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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 13:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Tuesday, October 14:

12:05 p.m. Albert Poche

Wednesday, October 15:

12:05 p.m. Abraham Mickel

Thursday, October 16:

12:05 p.m. Alice Foster

Friday, October 17:

12:05 p.m. Dorothy West

Saturday, October 18:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Sam & Edith Tamburo, Colingo & Tamburo Family, Simon & Mamie Campo, Campo Family, Jacob Williamson, Paul Am Mai, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Edgar & Connie Campo, Dixie Durastanti, Michael Thomas Laborde, Wallace & Normand Family (living & deceased), George & Betty Battalora, Corrine Elizabeth Jenkins, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Lee Bond, Clair Weeks

Sunday, October 19: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Jo Betty Sterkx, Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council # 3200, Agnes Rita Roberts, Mr. & Mrs. Leon Bergeron, Lennie Humphreys, Todd Mizell, John Reynolds, Tammie McCallon, Grass & Ferguson Families, Mary Louise Juneau Duhon, Maria White (living), Clair Weeks, Nancy Reid, Wein Denley, R. Thomas & Family (living), Blaine Rabalais & Family (living)

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

5:30 p.m. Corinne Elizabeth Jenkins

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Madelin Jeansonne, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 10,950.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 1,450.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 1,280.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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 are 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 are at 10:00 a.m. in Xavier Hall.**

VIRTUS TRAINING – OCTOBER 14

Want to volunteer or attend field trips at your child's school this year? VIRTUS is required first at all Catholic Schools! Register now to be prepared!

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 at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Alexandria, Friday, Oct. 17 at 12:05 p.m. The White Coat Mass is a special celebration to acknowledge the unique contributions made by all Health Care Professionals, and takes its name from the white coat most commonly worn by those in the medical field. Please note that the public is invited to attend also. Bishop Marshall will be present at the Mass.

EQUESTRIAN ORDER OF THE KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE OF JERUSALEM - OCT. 19

We welcome the Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem who will be present at the 11:00 AM Mass, on Sunday, October 19. Bishop Robert Marshall will be present at the Mass.

FEAST FOR GOOD – OCTOBER 22

Come support St. Mary's Communities and Services at Feast for Good Wednesday, Oct. 22 at the Randolph Riverfront Center in Alexandria as celebrity chef Jay Ducote goes head-to-head in a cooking competition with local chefs Amy Pillarisetti and John Ed Laborde! Enjoy gourmet dining and exciting auctions, all to benefit the

children and young adults with developmental disabilities who call St. Mary's Communities and Services. Tickets on sale now at bit.ly/F4G25.

WHAT IS MY VOCATION? VOCATION PANEL - NOV. 8
Do you want guidance in learning about God the Father's specific plan for you? Do you feel called to give more and be more? Do you have questions about how to discern your Vocation? **Join us on Saturday, Nov. 8 at St. Mary's Assumption Church, Cottonport.** The day will include an extensive panel of vocations experts made up of religious brothers, sisters, and priests with break-out sessions, Q&A, and Holy Hour. Ends with 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass. Open to ALL YOUTH and anyone discerning his/her vocation. Lunch is included. To RSVP or for more information contact Tammy Bernard at 318-305-1730.

DISCALCED CARMELITE MONTHLY MEETING - NOV. 8
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.**

SILENT RETREAT – A JOURNEY INTO HOPE
NOV. 13 - 16
Each retreatant will have a daily opportunity to meet individually with a spiritual director. Mass, reconciliation, and adoration will be included. Guided reflections on the theme of Hope. Time for personal prayer and silence. Single room assignments. Plenty of outdoor areas for prayer and relaxation. All meals and snacks included. Location: Maryhill Renewal Center. Spiritual Directors: Joan Dobard, Carol Olson, Karen Dill, and Ingrid Cannella. Cost is \$275.00 per person. Registration Deadline: November 5, 2025 Contact/Registration Information: Ingrid Cannella, 318-792-3331 or email icnewell@yahoo.com.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 19
This year's theme of World Mission Sunday (WMS) is Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples – was chosen by Pope Francis before his death and is tied to the Jubilee of Hope. We are inviting Catholics across the United States to reflect on the work of the Church in Vietnam, where the faith, tested by persecution and poverty, shines with extraordinary vitality and joy. Pope Leo XIV, having spent much of his priestly life as a missionary in Peru, knows from personal experience how essential WMS is to the Church's missionary work and how central the generosity of American Catholics is to that overall prayerful and financial support. Thank you for giving generously.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND **OCTOBER 11 & OCTOBER 12**

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up **Saturday, October 11 & Sunday, October 12.** Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

VIRTUS FLYERS IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

We have VIRTUS flyers available in the back of the church that gives information and contact numbers to help protect God's children from Child Abuse.

BIRTHDAYS – OCTOBER 4-OCTOBER 17

Amy Bergeron, Nichole Brown, Mary Cezar, Todd Funderburk, LeAnn Goldey, Bill McCampbell, Casey McKinnerney, Nick Lena, William Paddie, Luke Vercher, Rev. Thomas, Kennedy, Oct. 15, Dcn. Jason Lavergne, Oct. 16

NECROLOGY – OCTOBER 4-OCTOBER 17

Rev. Joseph Gentile	+Oct. 15, 1896
Rev. Rudolph Johannes EngeleN	+Oct. 15, 2002
Msgr. Anthony Piegay	+Oct. 16, 1939
Msgr. Mozart N. Pelletier	+Oct. 16, 1980

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.

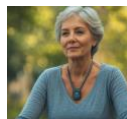
Known military are: Gerard A. Abair, Jr., Brent Marcus Barbour, Byron P. Barbour, Quincy Bordelon, Ashton Brouillette, Kevin Burnett, Delaney Byard, Evan Cree, James Domzalski, II, Christopher Fraser, Brick Hazel, Joe Herrera, Andrew Hill, Kenneth Jeansonne, Jeffrey Kelso, Chance Ryland Lavergne, Chad 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, Alice Chambers, Joy Gauthier, 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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