

# St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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## TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Father James Ferguson, JCL, Rector • Father William Gearheard, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Richard Mitchell • Deacon Cliff Pelto

### INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday, September 18:

12:05 p.m. Aleda DeKeyzer

#### Tuesday, September 19:

12:05 p.m. Joseph Metoyer

#### Wednesday, September 20:

12:05 p.m. Thomas L. Rabalais

#### Thursday, September 21

12:05 p.m. Audrie Metoyer, Jr.

#### Friday, September 22:

12:05 p.m. Juanita Blanchard

#### Saturday, September 23:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Dr. George C. Battalora, Jr., Albert & Marie McNamara

#### Sunday, Sept 24: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Gordon S. Ducote, Carl T. Ducote, Zane Young

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

5:30 p.m. David Scalfano

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for Catherine Sloan, please remember him in your prayers.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$11,178.50
Hurricane Harvey Relief	\$2,678.50
Over or (Short)	\$2,314.00

### VIRTUS TRAINING – SEPTEMBER 26

There will be a Virtus Training session on **Tuesday, September 26 at 6:00 p.m., both at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, Alexandria.** To pre-register, go to [virtus.org](http://virtus.org), and click on Registration (on left side of screen). For more information, call 445-6424 x 213.

### CATECHETICAL SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

This year, the Church is celebrating Catechetical Sunday September 17, 2017, at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Those designated to serve as catechists of the Cathedral Parish will be commissioned for their ministry, which includes those teaching RCIA and CCD. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

### CCD AND RCIA SIGN-UP

If you were not able to enroll for either CCD or RCIA classes it is not too late:

• **For CCD classes** - Contact Mary Lou Maples at 318-443-1562 or the church secretary at 318-445-1451, ext. 14

• **For RCIA classes** - Contact the church secretary at 318-445-1451, ext. 14

**Classes for both CCD and RCIA will begin on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. The first meeting will be in the church hall.**

### RCIA AND ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is for Non Catholic who wish to enter into the Church and Adult Catholics who desire to complete their sacramental formation. **The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults will begin with a "meet and greet" next Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in Xavier Hall.** There is still time for enrollment in the RCIA process. Please call the church secretary at 445-1451, ext. 14. Be sure to indicate that you are enrolling in the RCIA program. **The first class for RCIA candidates and their sponsors will begin Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. All team members are asked to attend the meet and greet on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.**

Catholic Adult Faith Formation is for any Catholic who wishes to learn more about their Catholic faith. It will be held in conjunction with the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and **this program will begin two weeks later on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** Participants in Catholic Adult Faith Formation please sign up by contacting the church secretary at 445-1451, ext. 14 and designate that you are signing up for Catholic Faith Formation. Thank you, Fr. Bill

**SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND  
SEPTEMBER 16 - 17**

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up this weekend, Saturday, September 16 and Sunday, September 17. Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

**LOUISIANA PRIESTS CONVENTION -  
SEPTEMBER 19 THRU SEPTEMBER 21**

Fr. Ferguson, along with other priests from the diocese and throughout the state, will be attending the **Louisiana Priests Convention in New Orleans this week from September 19 thru September 21.** Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York, Bishop Gerald F. Kicanas of Tucson, Arizona, and Bishop Daniel E. Flores of Brownsville, Texas, will address more than 400 priests. The attendance is expected to be the largest in convention history.

**BATHROOM ADDITION**

An additional bathroom is being installed in the church. It may take a couple of weeks for work to be completed.

**INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DEACON?**

The Office of the Permanent Diaconate would like to announce the start of a new **Permanent Deacon Formation class beginning Fall of 2018.** Deacon Richard Mitchell, assistant director for the Office of the Permanent Diaconate, is now taking contact information and fielding questions from men who may be interested in discerning this ministry. You may contact Deacon Richard at 318-445-6424, ext.206.

**RADIO MARIA FALL MARIATHON -  
SEPTEMBER 25 - 30**

Radio Maria, a Catholic radio station located in Alexandria that is part of the World Family of Radio Maria in 150 countries, is 100 percent listener supported. It receives no funding from any other source. **Please prayerfully consider making a donation or pledge during the Fall Mariathon September, 25- 30 by calling 888-408-0201.** Keep our Lady's mission of evangelization alive on Radio Maria. Listen to us on 580 AM in Alexandria; 89.7 FM in Natchitoches or online at [www.radiomaria.org](http://www.radiomaria.org).

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Cecile Dunn, Charlene Elliott, James Gilchrist, Jennifer Gilchrist, Elizabeth Kapa, Natalie LaGrange, Gary LaHood, Karen Landry, Julie LeBlanc, Matthew Molinar, Carole Ritchie, Joe Vandersypen, Doug Verzwylvelt, David Wellan, Diane Whaley, Rev. Kenneth Michiels, Sept. 18.

**NECROLOGY**

Rev. Joseph A. Benoit +Sept. 20, 1971  
Bishop Francis Xavier Leray +Sept. 23, 1887

**SPECIAL COLLECTION - RETIRED PRIESTS  
SEPTEMBER 23 - 24**

Next weekend, we will participate in the **Retired Priests** Collection for our priests who have reached retirement age after years of *faithful and dedicated service* to the Diocese. With costs continually escalating, the monthly retirement benefit for our 18 retirees must be adjusted periodically as well. I appreciate your generosity in helping to assure that the needs of our retired priests will continue to be met, and I ask that you also keep them in your prayers.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEACON ASPIRANT**

Luke White

**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](mailto:aryder@parish.diocesealex.org).

Known military are: Gerard A. Abair, Jr., Michael Allgood, Brent Marcus Barbour, Byron P. Barbour, Quincy Bordelon, Christopher Fraser, Garrett Gilchrist, Andrew Hill, Jeffrey Kelso, Natalie T. Wall.

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Betty Battalora, Helen Bellino, Ann Marie Bruner, Kimberly Ann Bryant, Rosa Cannella, Wayne & Barbara Cole, Daren Coutee, Kathy Cumella, Angelo R. "Brother" D'Angelo, Bob Descant, Kathyleen Dixon, Velma Galardo, John Gallent, Delta Maillet, Gill Murrell, Clea Perry, Bea Phillips, Tammy Rachal, Kemal Sanli, Kenneth Smentek, J. B. Theriot, Ruby J. Williams, Jacob Williamson.

We encourage our parishioners to call with the name of family members who are ill and wish to be remembered in prayer in the weekly church bulletin. Their names will remain on the list for approximately one month. Please notify the church secretary by the 1st Wednesday of the Month at 318-445-1451 x 14 so they can be included for the upcoming weekly church bulletin. If we do not hear from you, we will assume that your family member may be taken off the list.

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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