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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 1:

12:05 p.m. Alice Foster

Tuesday, September 2:

12:05 p.m. Dorothy West

Wednesday, September 3:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Thursday, September 4:

12:05 p.m. Cleve Ritchie

Friday, September 5: First Friday

12:05 p.m. Theodore & Clair Poche

Saturday, September 6: First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Timothy Hollingsworth

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

Keith Kelley, George & Betty Battalora, Lucille M. Ducote, Shirley Lachney Price (living), Lloyd & Mary Lachney, Sam & Velma Galardo, Paul Am Mai, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Wallace & Normand Family (living & deceased), Dixie Durastanti, Edgar & Connie Campo, John Christian Upton, Van Mol Family (living), Rebecca Shannon Kibodeaux, Louise Brisbois & Family, Lennie Humphreys, Mary Duhon, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Corene O'Neal Graham

Sunday, September 7: The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, George Taylor Roberts, Jo Betty Sterkx, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Altar Society, Wade Swart, Addilynn Marie Baquet, Annika Cannella, Todd Mizell, Leonard Humphreys, John Christian Upton, Van Mol Family (living), Mary Duhon, Jean Hundley, John Reynolds, Tammie McCallon, Corene O'Neal Graham, Grass & Ferguson Families

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

5:30 p.m. Leonard Dale Spurlock

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Mary Jo Reed, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 8,662.00
Over or (Short)	\$ (838.00)

Thank you for your generosity!

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

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING – SEPTEMBER 10

The Altar Society will have their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, September 10, at 10:00 a.m.** in Xavier Hall. Anyone interested in becoming a member is invited to come to the meeting.

EMBRACING A FUTURE OF HOPE – SEPTEMBER 20

As part of the Together as One Church pastoral planning session, St. Francis Xavier Cathedral parishioners are invited to participate in the upcoming **Regional Planning Sessions**. These gatherings will provide an opportunity to hear about the proposed parish models, ask questions, and share feedback that will help shape the future of our diocese. St. Francis Xavier Cathedral is part of the Central Deanery, 1, 2 & 3. **Along with the Cathedral, the following churches are participating:** St. Frances Cabrini Church, Alexandria, St. James Memorial Church, Alexandria, St. Juliana Church, Alexandria, St. Rita Church, Alexandria, Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Alexandria, St. Margaret Church, Boyce, St. Cyril Chapel, Flatwoods, St. Margaret Mary Chapel, Gorum, and St. Michael the Archangel Church, Leesville. **The session will be held on Saturday, September 20, 2025, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Divine Providence Center in Alexandria.** Please make plans to attend and add your voice to this important conversation.

Please note: The other churches of the Central Deanery will be participating at a later date. Parishes and missions of the Natchitoches, Avoyelles and Eastern Deaneries will be meeting at different times and locations also. More information about these sessions can be found on the Diocese of Alexandria website.

WATERPROOFING THE CLOCK TOWER

We are now in the final phase of waterproofing the Clock Tower. Associated Waterproofing Corporation of Baton Rouge will begin work this week.

Work will include waterproofing the exterior of the tower, repair structural cracks, repair deteriorated bricks, patch and repair belltower, tuckpointing and related work. It will take approximately one month to complete the work. The lane between the Rectory and Cathedral will be blocked by a large lift truck. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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 14 at 10:00 a.m. in Xavier Hall and classes will begin 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 youths who have not been baptized age 7 and older. Please contact Dcn Jason Lavergne at 318 445-6424 ext. 207 for more information regarding the OCIA program. **Classes will begin September 21 at 10:00 a.m. in Xavier Hall.**

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! To purchase tickets, go to <https://bit.ly/GenesisofEve2025>.

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.**

MANNA HOUSE – THANK YOU

Manna House gratefully acknowledges the support of the parishioners of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral who contributed \$2,000.00 in their efforts to feed the hungry of Central Louisiana. May you share abundantly in God's blessings, as you have shared with those in need around us. Thank You. – Manna House

BIRTHDAYS – AUGUST 31 – SEPTEMBER 6

Tyrone Allred, Joseph Chenevert, Charles Vincent Cumella, Brenda Ducote, Shirley Flavin, Carolyn Guidry, Kara Guillory, Keith LaBauve, O.P. Marcott, Ross Mathews, Mary McCampbell, Maddie Mitchell, Bettye Nicholson, Mary Ellen Randall, Laura Robichaux, Santiago Sandoval, Joey Vercher

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, Tish Hull, Logan & Mary Jock, Cody Lachney, Scott Lachney, Chris Littleton, Melanie McManara, Robert Southren, Joseph Veillon, Vergie Walker, Maria White, Marilyn Wilbert **WE STARTED OUR PRAYER LIST OVER. IF YOU WISH TO PUT YOUR LOVED ONE ON THE LIST PLEASE CALL – 318 445-1451 X14.**

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