

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 3:

12:05 p.m. David Kitchens (living)

Tuesday, July 4: Independence Day

12:05 p.m. Religious Freedom

Wednesday, July 5:

12:05 p.m. Helen Collins

Thursday, July 6:

12:05 p.m. Billie Kay Murphy (living)

Friday, July 7: First Friday

12:05 p.m. Helen Collins

Saturday, July 8:

9:00 a.m. John L. Dunn & Gauthier Family

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Dr. George C. Battalora, Jr.

Sunday, July 9: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased),

R. J. Ducote, Gordon S. Ducote, Carl T. Ducote

11:00 a.m. People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

5:30 p.m. Lucille "Hop" LaHood

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for Edward J. Lockwood, Jr., please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$ 10,275.77
Over or (Short)	\$ 1,775.77

VIRTUS TRAINING – AUGUST 2

There will be a Virtus Training session on **Wednesday, August 2 at 1:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, Alexandria.** To pre-register, go to virtus.org, and click on Registration (on left side of screen). For more information, call 445-6424 x 213.

WELCOME FR. BILL GEARHEARD

Fr. Bill is a native of Lafayette where he was the oldest of four children. He is a graduate of the University of Louisiana in Lafayette where he received a B.S. Degree in Industrial Technology. Fr. Bill was a seminarian at both St. Joseph's and Notre Dame Seminaries and was ordained a priest at St. John the Evangelist in Lafayette on May 27, 1994. He served the Diocese of Lafayette for 18 years before requesting to be transferred to a smaller diocese. Bishop Herzog accepted Fr. Bill's transfer to the Diocese of Alexandria where he has served at Our Lady of Prompt Succor and Our Lady of Lourdes.

We are pleased Fr. Bill will be the Catholic chaplain at Rapides Regional Hospital and help us out occasionally. May God bless and watch over Fr. Bill as he fulfills his duties in helping us all to a richer relationship with the Lord.
Fr. Ferguson

K OF Cs SERVE BREAKFAST -- JULY 2



The monthly breakfast social, hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 3200, will be held **Sunday, July 2, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in Xavier Hall.** All are invited and welcome.

OFFICE CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

JULY 3 - 4

In observance of Independence Day, the Parish office will be **closed Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4. Mass will be celebrated at 12:05 p.m. as usual on both days.**

FIRST FRIDAY – JULY 7

11:00 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
11:30 a.m. Confessions
11:45 a.m. First Friday Devotions
11:50 a.m. Benediction
12:05 p.m. Holy Mass

REQUIRED ONGOING TRAINING NOTICE

This is to notify volunteers and employees who are required to maintain ongoing-training to check their online accounts to ensure they are "caught up" with all items. Assistance is always available from the safe environment office.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - PETER'S PENCE

JULY 2

Today we support the Holy Father in his charitable works. The **Peter's Pence** Collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and others in need of emergency assistance. Pope Benedict XVI once said, "It is necessary above all that every person be motivated by the authentic spirit of peace" (Homily, January 1, 2011). **Cast the peace of Christ upon the world -- please be generous in today's Collection.**

FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM - THRU JULY 4

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is once again hosting the 6th annual Fortnight for Freedom to highlight the importance of defending religious freedom in our country. **The Fortnight for Freedom which started June 21, continues thru July 4, Independence Day.** We are called to follow Christ as missionary disciples by seeking the truth, serving others, and living our faith in all that we do. Let us take a few moments each day until July 4 to pray, reflect, and take action on religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad. For more information, go to www.uccb.org/issues-and-action.

ECHO CENLA RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS JULY 21 - 26

Registration is open now for an ECHO Cenla Retreat for Young Adults to be held **July 21 - 25 at Maryhill Renewal Center in Pineville.** ECHO is a Theology of the Body Camp put on by DumbOx Ministries. The camp includes listening to spiritual talks, hiking and swimming, jamming to live music, attending Mass and receiving Jesus daily, and experiencing the love of God and Community. Open to young adults who have been out of high school for at least one full year. For more information, go to www.dumbboxministries.com/echo.

DIOCESAN BACK TO SCHOOL RALLY AUGUST 19

Come join us as we kick start the school year with hearts on fire for God! **Ignite Back to School Rally, will be held Saturday, August 19 at 6:00 p.m. at Holy Savior Menard High School.** Free and open to the public! Bring your friends! Contact Jessica Sanders at sanders@holysaviormenard.com or at 318-305-1351.

SHARE! STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Volunteers, with or without children at home, are needed to **host international high school students for the 2017 - 2018 school year.** The students speak English, are covered by medical insurance, have spending money for their personal expenses, and **hope to arrive in August for enrollment** in their new high school. For more information, please contact Sheila at 318-447-1765 or Share at 1-800-941-3738, or info@sharesouthwest.org, or visit sharesouthwest.org.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND JULY 8 - 9

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up **next weekend, Saturday, July 8 and Sunday, July 9.** Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Francis Allen, Leon Bergeron, Thomas David, Douglas DePriest, Nadja Gallagher, Sharon Hunter, Faith Moreau, Marshall Page, Loujean Wasson.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEACON ASPIRANT

Luke White

NECROLOGY

Rev. Vincent Couvillion	+July 5, 1949
Rev. Edmond Gagne'	+July 5, 1990
Rev. Raymond O'Dwyer	+July 7, 1983

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: Michael Allgood, Brent Marcus Barbour, Byron P. Barbour, Quincy Bordelon, Christopher Fraser, Garrett Gilchrist, Andrew Hill, Jeffrey Kelso, Matthew Roberts, Steven Roberts, Timothy McGlothlin, Gregory B. Perkins, Matthew Raines, and Keith Reeves.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Betty Battalora, Helen Bellino, Ann Marie Bruner, Wayne & Barbara Cole, Kathy Cumella, Angelo R. "Brother" D'Angelo, Velma Galardo, John Gallent, Msgr. Ronald Hoppe, Clea Perry, Gail Randall, Kemal Sanli, Kenneth Smentek, Ryby 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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