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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 21:

12:05 p.m. Alice Foster

Tuesday, July 22:

12:05 p.m. H.A. Catteruccia, Sr.

Wednesday, July 23:

12:05 p.m. Dorothy West

Thursday, July 24:

12:05 p.m. Elsie Poche

Friday, July 25:

12:05 p.m. Lucille M. Ducote

Saturday, July 26:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Dixie Durastanti, George & Betty Battalora, Paul Am Mai, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Wallace & Normand Families, Edgar & Connie Campo, Victoria Young (living), G. D. Babin Family (living & deceased), Michael Laborde, Vivian Johnson, Bill Hess, John Christian Upton, Van Mol Family (living), Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Dr. Jorge Martin Saybe, Audrie & Loretta Metoyer Family, Mr. & Mrs. Leon Bergeron

Sunday, July 27: The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Margaret Henderson, Mary Roy, Susan Bradford, James McLaughlin (living), Vivian Johnson, Morgan Lamar Briggs, John Christian Upton, Van Mol Family (living), Joe Betty Sterkx, Dorothy Block Ferguson, R. Thomas (living), Blaine Rabalais (living), Edward Mitchell, Leon Bergeron

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

5:30 p.m. Jean & Harland Hundley

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Connie Randall, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 9,995.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 495.00
Church in Africa	\$ 695.00

Thank you for your generosity!

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE 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.

PRE-CANA MARRIAGE PREP WORKSHOP – AUGUST 2

These one-day workshops will be at the St. Joseph Catholic Center located at 4400 Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria, LA. Beginning at 8:00 a.m., the day will include presentations on various topics that are vital to a couple's lifelong marriage. The workshop will end at approximately 3:00 p.m. and lunch will be included. Space will be limited, so please register for a workshop as soon as possible.

Registration for the August 2 workshop is now open.

There is a fee of \$60 per couple. You may pay online after submitting the registration form. You can also pay the day of the workshop via check, money order or cash. Or you can prepay by mailing your check or money order (payable to Diocese of Alexandria) and mail to: Office of Religious Education and Faith Formation, P.O. Box 7417, Alexandria, LA 71306-0417. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Jason Lavergne in the Office of Religious Education and Faith Formation at (318) 445-6424 ext. 207.

AN EVENING WITH THE SEMINARIANS – AUGUST 6

Please join us for AN EVENING WITH THE SEMINARIANS

– an open house to meet the current seminarians of the Diocese of Alexandria. This event will be held at St. Rita's Holy Family Center from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Please take advantage of this opportunity to meet and get to know the men who are discerning priesthood for the Diocese of Alexandria while enjoying food, drink and entertainment! Free of charge; donations for seminarian education gratefully accepted! **Please RSVP by Thursday, July 31 so we can prepare! starver@diocesealex.org or (318) 556-6424 ext. 209.**

DISCALCED CARMELITES MONTHLY MEETING – AUGUST 9

The Order of the Discalced Carmelites holds its monthly meeting at 9:00 a.m. every second Saturday, at Maryhill Renewal Center. Anyone is invited to attend morning prayer followed by Mass and then the meeting. If you are interested in Carmelite spiritual studies, please contact Mary Jo McCoy at 318-346-6860 or 318-481-9638. **If you plan to attend.....Please call Mary Jo McCoy at the numbers listed above OR Deacon Bill Travis at 318 640-2827 or 318 664-7069 and someone will meet you at the Maryhill gate.

CATECHIST ENRICHMENT DAY - SEPTEMBER 20 TOUCHING HEARTS THROUGH ACCOMPANIMENT
We are excited to bring back our Catechist Enrichment Day this year at the Maryhill Renewal Center (North Side). All are welcome to attend the day who share the faith in our Diocese. Presenters will share teaching techniques, insights into the Sacraments, OCIA/Tribunal process, how to make scripture come alive, and more. There is no cost to attend but please register by scanning the QR code no later than September 10 to reserve your space. You may also email or call Dcn Jason Lavergne at dcnlavergne@diocesealex.org or (318) 445-6424 ext. 207.



JOIN MANNA HOUSE - THE 35 FOR 35 CHALLENGE!
For 35 years, we've been serving our community, ensuring that those facing food insecurity have access to meals, support, and hope. **Now, we need YOU to help us continue this mission! We're challenging everyone to donate \$35 or raise \$35 from friends and family to support our work.** Every dollar helps provide food to those in need.

Here's how you can join:

- Donate \$35 – Every contribution makes a difference.
- Raise \$35 – Ask 3 friends to pitch in \$10 each!
- Spread the word – Share this post and invite others to take part!

Together, we can make a HUGE impact. Are you in?
Donate now: <https://givetomannahouse.com/>.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – MANNA HOUSE, JULY 27
Next 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 20 – July 26

Leo Aragon, Denise Borell, Brittanie Chenevert, Debby Curtis, Donald Deville, Lucille Ducote, Brandon LaHood, Janet Marcantel, Stephen St. Pierre, Betty Veillon, Rev. Taylor Reynolds, July 22

NECROLOGY – July 20 – July 16

Rev. F. Vernon Bordelon +July 23, 1991
Dcn. Ray Gibson +July 23, 2017
Rev. Thomas J. Connors +July 25, 1962

FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

If you are interested in receiving the bulletin via Flocknotes, 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 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, 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

Barry Ackel, Johnnie Alston, Ansley Bellino, Janet Bordelon, Cale Bieber, Patrick Braquet, Carol & Bob Brossett, John Broussard, Ann Marie Bruner, Daisy Bynog, John Cain, Cheyenne Carmack, Alice Stafford Chambers, Willis Coco, Barbara Cole, Alfred Cook III, Alfred Cook, Jr., April Cook, Teresa B. Coutee, Sara Dadac, Jeramie Davidson, Jim Domzalski Sr., Elray Dubois, Brenda Ducote, Cecile Ducote, Harold Ducote, Norris Ducote, Chester Durr, Clyde Ray Eli, Caleah Fontenot, Carolyn Fontenot, Cathy Grant, Rosemary Gremillion, Celia Halbert, Richard Hall, Carolyn Harger, Scott Hallinan, Linc Harris, Melisa Henry, Anna Hooper, Tish Hull, Lennie Humphreys, 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, Emily Mallet, Melissa McGlothlin, Melanie McNamara, Peggy McNeely, Sam Medica, Tiffany Metrejeun, Fran Monk, Matt Owen, Clyde Peterson, Britney Rousseau, Diane Rabalais, Thomas E. Richards, Benny Russo, Jimmie Sanchez, Antonio Sandoval, Kemal Sanli, Herman Scallan, Ursula Schramek, Trudy Schuurmans, Faith Scharz, Karen Smith, Marianne Julie Sober, Stephanie Simmons, Sam Terracina, Linda Vaughn, Gary Wagers, Sharon Walker, Stephen V. Waters, Katina Watson, Brendan Weidner Morgan White, Marilyn Wilbert, Dee & Bailey Wilson, Kitty Wilson, Lee Arthur Wilson, Leonard Wilson, Tony Wilson, William Joel Wood

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