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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 26:
12:05 p.m. Sharon Andrew

Tuesday, October 27:
12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, October 28:
12:05 p.m. Mary Ruth Funk

Thursday, October 29:
12:05 p.m. Bishop Charles P. Greco

Friday, October 30:
12:05 p.m. Michael Tatum

Saturday, October 31: All Saints Day Vigil
4:00 p.m. People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral Parish, Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Robert Eberle, Paul Am Mai, Dixie Durastanti, Ann Craft, Edgar & Connie Campo, Margaret LaCombe & Michael LaBorde, George & Betty Battalora, Fred Brouillette, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Chris Littleton

Sunday, November 1: All Saints Day
9:00 a.m. People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral Parish
11:00 a.m. People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral Parish
5:30 p.m. People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral Parish

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Simon & Mamie Campo please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	$	9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	$	8,065.21
Over or (Short)	$	(493.00)

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.

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.

MENS' CATHEDRAL PRAYER GROUP – OCTOBER 28

There will be a weekly men's prayer group on Wednesday, October 28, 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.

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.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK – NOV. 1 - 7

The Catholic Church in the United States will commemorate National Vocation Awareness Week, November 1-7. Each year, national Catholic organizations, dioceses, schools, and local parish communities sponsor events and provide different resources to raise awareness for vocations, and help those who are discerning a vocation, particularly one to ordained ministry or consecrated life. If you would like more information about vocations, contact Fr. Luke LaFleur at frllafleur@diocesealex.org.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING NOVEMBER 3

The Knights of Columbus Council # 3200 will be having their business meeting on Tuesday, November 3. There will be a rosary in the Cathedral at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting will be held in Xavier Hall at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in becoming a member is welcome to come.

MENS' CATHEDRAL PRAYER GROUP – NOVEMBER 4

There will be a weekly men's prayer group on Wednesday, November 4, 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.

FIRST FRIDAY – NOVEMBER 6

11:00 a.m. Holy Hour
11:00 a.m. First Friday Devotions
11:15 a.m. Confessions
12:05 p.m. Holy Mass

FIRST SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 7

8:00 a.m. Exposition, First Saturday devotions
8:30 a.m. Rosary for Life and Confessions
9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

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.**

ALTAR FLOWER DONATION FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 31 & NOVEMBER 1

The Altar Fowers for the weekend of October 31 – November 1 will be in memory of Richard Wayne Lemoine. Please remember him in your prayers.

ADDITIONAL FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR

Additional flowers for Mary is courtesy of a generous donation.

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 n 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.

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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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND OCTOBER 31 – NOVEMBER 1

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up Saturday, October 31 and Sunday, November 1. Your continued support and generosity are deeply appreciated.

BIRTHDAYS – OCTOBER 25 – OCTOBER 31

Curt Allen, Linda Allred, Steve Boeta, Sarah Bordelon, Logan Claire Colarines, Byron Deorosan, Zach Faircloth, Tina Gentry, Miles Hebert, Eli Francis Hecker, Sandra Lott, Michael Monsour, Patrick Moore, Rose Swank, Cindy Vanlangendonck, Rev. Victor Vead, Oct. 25, Dcn. Clifford Pelto, Oct. 25, Dcn. Roger Christopher, Oct. 29 Rev. Paul Kunnumpuram, Oct. 29

NECROLOGY – OCTOBER 25 – OCTOBER 31

Rev. Joseph Hasieber	+Oct. 26, 2024
Msgr. Joseph Donald Damiens	+Oct. 28, 1975

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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