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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 6:

12:05 p.m. Alice Foster

Tuesday, October 7:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, October 8:

12:05 p.m. Dorothy West

Thursday, October 9:

12:05 p.m. Lucille M. Ducote

Friday, October 10:

12:05 p.m. Rev. Msgr. James A. Ferguson
(special intentions)

Saturday, October 11:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer,
Galardo & LaCroix Family, Paul Am Mai, Robert Eberle,
Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Edgar & Connie Campo,
Dixie Durastanti, Lennie Humphrey, Wallace & Normand
Family (living & deceased), Michael Thomas Laborde,
George & Betty Battalora, Corrine Elizabeth Jenkins,
Bobbie Jean Carson, Elaine Moran, Rachael Brouillette,
Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Lee Bond, Clair Weeks

Sunday, October 12: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living &
deceased), R. J. Ducote, Jo Betty Sterkx, Wade Swart,
Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir, Todd Mizell,
Leonard G. Humphreys, John Reynolds, Tammie
McCallon, Grass & Ferguson Families, Mary Louise
Juneau Duhon, Brenda Birdsong, Maria White (living),
Elaine Moran, Clair Weeks, Jane Avate

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 Hazel Neal,
please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 9,210.00
Over or (Short)	\$ (290.00)
Online giving for September	\$ 5,679.79

Thank you for your generosity!

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES

Claire Weeks

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST – OCTOBER 5



The Knights of Columbus Council # 3200 will be
hosting a breakfast social after the 9:00 a.m. Mass
on October 5, in Xavier Hall. All are invited and welcome.

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.**

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.

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. (cont. next pg)

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.

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, St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Alexandria, Friday, Oct. 17 at 12:05 p.m. For more information, contact Cathy Norris at 318-448-6797.

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 Pillarissetti 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.

REQUIRED VIRTUS TRAINING NOTICE

This is to notify volunteers and employees, who are required to maintain ongoing VIRTUS training to check their online accounts to ensure they are "caught up" with all ongoing-training items (bulletins and/or re-certification video modules). **Assistance is always available from the safe environment office.**

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CENTRAL LOUISIANA – OCTOBER 5

This 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. 5, 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 cccenla.org.

BIRTHDAYS –SEPTEMBER 28- OCTOBER 4

Cole Cannin, Margaret Ducote, Christy Gootee, Connie Hilger, Elizabeth Mayeaux, Hagan Menard, Shirley Richards, Carl Riche, Ryan Sandoval, Anna Scalfano, Brittany Stack, Dennis Vicknair, Dcn. William Aldridge, Oct. 7, Dcn. Gary Schupbach, Oct. 10

NECROLOGY – SEPTEMBER 28- OCTOBER 4

Rev. Francois LeVezouet +Oct. 8, 1873
Rev. Joseph Quellard +Oct. 10, 1880

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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