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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 15:

12:05 p.m. Alice Foster

Tuesday, September 16:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, September 17:

12:05 p.m. St. Lambert School Family

Thursday, September 18:

12:05 p.m. Michael Van Dyke

Friday, September 19:

12:05 p.m. Dorothy West

Saturday, September 20:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, George & Betty Battalora, Sam & Edith Tamaburo, Colingo & Tamburo Families, Simon & Mamie Campo, Campo Family, Jacob Williamson, Paul Am Mai, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Edgar & Connie Campo, Dixie Durastanti, Mr. & Mrs. Leon Bergeron, Wallace & Normand Family (living & deceased), Leonard G. Humphreys, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Melanie Ann McNamara, Michael Thomas Laborde

Sunday, September 21: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Lucile Rachal, Agnes Rita Roberts, Jo Betty Sterkx, Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council # 3200, Wade Swart, Lennie Humphreys, Todd Mizell, John Reynolds, Tammie McCallon, Grass & Ferguson Families, Mary Louise Juneau Duhon, Melanie Ann McNamara, Fr. Bruce Miller, Fr. Floyd Callais, Brenda Birdsong

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

5:30 p.m. Lucille M. Ducote

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Simon & Mamie Campo, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 11,013.46
Over or (Short)	\$ 1,513.46
Online Giving for August	\$ 5,637.89

Thank you for your generosity!

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES

Melanie Ann McNamara

EMBRACING A FUTURE OF HOPE

Bishop Robert Marshall invites all to participate in the upcoming diocesan pastoral planning sessions scheduled for September.

Below is the date, time and location for the Planning Area information Sessions for the Diocese of Alexandria's Pastoral Plan, known as "Together as One Church." The list below shows the date, time and location where the session will take place for the following churches in the Central Deanery, which includes St. Francis Xavier Cathedral.

IN THE CENTRAL DEANERY: Saturday, September 20 -
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. **Location:** Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church (Divine Providence Center) Alexandria

For the following churches:

- St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Alexandria
- St. Francis Cabrini Church, Alexandria
- St. James Memorial Church, Alexandria
- St. Juliana Church, Alexandria
- St. Rita Church, Alexandria
- St. Margaret Church, Boyce
- St. Cyril Chapel, Flatwoods
- St. Margaret Mary Chapel, Gorum
- St. Michael the Archangel Church, Leesville

Please note: Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral are encouraged to attend the pastoral planning session at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Divine Providence Center, on Saturday, September 20 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, along with the other churches listed. Msgr. Ferguson

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.**

NEW CATHEDRAL CHOIR MEMBERS WELCOME

The Cathedral Choir invites you to join us. The choir sings at the 11:00 a.m. Mass each Sunday as well as diocesan Masses and special events. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. The choir is made up of singers of various levels of experience and we welcome new members, aged 18 and older. Come join the SFX Choir family! Email sfxctech@diocesealex.org for more information or if you would like to join.

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. For more information visit: www.cenlapc.com or call 318-314-3061. To purchase tickets, visit: <https://lovelifecenla.com/banquet/>.

5TH ANNUAL BISHOP'S BOWL FOOTBALL GAME SEPTEMBER 19

Join us Friday, Sept. 19 for the annual Bishop's Bowl Football game: The Eagles of Holy Savior Menard High School (Alexandria) vs. The Tigers of St. Mary's Catholic High School (Natchitoches). This year's game will be held at the Eagle's Nest football stadium at Holy Savior Menard High School in Alexandria. Will Menard finally prevail and take home the trophy?

CATECHIST ENRICHMENT DAY – SEPTEMBER 20

Join us for Catechist Enrichment Day at Maryhill Renewal Center. Evangelization and Catechesis go hand in hand in fulfilling the mission of the Church and that is to lead people to a deeper encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ. Presenters at this event will share teaching techniques, insights into the Sacraments, OCIA/Tribunal process, how to make scripture come alive, and more. If your role involves sharing the faith with others, please join us this day of relational ministry enrichment. Speakers will be: Dr. Amber Hyatt, Nicole Mitchell, Sylvia Davis, Deacon Les Glankler, Father Taylor Reynolds and Bishop Robert Marshall. To register, complete the form here: https://form.jotform.com/dcnjlavergne/2025_Catechist_Day OR contact Deacon Jason Lavergne at dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org.

MASS HONORING ALTAR SERVERS – SEPTEMBER 27

Please join us for Mass with Bishop Robert W. Marshall, Jr. at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Saturday, September 27 at 10:00 a.m. 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.

PRE-CANA MARRIAGE PREP WORKSHOP – OCT. 11

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 October 11 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND OCTOBER 20 – 21

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up **Saturday, October 20 and Sunday, October 21.** Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – SEPTEMBER 14

This week we participate in the Retired Priests Collection for our priests who have reached retirement age after years of faithful and dedicated service to the Diocese. With costs continually escalating, the monthly retirement benefit for our retired priests must be adjusted periodically as well. We appreciate your generosity in helping to assure that the needs of our retired priests will continue to be met, and ask that you remember them in your prayers.

BIRTHDAYS – AUGUST 14 – SEPTEMBER 20

Lauren Caselton, Jennifer Coburn, Bob Dvorak, Charlene Elliott, Jennifer Gilchrist, Natalie Lagrange, Chris Littleton, Keith Nelson, Krista Paddie, Rodel Santiago, Dawson Slater, Doug Verzwylt, Stephen Waters, David Wellan, Michele Yerby, Rev. Kenneth Michiels, Sept. 18

NECROLOGY – SEPTEMBER 14 – SEPTEMBER 20

Sept. 15, 1873	Rev. Isidore Quemerais
Sept. 15, 1897	Rev. Jean Marie Beaulieu
Sept. 15, 1998	Rev. Anthony Nick Cumella
Sept. 16, 1873	Rev. Jean Pierre
Sept. 16, 1961	Rev. Joseph Alfred Fortin

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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, Brandon Ashley, Raymond Battalora, Theresa Catteruccia, 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

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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