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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 8:

12:05 p.m. Preston L. Stemann

Tuesday, September 9:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, September 10:

12:05 p.m. Dorothy West

Thursday, September 11:

12:05 p.m. Alice Foster

Friday, September 12:

12:05 p.m. Mary Roy

Saturday, September 13:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, George & Betty Battalora, Lucille M. Ducote, Galardo & LaCroix Families, Paul Am Mai, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Milton Sealey, Edgar & Connie Campo, Dixie Durastanti, Louise Brisbois & Family, Lennie Humphreys, Wallace & Normand Family (living & deceased), Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette

Sunday, September 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Jo Betty Sterkx, Addilynn Marie Baquet, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir, Wade Swart, Annika Cannella, Todd Mizell, Leonard Humphreys, Jean Hundley, John Reynolds, Tammie McCallon, Grass & Ferguson Families

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

5:30 p.m. Merle Vahlkamp

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	\$ 9,779.43
Over or (Short)	\$ 279.43

Thank you for your generosity!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST – SEPTEMBER 7



The Knights of Columbus Council # 3200 will be hosting a breakfast social after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in Xavier Hall. All are invited and welcome.

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

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

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE – SEPTEMBER 12 - 14

Widowed, separated, or divorced? Don't know where to turn? Struggling with grief or loss? Beginning Experience of Alexandria is registering now for a weekend away that provides an individual with the opportunity to encounter self and to grow with a purpose to achieve inner peace. The experience is to help close the door gently on the past and move on with renewed hope and purpose. The weekend will be held at Maryhill Renewal Center, Pineville, Sept. 12 - 14. The cost is \$185.00 which includes two nights' lodging and meals, if you need assistance please don't hesitate to ask. For

more information, please visit: www.beginningexperience.org or to register, contact Anna at (318) 448-1990 or (318) 452-2678, email: asweat7@aol.com.

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. 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – SEPTEMBER 14

Next 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.

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 7 – SEPTEMBER 13

Shian Birdsall, Cheryl Chalah, Brennan Chenevert, Mallori Cole, Kari Cook, Carl Dunn, Mari Carmen Faircloth, Amy Funderburk, Nicholas Laborde, Violet Lacour, John McCloskey, Lou Ann Monceaux, Virginia Passman, Andrew Powell, Patsy Rayner, Matthew Ritchie, Mauricio Suarez, Joshua Zona

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, 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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