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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 19:
12:05 p.m. Joseph S. Serwatka

Tuesday, October 20:
12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, October 21:
12:05 p.m. Msgr. Joseph M. Susi

Thursday, October 22:
12:05 p.m. Chris Littleton

Friday, October 23:
12:05 p.m. Billie Roy Flowers

Saturday, October 24:
4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Galardo & LaCroix Families, Robert Eberle, Paul Am Mai, Dixie Durastanti, Ann Craft, Edgar & Connie Campo, George & Betty Battalora, Margaret LaCombe & Michael LaBorde, Fred Brouillette, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Chris Littleton

Sunday, October 25: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Galardo & LaCroix Families, Robert Eberle, Paul Am Mai, Dixie Durastanti, Ann Craft, Edgar & Connie Campo, George & Betty Battalora, Margaret LaCombe & Michael LaBorde, Fred Brouillette, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Chris Littleton
11:00 a.m. People of SFX Cathedral Parish
5:30 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Wilbert

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Joseph S. Serwatka please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	$	9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	$	9,813.00
Over or (Short)	$	313.00

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 the donation. Please indicate that your donation is for altar flowers, put your name, telephone number, and the name of the person the flowers are in memory of, or you can contact the church office at 318-445-1451.

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.

MENS' CATHEDRAL PRAYER GROUP – OCTOBER 21

There will be a weekly men's prayer group on Wednesday, October 21, 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.

EQUESTRIAN ORDER OF THE KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHER OF JERUSALEM - OCTOBER 25

We welcome the Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem who will be present at the 11:00 AM Mass, on Sunday, October 25. Bishop Robert Marshall will preside at the Mass.

ALTAR FLOWER DONATION FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 24 - 25

The Altar Fowers for the weekend of October 24 – 25 will be in memory of George & Betty Battalora. Please remember them in your prayers.

ALL SAINTS DAY & ALL SOULS DAY MASSES

Sunday, November 1, All Saints Day, is not a holy day of obligation this year because it falls on the weekend. The Masses for All Saints Day are:

- **Saturday, October 31**
  All Saints Day Vigil 4:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, November 1,**
  All Saints Day 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

The Masses for All Souls Day are:

- **Monday, November 2**
  All Souls Day 12:05 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

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.**

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.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES

Chris Paul Littleton

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

FEAST FOR GOOD – NOVEMBER 2

Feast for Good benefiting St. Mary's Residential Community and Services is back! Monday, Nov. 2 at the Randolph Riverfront Center in Alexandria. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner and program start at 7:00 p.m. Join us for "Strange Delight comes from New York to Cenla" featuring Anoop Pillarisetti and Chef Ham El-Waylly. This year's Feast for Good is shaping up to be a really special night! Join us for incredible food, our Appetizer Cookoff, live chef demonstrations, the auction and a celebration of the people who make St. Mary's such a special place. If you've joined us before, you know Feast for Good isn't your typical fundraiser. And if you've never been, this is a great year to see what it's all about.

Every dollar raised this year will be matched!
https://stmarysalexandria.networkforgood.com/events/97041-2026-feast-for-good?hid=NDIzODIxNzk=&utm_campaign=dms_email_blast_4819767.

RAFFLE FOR A "ATV!"

Please support Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Raffle! Enter for your chance to win a POLARIS SPORTSMAN 450 H.O. **Tickets are only $30 each.** All proceeds will go to the new church building fund! Drawing date: Dec. 13. Tickets available at the church office: 53 Butter Cemetery Rd, Forest Hill, LA 71430. Or purchase over the phone (318) 792-7273 and pay through our PayPal @NewGuadalupeChurch. **Thank you for your support!**

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.**

BIRTHDAYS – OCTOBER 18 – OCTOBER 24

Kenneth Bergeron, Albert Blackman, Alexis Cannella, Katelyn Coburn, Donna Domzalski, Zachary Ducote, Douglas Dupree, Georgie Guillory-Ober, Nolan Howell, Patrick LaCour, Morgan Lott, Marilyn McGraw, Sandy Riche, Janis Russo, Brent Soileau, Phillip Tarver, Daniel Thomasco, Hanna Travis, Summer Valdez, Stephen Vanderslice, Dennis Ward, Brandie White, Rachel Yerby, Rev. John Brocato, Oct. 18, Dcn. Steven Newbury, Oct. 20, Rev. Rickey Gremillion, Oct. 21, Rev. Jack Michalchuk, Oct. 23

NECROLOGY – OCTOBER 18 – OCTOBER 24

Msgr. Joseph Susi	+Oct. 21, 2011
Rev. Louis P. Senesac	+Oct. 22, 1966

FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

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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, Dorothy Wolf

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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