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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 25:

12:05 p.m. Clement Garon, Sr.

Tuesday, August 26:

12:05 p.m. Julia Mickel

Wednesday, August 27:

12:05 p.m. Aline Garon

Thursday, August 28:

12:05 p.m. Myjoycia Colette Cezar (living)

Friday, August 29:

12:05 p.m. Jakamiah B. Cezar (living)

Saturday, August 30:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, George & Betty Battalora, Shermon Jackson, Paul Am Mai, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Edgar & Connie Campo, Dixie Durastanti, Louise Brisbois & Family, Lennie Humphreys, Wallace & Normand Family (living & deceased), Audrie Metoyer, Jr., Joseph Metoyer, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, John Christian Upton, Van Mol Family (living), Annika Cannella, Herbert Cole, John Reynolds, Mary Duhon, Ellen Grass Stoltz

Sunday, August 31: The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Jo Betty Sterkx, Sam & Myrtle DeBona, John Swart, Addilynn Marie Baquet, Leonard Humphreys, Herbert Cole, John Christian Upton, Van Mol Family (living), John Rynolds, Annika Cannella, Todd Mizell, Mary Duhon, Ellen Grass Stoltz

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

5:30 p.m. Walter Randall

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 Collection	\$ 11,668.05
Over or (Short)	\$ 2,168.05

Thank you for your generosity!

CCD & OCIA CLASS REGISTRATION & START DATES

Registration for CCD & OCIA class will be held after the weekend Masses of August 24.

• **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. **(Classes will start on September 21 at 10:00 a.m. in the Convent Building.)**

• **OCIA Classes** are open to any adult who is not Catholic, a Catholic who has not received 1st Communion or Confirmation along with youth who have not been Baptized age 7 or older. **Classes will begin September 21 at 10:00 a.m. in Xavier Hall.** Please contact Dcn Jason Lavergne at 318 445-6424 ext. 207 for more information regarding the OCIA program.

INSTALLATION OF LECTORS – AUGUST 24

On August 24, 2025 at the 11 a.m. Mass, Bishop Marshall will be installing the ten deacon candidates into the ministry of “**Lectors**”. This is another step in their formation as they continue to discern and study to become permanent deacons for the Diocese of Alexandria. Please continue to pray for these men and their families. Their anticipated ordination date is mid-2027.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED LABOR DAY – SEPT. 1

In observance of Labor Day the church office will be closed, **Monday, September 1. Daily Mass will be celebrated at 12:05 p.m. as regular.**

FIRST FRIDAY – SEPTEMBER 5

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 6

8:00 a.m. Exposition

First Saturday devotions

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

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

GENESIS OF EVE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: “BE THE ONE” – SEPTEMBER 12 - 14

This year's theme, “Be the One”, is a bold invitation to respond to Jesus' cry from the Cross — “I thirst” — by

consoling His heart through love and service to others.

Rooted in the example of St. Mother Teresa, this event encourages women to: Rediscover their God-given identity and purpose. Find strength and healing through community and prayer. Live out their faith in action — even when it's hard (Do It Anyway) From heartfelt worship to powerful teaching and real-life stories, women will leave renewed, equipped, and ready to be the hands and heart of Christ in your church parish. Throughout the weekend, you'll hear from nationally recognized speakers who offer inspiring and practical insights for deepening your faith journey. This year's speakers are: Fr. David Michael Moses, Emily Wilson, Rachel Bulman, Kathryn Whitaker and Laura Huval. There will be opportunities to participate in Mass, Confession, and Eucharistic Adoration. At the Randolph Riverfront Center in Downtown Alexandria, LA. **Tickets available now!** <https://bit.ly/GenesisofEve2025>.

DISCALCED CARMELITES MONTHLY MEETING – SEPTEMBER 13

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.

GIFT OF LIFE BANQUET BENEFITING CENLA PREGNANCY CENTERS – SEPTEMBER 18

Join us Thursday, Sept. 18 at the Randolph Riverfront Center in Alexandria for the 7th Annual Gift of Life Banquet. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Guest speaker for the evening is J.J. Jasper, author of the book, "Losing Cooper: Finding Hope to Grieve Well." He is a veteran morning on-air radio personality, comedian, dedicated Christian and devoted family man. To purchase tickets, visit: <https://lovelifecenla.com/banquet/>. For more information visit: www.cenlapc.com or call 318-314-3061.

MASS HONORING ALTAR SERVERS – SEPTEMBER 27

Please join us for Mass with Bishop Robert W. Marshall, Jr. at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, September 27 to honor Altar servers from across the Diocese. Altar servers assist the priests and deacons, ensuring that the Mass flows smoothly and that the sacred rites are conducted with grace and dignity. Altar serving also helps form servers in important life skills such as responsibility, dependability, respect and builds a habit in their lives of saying "Yes" to Jesus.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA – SEPTEMBER 7

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 24 – August 30

Stephanie Belgard, Angelina Dupree, Kenneth Durastanti, Rita Martin, Matthew Nowlin, Jimmy Sanchez, Elenita Santiago, Kristen Sologaistoa, Wayne Steimel, Colleen Texada, Carly Treadway, Dcn. Sam Jones, Aug. 24, Rev. Robert Johnson, Aug. 29

NECROLOGY: August 24 – August 30

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

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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, Evan Cree, James Domzalski, II, Christopher Fraser, Brick Hazel, Joe Herrera, Andrew Hill, Kenneth Jeansonne, 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

Johnnie Alston, Raymond Battalora, Sandra Gooden, Carolyn Harger, Logan & Mary Jock, Cody Lachney, Scott Lachney, Chris Littleton, Robert Southren, Joseph Veillon, Vergie Walker, Maria White, Marilyn Wilbert

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