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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 17:

12:05 p.m. Lucille Rachal

Tuesday, November 18:

12:05 p.m. Guy Theriot

Wednesday, November 19:

12:05 p.m. Paul Am Mai

Thursday, November 20:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Friday, November 21:

12:05 p.m. Paul Am Mai

Saturday, November 22:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir, Paul Am Mai, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Edgar & Connie Campo, Dixie Durastanti, Rebecca Shannon Kibodeaux, Wallace & Normand Family (living & deceased), Michael Thomas Laborde, George & Betty Battalora, Esther Hernandez, Audrianna Grisham, Billy Roy Flowers, Fred Brouillette, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Darlene Gremillion, Herman Schallan, Jane Dezendorf (living)

**Sunday, November 23: Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Agnes Rita Roberts, Jo Betty Sterkx, Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council #3200, Lennie Humphreys, Todd Mizell, John Reynolds, Tammie McCallon, Grass & Ferguson Families, Mary Louise Juneau Duhon, Jane Avate, Wein Denley, June Melanson, Marissa Price & Child (living), Randolph Mitchell

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

5:30 p.m. Lucille M. Ducote

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 10,900.28
Over or (Short)	\$ 1,400.28
Archdiocese for the Military Collection	\$ 722.00
Online Giving for October	\$ 5,679.43

Thank you for your generosity!

FOOD DRIVE FOR THE FOOD BANK



Boxes are placed at the main entrance of the Cathedral for donations of non-perishable food items for the Food Bank to help provide food for Thanksgiving. The boxes will remain through Sunday, November 23.

ALTAR SOCIETY FALL BAKE SALE – NOVEMBER 15 - 16

The Altar Society will have their Fall Bake Sale in Xavier Hall on November 15, after the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday, November 16. Please come by and support the Altar Society. Your Contributions help pay for the necessary items for the upkeep of the Cathedral sanctuary.

MANNA HOUSE



Dear Msgr. Ferguson and the Parishioners of St Francis Xavier Cathedral. On behalf of Manna House, I extend our heartfelt thanks to you and the parishioners for your generous donation of \$2,000.

Your kindness and compassion make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve. With your support, we are able to provide nutritious meals to individuals and families in our community who are facing food insecurity.

We are deeply grateful for your partnership in this mission of care and hope. Sincerely, Jessica Viator, Executive Director of Manna House.

#I GIVE CATHOLIC ADVANCED GIVING BEGINS - NOVEMBER 17

We hope you join us this year for Giving Tuesday on December 2, as we embrace the opportunity to Give Thanks, Give Back, and Give Catholic but for those who want a headstart in their holiday philanthropy, Advanced Giving begins Monday, Nov. 17! On that day and thereafter, anyone can visit www.igivecatholic.org/community/alexandria and search for a church or school to support.

HOLY SAVIOR MENARD OPEN HOUSE – NOVEMBER 18

Holy Savior Menard High School, Alexandria, will hold an Open House at 5:30pm on Tuesday, Nov. 18, in the school gym. Come see the wide offering of academics, athletics, spiritual life activities, and extra curriculars available for your student at Holy Savior Menard. This event is open to prospective 7th - 12th grade students and parents for the 2026-2027 school year. Contact tsumrall@holysaviormenard.com for more information.

BEYOND THE LIMITS JR. HIGH CONFERENCE - DEC. 6
Middle school students (grades 6-8), this is for you!

Join us for the Beyond the Limits Jr. High Conference - a high-energy, faith-filled day designed just for you. With keynote speaker, Chris Padgett, emcee Paul Hood, and worship led by Kelly Lombardi, you'll encounter Christ in a way that's bold, personal, and unforgettable. Saturday, Dec. 6, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$85 per person, and includes lunch and dinner. Don't miss this chance to grow in faith and have a blast with friends from across the diocese and beyond. To register, contact your youth minister or church office, or visit www.steubenvillesouth.com/register.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL NATIVITY PAINT CLASS - DECEMBER 9

Join us in Xavier Hall at 6:00pm on Tuesday, December 9th. Learn how to paint the Nativity with Christmas classics playing in the background. This will be a wonderful evening with the community, painting, laughing, and just enjoying a peaceful evening of creativity for someone's perfect Christmas gift. Harleigh will guide you through the painting class start to finish, and the class is designed for beginners to expert painters. A light meal will be provided by Saint Francis Xavier Cathedral Church. All supplies are included in the price of the class. You can register by scanning the attached QR code or by contacting Dcn Jason Lavergne at (318) 445- 6424 ext. 207 or dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org.



A MESSAGE FROM THE CATHEDRAL ALTAR SOCIETY

A gentle reminder to all communicants, particularly those wearing lipstick, to please blot your lips before receiving the Precious Blood. This helps ensure that the sacred vessels and purificators remain reverent and hygienic for all communicants. The purificators cannot be reused once they are stained. Thank you for your consideration. St. Francis Xavier Altar Society.

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.

DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION RETREAT – JANUARY 24, 2026 & FEBRUARY 28, 2026

This retreat is designed to support parishes with Confirmation cohorts who have difficulty with resources to host parish-based Confirmation Retreats but at the same time also open to all and all are encouraged to attend. For any questions, contact Dcn. Jason Lavergne at the Office of Religious Education and Faith Formation at 318-445-6424, ext. 207 or dnclavergne@diocesealex.org. A Confirmation Flier is also available at the entrances of the Cathedral.

2025 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE

The amount pledged to the ADA to date is \$61,672.78, which is 156.39% of our goal with 30.64% of families participating. I would personally like to thank all of our parishioners who supported our diocesan Church. Msgr. Ferguson

SPECIAL COLLECTION – CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT – NOVEMBER 16

This week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Nearly 38 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.

BIRTHDAYS –NOVEMBER 16 – NOVEMBER 22

Alice Andrews, Geri Babin, Kenneth Babin, Eric Baka, Pam Brossett, Lucian Grass, Ann Bobbi Hess, Gary Laborde, Louise Laborde, Angela Lavergne, Ronald Mayeaux, Madeline Pharis, Mary Gail Randall, Ivette Sologaistoa, Christine Tassin, Joe Veillon, Rev. Blake Deshautelle, Nov. 20

NECROLOGY –NOVEMBER 16 – November 22

Rev. Jean M. Ledreux	+Nov. 16, 1884
Rev. Martin Bernard Sice	+Nov. 16, 1953
Rev. Jose' Robles-Sanchez	+Nov. 18, 2020
Rev Roy Leonard DeCaigney	+Nov. 20, 1959

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, Bobby & Carol Brossett, Theresa Catteruccia, Alice Chambers, Brenda Ducote, Christopher Ducote, 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, Mikala Veronie, Elizabeth Veronie, Vergie Walker, Katina Watson, 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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