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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, June 29:

12:05 p.m. Sharon Andrew (living)

Tuesday, June 30:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, July 1:

12:05 p.m. Carolyn Harger (living)

Thursday, July 2:

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

Friday, July 3: First Friday

12:05 p.m. Will Barton

Saturday, July 4: First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Leonard Dale Spulock

4:00 p.m. People of the United States

Sunday, July 5: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Will Barton, Selma & Richard Sayer, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Altar Society, Seminarian David Rubio (living), Dufour & Wasmer Families, Grass & Ferguson Families, Darrell Williamson, Keith Chapman, Wade Swart, Joe Betty Sterkx, Todd Mizell

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

5:30 p.m. Madeline Jeansonne

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for Fred & Joy White, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 8,560.25
Over or (Short)	\$ (939.75)

Thank you for your generosity!

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Beloved parishioners and friends, as I step into retirement from active ministry, I am struggling to find the words to adequately thank you for the magnificent reception you organized for me, the many prayers, gifts and warm wishes. Your kindness has touched my heart deeply.

I have been a priest now for 41 years, 22 of those years serving as your pastor. It has been a true blessing. I will

forever cherish the ways we have worshiped, grown, and supported one another.

I am pleased to welcome Father Daniel O'Connor, who will become the new pastor of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, effective July 1. Let's show him the warmth and love this faith community is known for. Please remember him in your prayers during this time of transition.

I leave knowing this congregation is strong, faithful, and full of love. You have been and will always be a wonderful people. I leave with a heavy heart, but a grateful one. I will miss you, but never forget you. Please keep me in your prayers, as I will certainly keep all of you in mine."

If you would like to stay in touch you can send mail directly to the Diocesan Tribunal Office at the address below, and the staff will kindly forward it to me:

Rev. Msgr. James Ferguson
St. Joseph Catholic Center
The Tribunal
P. O. Box 7417
Alexandria, LA 71306-0417

Sincerely yours in Christ, Msgr. Ferguson.

FIRST FRIDAY – JULY 3

11:00 a.m. Holy Hour

11:00 a.m. First Friday Devotions

11:15 a.m. Confessions

12:05 p.m. Holy Mass

FIRST SATURDAY – JULY 4

8:00 a.m. Exposition, First Saturday devotions

8:30 a.m. Rosary for Life and Confessions

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

OFFICE CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY- JULY 6

In observance of Independence Day, the Parish office will be **closed Monday, July 6. Masses will be celebrated at 12:05 p.m. as usual.**

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.

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 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>.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND - JULY 4 - 5

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up **Saturday, July 4 and Sunday, July 5.** Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

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 28 – JULY 4

Francine Allen, Vicki Cannella, Frankie Carver, Rachel Chenevert, Thomas David, Douglas DePriest, James Domzalski, Chris Ducote, Elizabeth Galloway, Graham Guillory, Marshall Paige, Lucy Rachal, Aaron Sanchez, Mary Sanchez, Savannah Slocum, Shellie Slocum, Shawn Wagoner, Dcn. Luke White, June 28, Dcn. Reginald Ducote, June 30, Dcn. Chad Thibodeaux, Rev. John O'Brien, July 4

NECROLOGY – JUNE 28 – JULY 4

Rev. Patrick Fontaine +June 28, 1953

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, 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, Tom Richards, 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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