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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 20:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Tuesday, October 21:

12:05 p.m. Msgr. Joseph M. Susi

Wednesday, October 22:

12:05 p.m. Alice Foster

Thursday, October 23:

12:05 p.m. Lucille Ducote

Friday, October 24:

12:05 p.m. Felix Joseph "Jessie" Vandersypen

Saturday, October 25:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, June A. Muellner, Lloyd Lachney, Paul Am Mai, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Edgar & Connie Campo, Dixie Durastanti, Wallace & Normand Family (living & deceased), Michael Thomas Laborde, George & Betty Battalora, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Lee Bond, Esther Hernandez, Nancy Reid

Sunday, October 26: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R.J. Ducote, Jo Betty Sterkx, Lennie Humphreys, Todd Mizell, John Reynolds, Tammie McCallon, Grass & Ferguson Families, Mary Louise Juneau Duhon, Jane Avate, Wein Denley, Angela & Jeff Price (living), Randolph Mitchell, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Jared & Marissa Price Family (living), Nancy Reid

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 Edgar Campo, please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 9,270.54
Over or (Short)	\$ (229.54)
Restoration Fund	\$ 6,181.00

Thank you for your generosity!

A NOTE ON AN UPCOMING MEDICAL PROCEDURE

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am writing to you today to share some personal news. After a recent consultation with my doctor, I will be undergoing a medical procedure at Cabrini Hospital on Tuesday, October 28. I will be implanted with a Cardioverter-Defibrillator (ICD) due to systolic heart failure. The procedure may require me to step away from my pastoral duties for a few days. I would appreciate your prayers for a successful procedure and swift recovery. Your love and support mean a great deal to me, and I trust in God's healing power. — Msgr. Ferguson.

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 a.m. Mass, on Sunday, Oct. 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.

ALL SAINTS DAY – NOVEMBER 1

Saturday, November 1 is All Saints Day and this year it is not a holy day of obligation. There will be two Masses:

- **Friday, October 31**, All Saints Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, November 1**, All Saints Day Mass at 9:00 a.m.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY INCLUDING FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

- **Friday, October 31** – All Saints Day Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m.

• Saturday, November 1 – All Saints Day

8:15 AM - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and First Saturday Devotion

8:30 AM - Confessions

9:00 AM - All Saints Day Mass

4:00 PM - Vigil Mass for All Souls Day

• Sunday, November 2 – All Souls Day

9:00 AM - All Souls Day Mass

11:00 AM - All Souls Day Mass

5:30 PM - All Souls Day Mass

MEMORIAL MASS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS (BLUE MASS) NOV. 7

Our annual "Blue Mass" will be held at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral on Friday, November 7 at 12:05 p.m.

The "Blue Mass" is so named because of the predominantly blue-colored uniforms of police officers, firefighters and emergency medical providers. We remember all those who have fallen in the line of duty and those currently serving. This Mass gives the community an opportunity to show gratitude for those who serve so courageously. Please note that the public is invited to attend.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK NOVEMBER 2 - 8

National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life through prayer, invitation, and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

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.

CCD & OCIA CLASSES:

For information regarding CCD Please contact Mary Lou Maples at 446-5134. For more information regarding OCIA please contact Dcn Jason Lavergne at 318 445-6424 ext. 207

SILENT RETREAT – A JOURNEY INTO HOPE NOVEMBER 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.

BIRTHDAYS – OCTOBER 19-OCTOBER 25

Kenneth Bergeron, Albert Blackman, Alexis Cannella, Katelyn Coburn, Donna Domzalski, Zachary Ducote, Mary Dupree, Georgie Guillory-Ober, Nolan Howell, Patrick LaCour, Morgan Lott, Marilyn McGraw, Sandy Riche, Janis Russo, Philip Tarver, Daniel Thomasco, Hanna Travis, Summer Valdez, Stephen Vanderslice, Dennis Ward, Dcn. Steven Newbury, Oct. 20, Rev. Rickey Gremillion, Oct. 21, Rev. Jack Michalchuk, Oct. 23.

NECROLOGY – OCTOBER 19-OCTOBER 25

Msgr. Joseph Susi +Oct. 21, 2011
Rev. Louis Philip Senesac +Oct. 22, 1966

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, Catherine Medica, 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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