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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 24:

12:05 p.m. David & Patricia LaCaze (living)

Tuesday, August 25:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, August 26:

12:05 p.m. Julia Mickel

Thursday, August 27:

12:05 p.m. Sharon Andrew

Friday, August 28:

12:05 p.m. Carolyn Harger

Saturday, August 29:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Wallace & Normand Families (living & Deceased), George & Betty Battalora, Edgar & Connie Campo, Robert Eberle, Paul Am Mai, Mable Titmus, Dixie Durastanti, Margaret Lacombe, Johnny DiStefano, Fred Brouillette, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson

Sunday, August 30: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, John Reynolds, Grass & Ferguson Families, Joe Betty Sterkx, Todd Mizell, Nick Hennings, Kevin LaBauve

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

5:30 p.m. Leslie Gremillion

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Nicholas James Hennings, please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 10,265.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 765.00
Update on ADA Campaign	\$ 63,247.65

Thank you for your generosity!

ALTAR FLOWERS DONATION – IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

Your monetary donation will assist in the purchase of flowers for the Main Altar on weekends when there is no wedding, and your generosity will be recognized in the bulletin for that week. You can use the envelopes in the pews for your donation. Please indicate on the envelope that your donation is for altar flowers and indicate the name of the person the flowers are in memory of, or you can contact the church office at 318-445-1451, ext. 14.

CCD & OCIA CLASS: 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 318 446-5134 for more information regarding CCD. **(There will be a Parent Meeting on Sunday, September 13, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in Xavier Hall with classes starting on September 20, 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 youth who have not been Baptized age 7 or older. **Classes will begin September 20 at 10:00 a.m. in Xavier Hall.** Please contact Dcn Jason Lavergne at 318 445-6424 ext. 207 for more information regarding the OCIA program.

COME AND SEE

Are you someone or do you know someone who:

- Would like to learn more about becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven that has not yet been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

If so, then OCIA is for you! Formerly known as RCIA, OCIA is an opportunity to come together in a small group setting to learn more about the Catholic faith. Sessions focus on the teachings of the church on various topics, as well as prepare individuals for full communion in the church at the Easter vigil. To register for the upcoming year, or to find out more information about OCIA at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, **please contact Deacon Jason Lavergne at (318) 445-6424 ext. 207, by email at dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org or by going to <https://sfxcathedral.org/> and filling out the "Contact" form to express your interest in learning more.**

PARISH PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING – AUG. 24

There will be a Parish Pastoral & Finance Council Meeting on Monday, August 24 at 5:30 p.m. at the Rectory.

SAVE THE DATE! CATECHIST ENRICHMENT DAY – AUG. 29

If your role involves sharing the faith with others, please join us this day of relational ministry enrichment. Speakers and location will be announced soon. For more information, contact Deacon Jason Lavergne at dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION AND THE RITE OF RECEPTION – AUGUST 30

Join us on August 30th at 11am, for a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert W. Marshall, Jr. for those who have been participating in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). This beautiful liturgy will welcome over 20 adults/youth fully into the Catholic Faith. **Please join us in supporting our Catechumens and Candidates as they continue their journey into the Catholic Church.**

NEW CATHEDRAL CHOIR MEMBERS

You are invited to join the Cathedral choir which sings each Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Rehearsals are 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. **Choir practice will resume September 9, 2026. Come join the SFX Choir family!**

DISCALCED CARMELITE MONTHLY MEETING - SEPTEMBER 12

The Order of the Discalced Carmelites holds its monthly meeting at 9:00 a.m. every second Saturday, at Maryhill Renewal Center. Anyone is invited to attend morning prayer followed by Mass and then the meeting. If you are interested in Carmelite spiritual studies, please contact Mary Jo McCoy at 318-346-6860 or 318-481-9638. ****If you plan to attend.....**Please call Mary Jo McCoy at the numbers listed above OR Deacon Bill Travis at 318 640-2827 or 318 664-7069 and someone will meet you at the Maryhill gate.

PRE-CANA MARRIAGE PREP WORKSHOP – SEPTEMBER 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. 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 are: February 27, May 22, and September, 11, 2027

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.

GENESIS OF EVE' WOMEN'S CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 18 – 20

The fifth annual Genesis of Eve Catholic women's conference will be held Friday through Sunday, September 18 – 20, at the Randolph Riverfront Center. The conference includes adoration, confession, praise and worship, panel discussions, Sunday Mass and more. For information or tickets, visit www.genesisofeve.org.

BIRTHDAYS – AUGUST 23 – AUGUST 29

Stephanie Belgard, Angelina Dupree, Kenneth Durastanti, Jared Louviere, Xavier Morris, Louis Nowlin, Jimmie Sanchez, Kristen Sologaistoa, Clara St. Pierre, Wayne Steimel, Colleen Texada, Carly Treadway, Dcn. Sam Jones, Aug. 24, Rev. Robert Johnson, Aug. 29

NECROLOGY – AUGUST 23 – AUGUST 29

Rev. Peter Guilloux +Aug. 27, 1871
Rev. Yves Marie LeConnat +Aug. 28, 1862

SPECIAL COLLECTION – THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA – SEPTEMBER 6

The weekend of Sept. 6 we will take up the National Collection for Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university, in the heart of Washington, DC, with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs. By giving to the collection, you are supporting future Catholic leaders, both religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, faith-rooted education. The University's various research and training initiatives support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. A few examples of how the University serves the Church and nation include The Catholic Project, an initiative that aims to heal the breach of trust many have experienced as a result of the crisis in the Church; a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management; and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers. Visit collection.catholic.edu to learn more.

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.

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.

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, 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, Kortni Hensen, Jim Hickman, Tish Hull, Logan & Mary Jock, Cody Lachney, Scott Lachney, Chris Littleton, Audrey Luczak, Catherine Medica, Marilyn McGraw, Effie Norris, Tom Richards, Jill Smith, Julie Sober, Robert Southren, Jace Troquille, Joseph Veillon, Vergie Walker, Katina Watson, Robbie Welch, 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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