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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reverend Daniel O'Connor, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 7:

12:05 p.m. Melanie McNamara

Tuesday, September 8:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, September 9:

12:05 p.m. Victoria Young (living)

Thursday, September 10:

12:05 p.m. Greg Lawrence

Friday, September 11:

12:05 p.m. Carolyn Harger

Saturday, September 12:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Wallace & Normand Families (living & Deceased), George & Betty Battalora, Paul Am Mai, Victoria Young (living), Edgar & Connie Campo, Marie & Albert B. McNamara, Sam & Velma Galardo, Robert Eberle, Leonard Dale Spurlock, Mable Titmus, Dixie Durastanti, Margaret Lacombe, Fred Brouillette, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Milton Sealey, Lisa Hendrix, Msgr. Joseph Susi, Stephanie LaCombe & Michael Laborde, Ann Craft

Sunday, September 13: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Grass & Ferguson Families, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir, Joe Betty Sterkx, Todd Mizell, Nick Hennings, Milton Sealey, Carolyn Harger, Sharon Andrew, Willie Lee Green, Jr., Lisa Hendrix, John Savant, Sr., Darlene Elizabeth Clark

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

5:30 p.m. Glenn Andrew

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Jacob Williamson, please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$	9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$	9,689.00
Over or (Short)	\$	(189.00)
August Online Giving	\$	8,073.65

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.

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!**

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL - CASH RECEIPTS & EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 6/30/2026

RECEIPTS

Collections, Legacies, etc.	\$846,385
Programs, Ministries, etc.	54,994
Net other receipts/expenses	3,365
Total	\$904,744

EXPENSES

Wages & Benefits	\$178,383
General operating expenses	454,684
Capital expenditures	49,590
Total	\$682,657

EXCESS RECEIPTS OVER EXPENSES \$222,087

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST – SEPTEMBER 6



The Knights of Columbus Council # 3200 will be hosting a breakfast social after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 6, in Xavier Hall. **All are invited and welcome.**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED LABOR DAY – SEPTEMBER 7

In observance of Labor Day the church office will be closed, Monday, September 7. **Daily Mass will be celebrated at 12:05 p.m. as regular.**

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING – SEPTEMBER 9

The Altar Society will have their monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 9, at 10:00 a.m. in Xavier Hall. Anyone interested in becoming a member is invited to come to the meeting.

MENS' CATHEDRAL PRAYER GROUP – SEPTEMBER 9

There will be a weekly men's prayer group on Wednesday nights at Xavier Hall starting 6:00 - 7:30. sponsored by Knights of Columbus focusing on Prayer, Formation and Fraternity. All men 18 and older are invited. Membership in Knights is not required.

4TH DEGREE OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS' 25TH ANNIVERSARY MASS - SEPTEMBER 11

The 4th Degree of the Knights of Columbus will celebrate the 25th Anniversary on Friday, September 11 at the 12:05 p.m. Mass at the Cathedral with Bishop Marshall officiating. There will also be a rosary outside at 1:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

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.

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.

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.

ALTAR FLOWER DONATION FOR THE WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 12 - 13

The Altar Flowers for the weekend of September 12 - 13 will be in memory of Clay & Keith Kelley. Please remember them in your prayers.

"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.

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.

LEAVING A LEGACY OF FAITH – SEPTEMBER 19 – 20

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral is participating in **Legacy Sunday during the weekend of September 19 – 20, 2026**. Your faith, love, and generosity can leave a lasting impact on our parish for future generations. Discover how you can ensure your values live on through a planned gift to St. Francis Xavier Cathedral through the Catholic Foundation. Stay tuned for more details.

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! 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.**

BIRTHDAYS – SEPTEMBER 6 – SEPTEMBER 12

Shian Birdsall, Cheryl Chalah, Mallori Cole, Mari Farcloth, Amy Funderburk, Nicholas Laborde, Violet LaCour, John McCloskey, Michael Monceaux, Bettye Nicholson, Virginia Passman, Andrew Powell, Patsy Rayner, Matthew Ritchie, Maurice Suarez, Joshua Zona

NECROLOGY – SEPTEMBER 6 – SEPTEMBER 12

Rev. Patrick Cahill	+Sept. 10, 1982
Rev. Serafin Glasnovic	+Sept. 10, 2002
Bishop Daniel Francis Desmond	+Sept. 11, 1945
Msgr. Milburn James Broussard	+Sept. 12, 1987

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND - SEPT. 5 - 6

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up **Saturday, September 5 and Sunday, September 6**. Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

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.

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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

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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