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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, June 15:

12:05 p.m. Joe Betty Sterkx

Tuesday, June 16:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, June 17:

12:05 p.m. Joseph Newmyer

Thursday, June 18:

12:05 p.m. John Vallery Pharis

Friday, June 19:

12:05 p.m. Victoria Young (living)

Saturday, June 20:

4:00 p.m. All Fathers

Sunday, June 21: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. All Fathers

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

5:30 p.m. All Fathers

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for Marie Medica, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 11,622.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 2,122.00
Online Giving for May	\$ 6,264.75

Thank you for your generosity!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL - 2026 UPDATE

The goal for St. Francis Xavier Cathedral this year is \$38,234.00. The updated pledges to date are \$59,319.80. Thank you for helping us exceed our goal.

INVITATION TO CELEBRATE THE RETIREMENT OF REV. MSGR. JIM FERGUSON – JUNE 18



After 41 years of faithful service as an ordained priest and 22 years of loving service to our congregation of St. Francis Xavier

Cathedral, Rev. Msgr. Jim Ferguson is retiring from active ministry. Let's come together as a church family to honor his ministry, share memories, and express our deep gratitude.

- **When:** Thursday, June 18, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
- **Where:** Xavier Hall
- **Details:** Light refreshments will be served

PRIEST ORDINATION – JUNE 20



Transitional Deacon Matthew Bonner of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Pineville, will be ordained a Priest for the Diocese of

Alexandria on Saturday, June 20 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Alexandria. **All are welcome to attend.** There will be a reception after Mass at Xavier Hall.

LIFESHARE BLOOD DRIVE – JULY 11 - 12



St. Francis Xavier Cathedral and the LifeShare Blood Center are having a Blood Drive at Xavier Hall on Saturday, July 11 from 3:00 p.m.

until 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, July 12, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. This is your opportunity to help the patients in the Cenla Community and the surrounding areas. Every blood donation has the potential to save the lives of 3 adults or 96 NICU babies, giving them more time with their families. Donating blood is a selfless act that could impact the life of someone you know, someone you will meet, someone you love or even yourself.

ALTAR SOCIETY SEMI-ANNUAL BAKE SALE JULY 18 - 19



The Cathedral Altar Society is having their Semi-Annual Bake Sale in Xavier Hall on July 18 - 19, after the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and after the 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday. Donations of baked goods can be dropped off in the church hall on Saturday, July 18 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, or Sunday, July 19 before the 9:am & 11:00 a.m. Masses. Please come by and support the Altar Society. **Your contributions help pay for the necessary items for the upkeep of the Cathedral sanctuary.**

NATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK – JULY 19 - 25

This year's theme is **Natural Family Planning, Designed by God, Guided by Love, Open to Life.** The Catholic Church supports the methods of Natural Family Planning (NFP) because they respect God's design for married love. In fact, NFP represents the only authentic approach to family planning available to husbands and wives because these methods can be used to both attempt or avoid pregnancy.

To learn more about National Family Planning Awareness visit <https://www.usccb.org/topics/natural-family-planning>.

PRE-CANA MARRIAGE PREP WORKSHOP – SEPT. 12

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. **Registration for the Sept. 12, 2026 workshop is now open.**

There is a fee of \$60 per couple. To register, go to <https://www.diocesealex.org>. 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.

Other future workshop dates:

- February 27, 2027
- May 22, 2027
- Sept. 11, 2027

SPECIAL COLLECTION – PETER'S PENCE JUNE 28

The week of June 28, we'll take up the **Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV.** These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Be a sign of hope with your generosity. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

BIRTHDAYS – JUNE 14 – JUNE 20

Enrico Cannella, Michael Cannella, Bill Chenevert, Russell Daigrepoint, Cathy Ducote, Gabriel Ducote, Addison Gauthier, Steven Lafleur, Brice Louviere, Mary Lou Maples, Jack Sipowicz, Martha Slaughter, Joan Travis, Bishop Robert W. Marshall, Jr., June 17

NECROLOGY – JUNE 14 – JUNE 20

Rev. Kenneth Roy +June 16, 2009

FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

Flocknotes is an email and text message application that allows you to receive news and information from the Cathedral. It is free. You can sign up to receive the weekly bulletin and the Sunday Mass Liturgy Guide, plus receive other notifications from the church.

If you are interested in receiving information via this platform, please go to flocknote.com and search either by City (Alexandria) or the Zip Code (71301) and sign up there. You can unsubscribe anytime. If you any questions or need assistance with getting set up, please send an email to Deacon Richard Mitchell at dcnmitchell@diocesealex.org. Try it out! Stay connected! Also, we are now live-streaming the 9AM Sunday Masses via Facebook, Youtube and at sfxcathedral.org.

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

Bob Alden, Chella Alden, Sharon Andrew, Monique Auzenne, Johnnie Alston, Brandon Ashley, Raymond Battalora, Wilber Bertrand, Bobby & Carol Brossett, Joyce Broussard, Theresa Catteruccia, Dan Cezar, Alice Chambers, Kathie Coco, Willis Coco, Brenda Ducote, Christopher Ducote, Joy Gauthier, Carolyn Harger, Kortni Hensen, Jim Hickman, Tish Hull, Logan & Mary Jock, Cody Lachney, Scott Lachney, Chris Littleton, Audrey Luczak, Catherine Medica, Marilyn McGraw, Julie Sober, Robert Southren, Jace Troquille, Joseph Veillon, 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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