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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 22:

12:05 p.m. Alice Foster

Tuesday, September 23:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, September 24:

12:05 p.m. Dorothy West

Thursday, September 25:

12:05 p.m. August Vandersypen

Friday, September 26:

12:05 p.m. Paula Roy

Saturday, September 27:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Mary Mageline Garon, Paul Am Mai, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Edgar & Connie Campo, Dixie Durastanti, Wallace & Normand Family (living & deceased), Leonard G. Humphreys, George & Betty Battalora, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Melanie Ann McNamara, Michael Thomas Laborde, Alison Dasko, Corrine Elizabeth Jenkins

Sunday, September 28: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Jo Betty Sterkx, Wade Swart, Lennie Humphreys, Todd Mizell, John Reynolds, Tammie McCallon, Grass & Ferguson Families, Mary Louise Juneau Duhon, Melanie Ann McNamara, Brenda Birdsong, Alison Dasko, Maria White (living), Corrine Elizabeth Jenkins

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

5:30 p.m. Glenn Andrew

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Carolyn Harger, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 9,232.00
Over or (Short)	\$ (268.00)
ADA Update	\$ 57,523.78

Thank you for your generosity!

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES

Corrine Elizabeth Jenkins & Alison Dasco

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. **Classes start 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 start 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.

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.

SEMINARY COME AND SEE WEEKEND – OCT. 3 - 5

St. Joseph Abbey Seminary College is scheduled to have its Fall Come and See weekend from October 3 - 5. This is a great opportunity for any male 16 years old or older to come and see the seminary campus and what seminary life is like. For more information, please contact the Director of Vocations, Fr. Luke LaFleur at frllafleur@diocesealex.org.

SILENT RETREAT – OCTOBER 10 - 12

The Discalced Secular Carmelite Community of Alexandria invites you to attend a Silent Retreat at Maryhill Renewal Center on October 10-12. Our retreat

master is Fr. Jorge Marie Cabrera, OCD. The theme for our retreat is 'Our Lady in Sacred Scripture'. For more information, please contact Mary Jo McCoy at (318) 346-6860 or (318) 481-9638.

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.

DISCALCED CARMELITE MONTHLY MEETING – OCT. 11

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.

VIRTUS TRAINING – OCTOBER 14

There will be a Virtus training session on Tuesday, October 14, at 6:00 p.m., at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria. To pre-register, go to www.virtus.org. NOTE: Minors are not allowed to attend because of the adult content of the videos and discussions.

WHITE COAT MASS HONORING MEDICAL & HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS – OCTOBER 17

The Diocese of Alexandria invites you to the 2025 White Coat Mass in honor of all medical professionals, St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Alexandria, Friday, Oct. 17 at 12:05 p.m. For more information, contact Cathy Norris at 318-448-6797.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CENTRAL LOUISIANA – OCTOBER 5

October 5 we will take up a collection for Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana. Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana has helped hundreds of people in need by providing Mental Health Services, Disaster Response, and Basic Needs Assistance. Their efforts have impacted over hundreds of individuals and families across the four deaneries of the diocese. Interns and volunteers give their time and talent; however, this work requires funds to address the physical

needs of residents. The Sunday, Oct. 6, second collection is for Catholic Charities; thank you for blessing them with the means to bring the corporal works of mercy to our communities. To learn more visit www.cccenla.org.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND SEPTEMBER 20 – 21

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

BIRTHDAYS –SEPTEMBER 21- SEPTEMBER 27

Stephanie Brothers, Theresa Catteruccia, Amanda Chenevert, Emily Coburn, Tom Crowson, Ashley Dailey, James Gilchrist, Danny Guillory, Melvin Hicks, Elizabeth Kapa, Gary LaHood, Karen Landry, Julie LeBlanc, Maray Kathryn Mixon, Matthew Molinar, Angela Price, John Reynolds, Matthew Richey, Crystal Rodgers, Charles Simmons, Brock Sues, Joe Vandersypen, Barbara Ward, Rev. Martin Laird, Sept. 27

NECROLOGY – SEPTEMBER 21- SEPTEMBER 27

Dcn. Raymond J. Dunn, Sr. +Sept. 22, 1991
S Bishop Francis Xavier Leray +Sept. 23, 1887
Rev. Narcisse LeBiler +Sept. 26, 1873

FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

Flocknotes is an email and text message application that allows you to receive news and information from the Cathedral. It is free. You can sign up to receive the weekly bulletin and the Sunday Mass Liturgy Guide, plus receive other notifications from the church.

If you are interested in receiving information via this platform, 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 <https://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, 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

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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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