson Roy, sister of Msgr. Jim Ferguson
- Larry Paul, staff member of Radio Maria

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

This Sunday the Catholic Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly, the fourth such day since it was established by Pope Francis in 2021. It is observed each year on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's celebration, "Do not cast me off in my old age" (Psalm 71:9), is meant to call attention to the fact that, sadly, loneliness is the bitter lot in life of many elderly persons, so often the victims of the throw-away culture.

In this year of preparation for the Jubilee, which the Holy Father wishes to be devoted to prayer, the theme of the World Day is taken from Psalm 71, the plea of the elderly who reflect on the story of their friendship with God.

By cherishing the charisms of grandparents and the elderly, and the contribution they make to the life of the Church, the World Day seeks to support the efforts of every ecclesial community to forge bonds between the generations and to combat loneliness, in the awareness that – as Scripture states – "It is not good for man to be alone" (Gen 2:18).

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW WHO:

- Would like to learn more about becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven that has not yet been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

If so, then OCIA is for you! Formerly known as RCIA, OCIA is an opportunity to come together in a small group setting to learn more about the Catholic faith. Sessions focus on the teachings of the church on various topics, as well as prepare individuals for full communion in the church at the Easter vigil. To register for the upcoming year, or to find out more information about OCIA at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, please contact Deacon Jason Lavergne at (318) 445-6424 ext. 207, by email at dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org or by going to <https://sfxcathedral.org/> and filling out the "Contact" form to express your interest in learning more.

FIRST FRIDAY – AUGUST 2

- 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 – AUGUST 3

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

SEMINARIAN SEND-OFF – AUGUST 4

On August 4, at St. Mary's Assumption Church, Cottonport there will be a Seminarian Send-Off beginning with Mass at 9:30 a.m. followed by a reception in CYO building (next to the church) – all diocesan seminarians are invited to attend as well as the public who are asked to offer their prayers and support! Sponsored by Vocations Support Ministry of St. Mary's Assumption.

RAFFLE DRAWING FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS IN JULY! AUGUST 5

All proceeds from this raffle will help fund our programs: Mental Health, Disaster Relief and Basic Needs. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 for \$20.00. Drawing to be held August 5. You have 5 chances to win!!!! Prizes include:

- **LSU Pkg. #1** - 3 tickets to LSU vs. South Alabama & LSU cooler (lower bowl - section 422, row 4, seats 9 - 11)
- **LSU Pkg. #2** - 2 tickets to LSU vs. South Alabama & a parking pass (lot 108) (lower bowl – section 422, row 5, seats 3 – 4)
- **5 gift cards to local grocery stores** - (VALUE: \$170.00)
- **Segmart Golf Rangefinder (VALUE: \$199.00)**
- **Framed "Jazz" Watercolor print** by artist, Tommy Faulk

There will be someone selling tickets at the front of the Church after the 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Masses. You may also contact Heidi Wampler at 445-2401 ext. 510 or a Catholic Charities board member to purchase tickets.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – MANNA HOUSE JULY 28

This weekend, there will be a special collection for the Manna House. The Manna House is an ecumenical community volunteer effort to feed the hungry in the area. Open 7 days a week, 365 days a year, the Manna House serves the hungry every day of the year, and “no questions asked.” Please be generous and support this ministry.

BIRTHDAYS – July 28 – August 3

Chad Coburn, Neal Dausat, Angelica Gauthier, Corey Gauthier, Amy Long, Herman Martinez, Ruth Meeker, Louis Pringle, Karlye Sandoval, Vicki Velotta, Rev. David Braquet, July 29, Rev. Charles Morgan, July 29, Rev. Scott Chemino, August 1

NECROLOGY – June 28 – August 3

Dcn. John Foster +July 30, 2014
Rev. Francis Grosse +Aug. 2, 1908

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, James Madden, Chad McCann, Co. G-2-238, William Purdion, Jr., Kaneon Rachal, Daniel Raines, Kevin Raines, Matthew Raines

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ansley Bellino, Dwayne Bergeron, Janet Bordelon, Patrick Braquet, Mike Briggs, Carol & Bob Brossett, Janice Brossett, John Broussard, Ann Marie Bruner, Pam Saucier Buerlew, 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, Rosemary Gremillion, Celia Halbert, Richard Hall, 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, Charlie 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

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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