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THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 28:

12:05 p.m. Mary Ruth Funk

Tuesday, October 28:

12:05 a.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, October 30:

12:05 p.m. Norene Garrett

Thursday, October 31:

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

4:00 p.m. **Vigil Mass for All Saints Day**

Friday, November 1: All Saints Day

12:05 p.m. People of SFX Cathedral Parish

5:30 p.m. People of SFX Cathedral Parish

Saturday, November 2: All Souls Day

9:00 a.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

Am Mai, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina D'Angelo, Paul Smith, Peter Uy Mai, Dixie Durastanti, Mable Titmus, Edgar Campo, George & Betty Battalora, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Merle Vahlkamp, Richard Sayer

Sunday, November 3: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Louis Joseph, Paul Am Mai, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Altar Society, Dr. Francis Brian, Lloyd & Mary Lachney, Mary Roy, Joe Betty Sterkx, Todd Mizell, Merle Vahlkamp, Nora Haarala, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Thomas B. Rabalais, Richard Sayer

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

5:30 p.m. Rose Marie Francis

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	\$ 9,641.16
Over or (Short)	\$ 114.16
World Mission	\$ 870.00

Thank you for your generosity!

ONLINE "OCIA" WORKSHOP FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION LEADERS – OCTOBER 28

An online Virtual Workshop titled: "The New Translation of the OCIA: An Opportunity to Re-envision Catechumenal Ministry" will be presented by LTP on Oct. 28 beginning at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 7:30 p.m. **THIS IS AN ONLINE WORKSHOP. NO NEED TO TRAVEL.**

Those involved with parish-level religious education would benefit from attending this workshop. In addition to surveying the changes in the OCIA ritual text, Christian initiation ministry coordinators, teams, and catechists will assess current practices of ministry and discuss ways to take a renewed approach to catechumenal ministry. Join us from wherever you are virtually! It is encouraged that groups in the parish gather together to participate in the workshop, but it is not mandatory. We will gather at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd., Alexandria to participate in the online workshop if anyone wants to join us there. To register, contact Deacon Jason Lavergne for a link to access the registration form. When the event date/time nears, a link to join the online workshop will be emailed to the email address you entered on the registration page. If you have any questions about the workshop, or to register, please contact dcnjlavergne@diocesalex.org or call 318-445-6424 x207.

Flyers are located at the entrance of the Cathedral.

ALL SAINTS DAY – NOVEMBER 1

Friday, November 1 is All Saints Day and a holy day of obligation. There will be three Masses:

- **Thursday, October 31**, All Saints Vigil Mass at 4 PM
- **Friday, November 1**, All Saints Day Masses at 12:05 PM & 5:30 PM.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY INCLUDING FIRST FRIDAY AND FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

- **Thursday, Oct. 31** – All Saints Day Vigil Mass at 4 PM
- **Friday, November 1** – All Saints Day
 - 11:00 AM - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and First Friday Devotion
 - 11:15 AM - Confessions
 - 12:05 PM - All Saints Day Mass
 - 5:30 PM - All Saints Day Mass
- **Saturday, November 2** – All Souls Day
 - 8:00 AM – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and First Saturday Devotion
 - 8:30 AM – Rosary for Life & Confessions
 - 9:00 AM – All Souls Day Mass

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES

Richard Sayer

ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES

Names of your loved ones who have died can be listed on the All-Souls Day envelopes available on the tables at the entrances to the church. **They can be placed in the collection basket for remembrance throughout the month of November.**

FOOD DRIVE FOR THE FOOD BANK



Boxes will be placed at the main entrance of the Cathedral for donations of non-perishable food items for **the Food Bank to help provide food for**

Thanksgiving. The boxes will remain through Sunday, November 24th.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS (BLUE MASS) NOV. 8 AT 12:05 P.M.

Our annual "Blue Mass" will be held at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral on Friday, November 8 at 12:05 p.m. The "Blue Mass" is so named because of the predominantly blue-colored uniforms of police officers, firefighters and emergency medical providers. We remember all those who have fallen in the line of duty and those currently serving. This Mass gives the community an opportunity to show gratitude for those who serve so courageously. **Please note that the public is invited to attend.**

ALTAR SOCIETY BAKE SALE – NOV. 9 - 10

The Cathedral Altar Society will have their Bake Sale in Xavier Hall on November 9, after the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday, November 10. Donations of bakes goods can be dropped off in the church hall on Saturday, November 9 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, or before each Weekend Mass. Please come by and support the Altar Society. Your Contributions help pay for the necessary items for the upkeep of the Cathedral sanctuary.

SAVE THE DATE! CONFIRMATION RETREAT – JAN. 25

The Diocese of Alexandria will hold a Confirmation Retreat for any young person that is being confirmed in 2025. This is an opportunity for parishes who do not host an in-parish retreat to attend a retreat focused on the Sacrament of Confirmation. Cost is \$10 per person, which covers lunch and speaker. The retreat will take place at Maryhill Renewal Center, Pineville, on Saturday, January 25, 2025. More details to come along with registration information. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Deacon Jason Lavergne at dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND NOV. 2-3

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up **Saturday, November 2 & Sunday, November 3.** Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

BIRTHDAYS: October 27 – November 2

Curt Allen, Linda Allred, Sarah Boating, Byron Deorosan, Zach Faircloth, James Hilger, Sandra Lott, Anne Mizell,

Michael Monsour, Patrick Moore, Sheri Strange, Cindy Vanlangendonck, Dcn. Roger Christopher, Oct. 29, Rev. Paul Kunnumpuram, Oct. 29

NECROLOGY: October 27 – November 2

Msgr. Joseph D. Damiens +Oct. 28, 1975

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, 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, Caleah Fontenot, Carolyn Fontenot, Cathy Grant, Diane Gremillion, Rosemary Gremillion, Celia Halbert, Richard Hall, Scott Hallinan, Linc Harris, Melisa Henry, Anna Hooper, 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

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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