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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 29:

12:05 p.m. Dorothy West

Tuesday, September 30:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, October 1:

12:05 p.m. Lucille M. Ducote

Thursday, October 2:

12:05 p.m. Alice Foster

Friday, October 3: First Friday

12:05 p.m. Leonard Dale Spurlock

Saturday, October 4: First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Beulah Knight Spurlock

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Lloyd

& Mary Lachney, Sam & Velma Galardo, Paul Am Mai, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Edgar & Connie Campo, Dixie Durastanti, Lennie Humphrey, Wallace & Normand Family (living & deceased), Buddy Falkner, Melanie Ann McNamara, Michael Thomas Laborde, George & Betty Battalora, Corrine Elizabeth Jenkins, Bobbie Jean Carson, Elaine Moran, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette

Sunday, October 5: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Hayes & McCampbell Family (living & deceased), Deceased Members of the Altar Society, George Taylor Roberts, Jo Betty Sterkx, Rebecca Shannon Kibodeaux, Wade Swart, Todd Mizell, Leonard G. Humphreys, John Reynolds, Tammie McCallon, Grass & Ferguson Families, Mary Louise Juneau Duhon, Brenda Birdsong, Bobbie Jean Carson, Maria White (living), Corrine Elizabeth Jenkins, Elaine Moran

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 Sandy Kees, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 9,663.20
Over or (Short)	\$ 163.20
Restoration Fund	\$ 2,392.00

Thank you for your generosity!

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES

Elaine Moran

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS – PRAYER REQUESTS – OCTOBER 1--AFTER THE 12:05 MASS

Wednesday, October 1st is the feast day of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church. After the 12:05 Mass, we will gather at the statue of St. Therese (located between the rectory and Xavier Hall) and pray the "Miraculous Invocation of St. Therese." Handouts of the prayer will be available; included in the prayer will be private intentions that each person will make to St. Therese for specific needs and desires in our lives. Everyone is invited to attend.

This year is the 100th anniversary of St. Therese's canonization to sainthood. Also known as "The Little Flower," when she was canonized in 1925, Pope XI said that she was "the greatest miracle worker in modern times." He called her a "prodigy of miracles" because the number of miracles attributed to her was overwhelming. She continues to maintain this reputation in 2025.
— Msgr. Ferguson

CCD & OCIA CLASSES: 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.

FIRST FRIDAY – OCTOBER 3

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 – OCTOBER 4

8:00 a.m. Exposition First Saturday devotions
8:30 a.m. Rosary for Life and Confessions
9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

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.

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

Next week 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.

BIRTHDAYS –SEPTEMBER 28- OCTOBER 4

Elizabeth Carmouche, Christopher Laborde, Josephine LaCour, Clayton McCann, Cody Mixon, Donna Nelson, Ashley Prevot, Donald Rachal, Arlene Ryder, Luis Andre Sologaistoa, Lauren Tassin, Brennan Wagoner

NECROLOGY – SEPTEMBER 28- OCTOBER 4

Rev. John M. Gayer	+Sept. 28, 1984
Bishop Auguste Marie Martin	+Sept. 29, 1875
Dcn. Wilfred Broussard	+Sept. 30, 1987
Rev. Louis Gergaud	+Oct. 1, 1873

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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