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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 12:

12:05 p.m. Sharon Andrew

Tuesday, October 13:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, October 14:

12:05 p.m. Albert Poche

Thursday, October 15:

12:05 p.m. Abraham Mickel

Friday, October 16:

12:05 p.m. Carolyn Harger

Saturday, October 17: First Saturday

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Colingo & Tamburo Families, Campo Family, Jacob Williamson, Robert Eberle, Paul Am Mai, Mable Titmus, Dixie Durastanti, Margaret LaCombe, Ann Craft, Edgar & Connie Campo, George & Betty Battalora, Fred Brouillette, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson

Sunday, October 18: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Selma & Richard Sayer, Grass & Ferguson Families, Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus Council # 3200, Joe Betty Sterkx, Todd Mizell, Nicholas Hennings, Willy Lee Green, Jr., William "Bill" Hess, Carolyn Harger, Sharon Andrew

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

5:30 p.m. Lavergne Pierce

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of the Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 12,259.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 2,759.00
Restoration Fund	\$ 2,057.00
Catholic Charities & Special Ministries	\$ 964.00

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.

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.

MENS' CATHEDRAL PRAYER GROUP – OCTOBER 14

There will be a weekly men's prayer group on Wednesday, October 14, 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.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING – OCTOBER 14

The Altar Society will have their monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 14, at 10:00 a.m. in Xavier Hall. Anyone interested in becoming a member is invited to come to the meeting.

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.

• **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. 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

dcnilavergne@diocesealex.org or by going to <https://sfxcathedral.org/> and filling out the "Contact" form to express your interest in learning more.

ANNUAL WHITE COAT MASS – OCTOBER 18

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

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: kcoco@diocesealex.org/our-diocese/safe-environment/. For more information, contact Kecia Coco, director of our Safe Environment program, kcoco@diocesealex.org.

JOIN OUR CHOIR!

Love to sing? Join our choir! No experience required. We are expanding the Cathedral and Diocesan choir. Rehearsals are Wednesday 6:30 to 8:00 PM. For more information call the church office at 318-445-1451.

FOR THOSE WHO USE RAPIDES REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

A small reminder for all our Catholics who may be admitted to Rapides Regional Medical Center in Alexandria. Sometimes when going through admitting, the hospital worker may neglect to ask for the patient's religious affiliation. The result is the patient is not listed on the roster as Catholic and the hospital's Catholic ministry team is unaware that you are in the hospital. Please try to remember to mention this during the admitting procedure.

SECOND BLESSINGS THRIFT STORE OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana has opened Second Blessings Thrift Store, 4409 Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria, a project that allows us to funnel discretionary income into Catholic Charities services. We are actively taking donations, encourage everyone to shop with us, and need volunteers to help out with operations of the store Tuesdays - Fridays, between the hours of 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Please visit our website (<https://cccenla.org/second-blessings-thrift-store>) for donation information, the sign-up form to schedule large item pick-ups, and how to volunteer or make a monetary donation. Questions? Please contact hwampler@cccenla.org.

DIOCESAN POLICY FOR THE PROTECTION OF MINORS

The **Diocesan Policy for the Protection of Minors** can be accessed under Downloadable Documents in the Safe Environment section of the diocesan website: www.diocesealex.org. A hard copy may be requested of the Safe Environment Office.

BIRTHDAYS – OCTOBER 11 – OCTOBER 17

Elizabeth Carmouche, Edgar Crowson, Ashley Dailey, Danny Guillory, Christopher Laborde, Josephine LaCour, Clayton McCann, Cody Mixon, Donna Nelson, Donald Rachal, Arlene Ryder, Luis Sologastoa Lauren Tassin, Audrey Tudor, Rev. Martin Laird, Sept. 27

NECROLOGY – OCTOBER 11 – OCTOBER 17

Rev. Clement I. Nuedling +Oct. 11, 1948
Rev. Joseph Gentile +Oct. 15, 1896
Msgr. Anthony Piegay +Oct. 16, 1939
Msgr. Mozart N. Pelletier +Oct. 16, 1980

SPECIAL COLLECTION – WORLD MISSION SUNDAY OCTOBER 18

World Mission Sunday will be held on Sunday, October 18 which marks the 100th anniversary of this mission which was established in 1926 by Pope Pius XI. This is a worldwide collection for the Catholic Church's missionary efforts, with funds going to support pastoral and evangelizing programs, education, healthcare, and infrastructure in mission dioceses. **The theme for World Mission Sunday 2026 is "One in Christ, united in mission". Please give generously.**

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, Benjamin Fonville, 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, 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, Julie Sober, Robert Southren, Jace Troquille, Joseph Veillon, Vergie Walker, Katina Watson, Robbie Welch, Jeff Wittcopp, 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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