

# St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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## THE TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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### INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday, September 2:

12:05 p.m. Cecile G. Dunn

#### Tuesday, September 3:

12:05 a.m. Linda Cazes

#### Wednesday, September 4:

12:05 p.m. Lavergne Pierce

#### Thursday, September 5:

12:05 p.m. Lee Bond

#### Friday, September 6: First Friday

12:05 p.m. Susan Hale (living)

#### Saturday, September 7: First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Catherine Sloan

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

Am Mai, Lloyd & Mary Lachney, Galardo & Lacroix Families, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Paul Smith, Peter Yu Mai, Dixie Durastanti, George & Betty Battalora, Mable Titmus, Van Mol Family, Mary Ferguson Roy, Edgar Campo, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Joe Betty Sterkx

#### Sunday, September 8: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Mary Roy, Louis Joseph, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir, Preston L. Stemann, Charlotte White, Diane Gremillion, Joe Betty Sterkx

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

5:30 p.m. Catherine Sloan

### 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	\$ 8,166.00
Over or (Short)	\$ (1,334.00)

Thank you for your generosity!

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED LABOR DAY – SEPT. 2

In observance of Labor Day the church office will be closed, **Monday, September 2.** Daily Mass will be celebrated at 12:05 p.m. as regular.

### FIRST FRIDAY – SEPTEMBER 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 – SEPTEMBER 7

8:00 a.m. Exposition First Saturday devotions

8:30 a.m. Rosary for Life and Confessions

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

### CCD & OCIA CLASS: It is not too late to register

• **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.**

### 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.

## NEW CATHEDRAL CHOIR MEMBERS WELCOME

The Cathedral Choir invites you to join us on Wednesdays, at 6:30 p.m. for choir practice in the Convent Building. The choir sings at the 11 a.m. Mass each Sunday as well as Diocesan Masses and special events. The choir is made up of singers of various levels of experience and we welcome new members, aged 18 and older. Come join the Cathedral Choir family!

## 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](http://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.**

## SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND SEPTEMBER 7 & SEPTEMBER 8

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up **Saturday, September 7 and Sunday, September 8.** Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

## BIRTHDAYS: September 1 – September 7

Tyrone Allred, Joseph Chenevert, Charles Cumella, Brenda Ducote, Shirley Flavin, Carolyn Guidry, Kara Guillory, Keith LaBauve, Paul Marcott, Mary McCampbell, Madeline Mitchell, George Parker, Andrew Powell, Mary Ellen Randall, Laura Robichaux, Santiago Sandoval, Joey Vercher

## NECROLOGY: September 1 – September 7

None this week

## 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](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, 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, Tanner Mayeaux, 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

**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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