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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMED

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 9: All Souls Day
12:05 p.m. Ann Craft

Tuesday, November 10:
12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, November 11:
12:05 p.m. Ann Craft

Thursday, November 12:
12:05 p.m. Paul Am Mai

Friday, November 13: Blue Mass
12:05 p.m. All law enforcement, firefighters, EMS providers

Saturday, November 14:
4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Sam & Velma Galardo, Colingo & Tamburo Families, Campo Family, Jacob Williamson, 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, Johnnie Alston, Very. Rev. Craig Scott, V.G.

Sunday, November 15: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Grass & Ferguson Families, Louise Pharis, Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council # 3200, Joe Betty Sterkx, Todd Mizell, Nicholas Hennings, William "Bill" Hess, Mary Dupree, Joseph Serwatka, Chris Littleton, June Melancon, Annette Marie Craft, Kevin LaBauve, Adriana Arce Angulo Lintereur, T. Rabalais & Family (living), Blaine & Lorraine Rabalais & Family (living), Poor Souls in Purgatory, Johnnie Louis Alston, Very. Rev. Craig Scott, V.G.
11:00 a.m. People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral Parish
5:30 p.m. Very Rev. Craig Scott, V.G.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Mary Bourg, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	$ 11,603.00
Over or (Short)	$ 2,103.00
Restoration Fund	$ 2,296.00

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.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES

Very. Rev. Craig Scott, V.G. and Johnnie Louis Alston

ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES

Names of your loved ones who have died can be listed on the All-Souls Day envelopes available on the tables at the entrances to the church. **They can be placed in the collection basket for remembrance throughout the month of November.**

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING – NOVEMBER 11

The Altar Society will have their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, November 11, 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 – NOVEMBER 11

There will be a weekly men's prayer group on Wednesday, November 11, 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.

THE BLUE MASS – NOVEMBER 13

The Blue Mass will be celebrated on Friday, Nov. 13 at 12:05 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Alexandria. All law enforcement officers, firefighters and medical emergency providers, are invited to attend as the special honored guests. The Mass is also open the public.

ALTAR SOCIETY FALL BAKE SALE – NOVEMBER 14 - 15

The Altar Society will have their Fall Bake Sale in Xavier Hall on November 14, after the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and after the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday, November 15. **Purchases are accepted by check or cash only.** Donations of baked goods can be dropped off in the church hall on Saturday, November 14 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, or before each Weekend Mass. Please come by and support the Altar Society. Your Contributions help pay for the necessary items for the upkeep of the Cathedral sanctuary.

DISCALCED CARMELITE MEETING – NOVEMBER 14

The Order of the Discalced Carmelites holds its monthly meeting at 9:00 a.m. every second Saturday, at Maryhill Renewal Center. Anyone is invited to attend morning prayer followed by Mass and then the meeting. If you are interested in Carmelite spiritual studies, please contact Mary Jo McCoy at 318-346-6860 or 318-481-9638. If you plan

to attend, please call Mary Jo McCoy at the numbers listed above OR Deacon Bill Travis at 318 640-2827 or 318 664-7069 and someone will meet you at the Maryhill gate.

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.

ADDITIONAL FLOWERS FOR MARY'S ALTAR

Additional flowers for Mary is courtesy of a generous donation.

HOLY SAVIOR MENARD OPEN HOUSE – NOVEMBER 17

Holy Savior Menard Central High School, Alexandria will hold an Open House at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 17 in the school gym. Come see the wide offering of academics, athletics, spiritual life activities, and extra curriculars available for your student at Holy Savior Menard. This event is open to prospective 7th - 12th grade students and parents for the 2027-2028 school year. Contact tsumrall@holysaviormenard.com for more information.

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.

CCD & OCIA CLASSES:

For information regarding CCD Please contact Mary Lou Maples at 446-5134. For more information regarding OCIA please contact Dcn Jason Lavergne at 318 445-6424 ext. 207.

FOOD DRIVE FOR THE FOOD BANK

Boxes are placed at the main entrance of the Cathedral for donations of non-perishable food items for the **Food Bank to help provide food for Thanksgiving. The boxes will remain through Sunday, November 22th.**

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 at https://www.diocesealex.org/our-diocese/safe-environment/.

Avoid deactivation of your VIRTUS certification by reading your monthly bulletins! Log into your account by going to https://www.virtusonline.org and log into your account. **For more information, contact Kecia Coco, director of our Safe Environment program, kcoco@diocesealex.org.**

SPECIAL COLLECTION – CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT – NOVEMBER 15

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Nearly 38 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd.

BIRTHDAYS – NOVEMBER 8 – NOVEMBER 14

Dorothy Brown, Joseph Hunter, Lisa Laborde, Pamela Lafleur, Joseph Long, Alyssa Renee Prevot, Michael Robichaux, Tammy Stewart, Joseph Vaughn, Sammie White, Rev. Kurian Zachariah, Nov. 12, Rev. Peter Faulk Nov. 14

NECROLOGY – NOVEMBER 8 – NOVEMBER 14

Rev. Lawrence Anthony Bonin	+Nov. 8, 1967
Msgr. Thomas Frederick Early	+Nov. 8, 2004
Rev. Joseph P. Scherer	+Nov. 9, 1984
Rev. Julius Janeau	+Nov. 14, 1878

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, 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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