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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 14:

12:05 p.m. Dan Rice (living)

Tuesday, September 15:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, September 16:

12:05 p.m. Caroline Rice (living)

Thursday, September 17:

12:05 p.m. St. Lambert Family

Friday, September 18:

12:05 p.m. Michael Van Dyke

Saturday, September 19:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, George & Betty Battalora, Edgar & Connie Campo, Lady McNamara, Colingo & Tamburo Families, Campo Family, Jacob Williamson, Robert Eberle, Paul Am Mai, Mable Titmus, Dixie Durastanti, Msgr. Joseph Susi, Margaret LaCombe & Michael Laborde, Ann Craft, Fred Brouillette, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, James Downs, Elizabeth Bays

Sunday, September 20: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Sellma & Richard Sayer, Grass & Ferguson Families, Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council # 3200, John Reynolds, Joe Betty Sterkx, Todd Mizell, Nick Hennings, Carolyn Harger, Sharon Andrew, Willie Lee Green, Jr., James Downs, Elizabeth Bays

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

5:30 p.m. Tom Heston

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Ernest & Fern Wilbert, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 10,860.74
Over or (Short)	\$ 1,360.74
Restoration Fund	\$ 2,498.00
Catholic University of America	\$ 613.00

Thank you for your generosity!

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES

James Downs & Elizabeth Bays

"I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU" 6TH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY – SEPTEMBER 13

The theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV comes from Isaiah 49:15. The theme reminds us that God's unwavering love is the ultimate answer to isolation and neglect so often experienced by the elderly. In the United States we observe the National Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on the second Sunday in September - this year on September 13, the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

MENS' CATHEDRAL PRAYER GROUP – SEPTEMBER 16

The Knights of Columbus is having its weekly prayer group Wednesday, September 16, from 6:00 - 7:30 in Xavier Hall focusing on Prayer, Formation and Fraternity. All men 18 and older are invited. Membership in Knights is not required.

GENESIS OF EVE' WOMEN'S CONFERENCE – SEPT. 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.

LEAVING A LEGACY OF FAITH – SEPTEMBER 19-20

Next weekend, we celebrate Legacy Sunday – a time to reflect on the spiritual and material impact we leave behind. Consider how you can make a lasting difference through a legacy gift to our parish. Your faith and generosity can continue to bless our community for generations to come. Learn more about planned giving for St. Francis Xavier Cathedral through the Catholic Foundation today!

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 is a Parent Meeting this 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! The OCIA is an opportunity to come together 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.**

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE – SEPTEMBER 26 - 27

Widowed, separated, or divorced? Don't know where to turn? Struggling with grief or loss? Beginning Experience of Alexandria is registering now for a weekend away that provides an individual with the opportunity to encounter self and to grow with a purpose to achieve inner peace. The experience is to help close the door gently on the past and move on with renewed hope and purpose. The weekend will be held at Maryhill Renewal Center Sept 25-27. Cost is \$185.00 and includes two nights' lodging and meals, if you need assistance please don't hesitate to ask. For more information, visit: www.beginningexperience.org or to register contact Anna at (318) 448-1990, (318) 452-2678 or asweat7@aol.com.

SAVE THE DATE! DAY OF REFLECTION – OCTOBER 10

Presenter, Fr. Louis Sklar, will give a talk about "Carmel in Our Lives Today." The day begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends with Vigil Mass at 4:15 p.m. at Maryhill Renewal Center. More information to follow.

ANNUAL BISHOP'S INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT – OCTOBER 12

Bishop's Annual Golf Tournament benefiting Seminarian Education, will be held Monday, Oct. 12 at Links on the Bayou, Alexandria. Lunch begins at 11:00 a.m., tee time is 12:00 noon. The 4-person scramble includes green fees, cart, mulligans, range balls, lunch, dinner and refreshments. 4-man team entry fee starts at \$550 with several other sponsorship opportunities. To sign up a team or to become a sponsor, contact Sandi Tarver at starver@diocesealex.org.

SAVE THE DATE! WHITE COAT MASS – OCTOBER 18

The annual White Coat Mass in honor of all medical and health care professionals will be held 9:00 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 18 at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Alexandria. All are invited.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 13

This week we participate in the Retired Priests Collection for our priests who have reached retirement age after years of faithful and dedicated service to the Diocese. With costs continually escalating, the monthly retirement benefit for our retired priests must be adjusted periodically as well. We appreciate your generosity in helping to assure that the needs of our retired priests will continue to be met, and ask that you remember them in your prayers.

BIRTHDAYS – SEPTEMBER 13 – SEPTEMBER 19

Lauren Caselton, Brennan Chenevert, Jennifer Coburn, Carl Dunn, Bob Dvorak, Charlene Elliott, Jennifer Gilchrist, Natalie Lagrange, Chris Littleton, Krista Paddie, Dawson Slater, Doug Verzwylt, Stephen Waters, David Wellan, Michele Yerby, Rev. Kenneth Michiels, Sept. 18

NECROLOGY – SEPTEMBER 13 – SEPTEMBER 19

Rev. Isidore Quemerais	+Sept. 15, 1873
Rev. Jean Marie Beaulieu	+Sept. 15, 1897
Rev. Anthony Nick Cumella	+Sept. 15, 1998
Rev. Jean Pierre	+Sept. 16, 1873
Rev. Joseph Alfred Fortin	+Sept. 16, 1961

FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

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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.

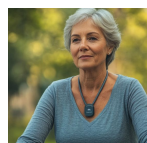
Known military are: Gerard A. Abair, Jr., Brent Marcus Barbour, Byron P. Barbour, Quincy Bordelon, Ashton Brouillette, Kevin Burnett, Delaney Byard, Evan Cree, James Domzalski, II, Christopher Fraser, Brick Hazel, Joe Herrera, Andrew Hill, Kenneth Jeansonne, Jeffrey Kelso, Chance Ryland Lavergne, Chad 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, 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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