

# St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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## ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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### INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, June 22:**

12:05 p.m. Jimmy Mock

**Tuesday, June 23:**

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

**Wednesday, June 24:**

12:05 p.m. Bill Hess

**Thursday, June 25:**

12:05 p.m. Fr. Frederick J. Lyons

**Friday, June 26:**

12:05 p.m. Clyta Mock

**Saturday, June 27:**

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Dixie Durastanti, Wallace & Normand Families, (living & Deceased), George & Betty Battalora, Edgar & Connie Campo, Galardo & LaCroix Families, Colingo & Tamburo Families, Campo Family, Jacob Williamson, Fred & Joy White, Robert Eberle, Paul Am Mai, Fred Brouillette, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Mable Titmus, Margaret DiStefano LaCombe, Christy Gauthier

**Sunday, June 28: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Selma & Richard Sayer, John Reynolds, Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council # 3200, Judge B. Dexter Ryland, Grass & Ferguson Families, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Darrell Williamson, Keith Chapman, Joe Betty Sterkx, Todd Mizell

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

5:30 p.m. Hazel Neal

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for Sharon Andrew, please remember her in your prayers.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 9,815.25
Over or (Short)	\$ 315.25

Thank you for your generosity!

### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Happy Father's Day to all fathers, grandfathers, and stepfathers. Five weeks ago, we observed Mother's Day and offered Mass for our mothers. Today, on this Father's Day, we are doing the same – offering our fathers, living or

deceased, on the altar of God during the Holy Mass and invoking our Heavenly Father's blessings on them.

### 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.

### PRAYER FOR PROTECTION THIS HURRICANE SEASON

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed. Your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control; the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season, we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid, and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time.

### 250 HOURS OF ADORATION/250 WORKS OF MERCY THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE THE MONTH OF JULY

In conjunction with the USCCB 250th Anniversary of the U.S. initiative, the Diocese of Alexandria will be promoting 250 Hours of Adoration and 250 Works of Mercy throughout the diocese during the month of July. Please visit [www.diocesealex.org](http://www.diocesealex.org) for more information and a list of locations where you may participate and how to let us know

about it! We will be publishing photos and stories in a future issue of the Church Today!

## **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](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html).

## **BIRTHDAYS – JUNE 21 – JUNE 27**

Scott Gilchrist, James Gootee, Gary Morgan, William Paddie, Jack Randall, Jonathan Treadway, Gloria Verzwylvelt, Susan Wagers, Rev. Msgr. James A. Ferguson, Jun. 23, Dcn. William Endris, June 23

## **NECROLOGY – JUNE 21 – JUNE 27**

Msgr. Aloysius Olinger +June 22, 1969  
Rev. Christudas Nayak +June 24, 2025  
Msgr. Henry J. Vander Putten +June 26, 1975

## **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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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, Roy Carver, 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, Jill Smith, 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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