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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 5:

12:05 p.m. Marie McNamara

Tuesday, October 6:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, October 7:

12:05 p.m. Leonard Dale Spurlock

Thursday, October 8:

12:05 p.m. Greg Lawrence

Friday, October 9:

12:05 p.m. Carolyn Harger

Saturday, October 10:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Sam & Velma Galardo, Robert Eberle, Judge B. Dexter Ryland, Paul Am Mai, Mable Titmus, Dixie Durastanti, Margaret LaCombe, Ann Craft, Margaret LaCombe & Michael Laborde, Edgar & Connie Campo, George & Betty Battalora, Fred Brouillette, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson

Sunday, October 11: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, John Reynolds, Grass & Ferguson Families, Deceased members of the Cathedral Choir, Joe Betty Sterkx, Todd Mizell, Nicholas Hennings, Willy Lee Green, Jr., William "Bill" Hess, Blaine & Lorainne Price & Family (living), Poor Souls in Purgatory, Mary Dupree, Carolyn Harger, Sharon Andrew

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 Nicholas James Henning please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 8,180.04
Over or (Short)	\$ (1,319.96)

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST – OCTOBER 4



The Knights of Columbus Council # 3200 will be hosting a breakfast social after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 4, in Xavier Hall. All are invited and welcome.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING – OCTOBER 6

The Knights of Columbus Council # 3200 will be having their business meeting on Tuesday, October 6. 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 – OCTOBER 7

There will be a weekly men's prayer group on Wednesday, October 7, 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 FLOWER DONATION FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 10 - 11

The Altar Flowers for the weekend of October 10 - 11 will be in memory of Milton & Bobbie Sealey. Please remember them in your prayers.

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

**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.

ROSARY RALLY NEARS – OCTOBER 10

To honor Our Lady's October 13 Miracle of the Sun at Fatima in 1917, there will be a public rosary rally Saturday, October 10, at noon in the field adjacent to St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in downtown Alexandria. We will pray for the repentance and conversion of America, asking God to save our nation through the rosary of His Mother. Please arrive at the Cathedral field by 11:45 a.m. and bring your own chairs. If you have any questions about this event, email Bob Tompkins at btompkins1225@gmail.com.

**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.

**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.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION – CATHOLIC CHARITIES
OCTOBER 3 - 4**

This week we will take up a collection for Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana. Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana has helped hundreds of people in need by providing Mental Health Services, Disaster Response, and Basic Needs Assistance. Their efforts have impacted over hundreds of individuals and families across the four deaneries of the diocese. Interns and volunteers give their time and talent; however, this work requires funds to address the physical needs of residents. Thank you for blessing them with the means to bring the corporal works of mercy to our communities.

BIRTHDAYS – OCTOBER 4 – OCTOBER 10

Margaret Ducote, Christy Gootee, Connie Hilger, Hagan Menard, Ashley Prevot, Carl Riche, Ryan Sandoval, Anna Scaffano, Brittany Stack, Dennis Vicknair, Dcn. William Aldridge, Oct. 7

NECROLOGY – OCTOBER 4 – OCTOBER 10
Rev. Francois LeVezouet + Oct. 8, 1873

**SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND
OCTOBER 3 - 4**

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up Saturday, October 3 and Sunday, October 4. Your continued support and generosity are deeply appreciated.

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 Wittkopp, 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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