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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 21:

12:05 p.m. Lucille Rachal

Tuesday, September 22:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, September 23:

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

Thursday, September 24:

12:05 p.m. Mason Halliburton (living)

Friday, September 25:

12:05 p.m. James Moore (living)

Saturday, September 26:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, John Reynolds, Paul Am Mai, George & Betty Battalora, Galardo & LaCroix Families, Robert Eberle, Mable Titmus, Dixie Durastanti, Margaret LaCombe, Msgr. Joseph Susi, Margaret LaCombe & Michael Laborde, Ann Craft, James Downs, Elizabeth Bays, Edgar & Connie Campo, Fred Brouillette, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Berton Eugene Chaudoir II

Sunday, September 27: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Sellma & Richard Sayer, Grass & Ferguson Families, Joe Betty Sterkx, Todd Mizell, Nick Hennings, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Carolyn Harger, Sharon Andrew, Willie Lee Green, Jr., James Downs, Elizabeth Bays, Berton Eugene Chaudoir, II, William "Bill" Hess, Jared & Marissa Price & Family (living), Angela Price (living)

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

5:30 p.m. Ann Jones

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Andrew, Sr., please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$	9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$	9,489.63
Over or (Short)	\$	(10.37)
Retired Priests	\$	1,794.00

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.

LEAVING A LEGACY OF FAITH SEPTEMBER 19 – 20

This 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. (**CCD classes start today; 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. (**OCIA classes start today; 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 session, 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 dcnlavergne@diocesealex.org or by going to <https://sfxcathedral.org/> and filling out the "Contact" form to express your interest in learning more.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES

Berton Eugene Chaudoir, II

MENS' CATHEDRAL PRAYER GROUP – SEPTEMBER 23

The Knights of Columbus is having its weekly prayer group Wednesday, September 23, 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.

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.

THE SECULAR ORDER OF DISCALCED CARMELITES PRESENTS "A DAY OF REFLECTION" - OCTOBER 10

The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites presents a Day of Reflection at Maryhill Renewal Center with speaker, Fr. Louis Sklar, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Winnfield. Fr. 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. Please bring your own brown bag lunch. Water, tea, coffee and snacks will be provided. Registration is \$10 to be paid at the door.

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.

VIRTUS TRAINING HAS NOW BEEN MOVED ONLINE!

Now it is more convenient to become VIRTUS certified! Detailed information about how to register for an online training session is available on the Safe Environment webpage on the Diocese of Alexandria website: diocesealex.org/our-diocese/safe-environment/. For more information, contact Kecia Coco, director of our Safe Environment program, kcoco@diocesealex.org.

BIRTHDAYS – SEPTEMBER 20 – SEPTEMBER 26

Stephanie Brothers, Theresa Catteruccia, Amanda Chenevert, Emily Coburn, James Gilchrist, Melvin Hicks, Elizabeth Kapa, Gary LaHood, Karen Landry, Julie LeBlanc, Mary Mixon, Matthew Molinar, Keith Nelson, Angela Price, Matthew Richey, Crystal Rodgers, Rodel Santiago, Brock Sues, Joe Vandersypen, Barbara Ward

NECROLOGY – SEPTEMBER 20 – SEPTEMBER 26

Rev. Joseph A. Benoit	+Sept. 20, 1971
Dcn. Raymond J. Dunn, Sr.	+Sept. 22, 1991
Bishop Francis Xavier Leray	+Sept. 23, 1887
Rev. Narcisse LeBiler	+Sept. 26, 1873

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, 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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