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THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 14:

12:05 p.m. R.J. Ducote

4:00 p.m. **Vigil Mass: Assumption**

People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

Tuesday, August 15: **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

12:05 p.m. People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

5:30 p.m. People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

Wednesday, August 16:

12:05 p.m. Sam Scruggs

Thursday, August 17:

12:05 p.m. Cecile Dunn (living)

Friday, August 18:

12:05 p.m. Georgia Dunn (living)

Saturday, August 19:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Alfred & Betty Mathews, George & Betty Battalora, Bennie O. Hastings, Sam & Edith Tamburo, Colingo & Tamburo Families, Simon & Mamie Campo, Campo Family, Jacob Williamson, Galardo & Lacroix Families, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Robert Eberle, Paul Am Mai, Edgar Campo, Dixie Durastanti, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Helen Fitzgerald, Gordon Roy, Benjamin deBoisblanc, Susan Marie Jeansonne

Sunday, August 20: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families, (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Louis Joseph, John Dunn (living), Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council # 3200, Leon Dunn, Mary Tower, Kenny Brocato, Benjamin Deboisblanc, Susan Marie Jeansonne

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

5:30 p.m. John Jeanise, Sr.

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Sam & Edith Tamburo, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$ 10,179.71
Over or (Short)	\$ 679.71
Maryhill Renewal Center	\$ 2,154.00

Thank you for your generosity!

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HOLY DAY - AUGUST 15



Tuesday, August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation.

There will be three Masses:

▪ Monday, August 14 at 4 p.m., Bishop

Marshall presiding

• Tuesday at 12:05 p.m., Msgr. Ferguson presiding, and 5:30 p.m. Fr. Mac Ouwumere presiding

The Solemnity invites us to recall and remember the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary body and soul into heaven. This event speaks to us in a number of important ways, one of which is to offer us hope: Where Mary has gone, we hope to follow. Let's strive to always say "yes" to God that we might be judged worthy of eternal life.

CCD & OCIA CLASSES - 2023 REGISTRATION AUGUST 13- 20

Registration for CCD & OCIA classes will be held after the weekend Masses of August 13 & 20. Classes for CCD are open for children from kindergarten through 10th Grade, and Confirmation Classes for 11th Grade. There is a \$15.00 charge for the purchase of books. Please call Mary Lou Maples at 446-5134 for more information regarding CCD. **CCD classes begin, Sunday, September 17, in the church hall at 10:00 a.m.** The CCD teachers will be commissioned at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. **OCIA Classes begin On September 24 in the Church Hall at 10:00 a.m.** The OCIA teachers will be commissioned at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

TRAINING SESSION FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION – AUGUST 22

We are having a training session on August 22ND at 6:30pm in the church for all those who serve in the role Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at the Cathedral. Topics will cover the particulars of serving at the Cathedral, scheduling, and Communion to the Sick and Homebound. If for some reason you will not be able to attend, please let me know via email at DcnJlavergne@diocesealex.org.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES:

Benjamin deBoisblanc & Susan Marie Jeansonne

THE ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (OCIA) - SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a formal process of catechetical instruction whereby adults are formally admitted into the Catholic Church and receive the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. Classes for adults who are interested in becoming Catholic will begin on **Sunday, September 24, 2023 in the church hall at 10:00 AM.** The OCIA teachers will be commissioned at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

The classes are also for adult Catholics who are baptized in the Catholic Church but did not receive their First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.

Persons interested in attending RCIA classes are asked to call the church secretary at 445-1451, ext. 14 or you may email Deacon Richard Mitchell at dcnrmitchell@diocesealex.org.

MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT – AUGUST 18-20

Retreat Director Dr. Mario Sacasa, a licensed marriage and family therapist in practice for over 15 years, will lead couples in presentations and time for reflection during the weekend. Dr. Sacasa brings years of combined ministry to married couples and offers insightful, practical and humorous ways that will encourage and bless your marriage. Retreat location: Maryhill Renewal Center. To register, visit: <https://www.diocesealex.org/our-diocese/religious-education-faith-formation/married-couples-retreat/>. For more information, contact Dcn. Jason Lavergne @ dcnijlavergne@diocesealex.org. Sponsored by the Diocese of Alexandria.

VIRTUS TRAINING – AUGUST 15

There will be a Virtus training session on **Tuesday, August 15, at 6:00 p.m.**, at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria. To pre-register, go to www.virtus.org. **NOTE: Minors are not allowed to attend because of the adult content of the videos and discussions.**

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND AUGUST 12 & AUGUST 13

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up **Saturday, August 12 and Sunday, August 13.** Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

BIRTHDAYS – August 13 – August 19

Kathy Blackman, Roy Carver, Camella Coco, Patricia Dargon, Sally DesOrmeaux, Kate LaCour, Chris Lee, Audrey Luczak, Patsy Normand, Levi Perkins, Benny Russo, Leigh Schneider, John Shackelford, Jennifer Sues, Richard Vanlangendonck, Jim Verzwylt, Dcn. Kenny Sayes, Aug. 15

NECROLOGY – August 13 – August 19

Rev. Warner John Kiley +Aug. 17, 1982

FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

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Also, we are now live-streaming the 9AM Sunday Masses via Facebook, Youtube and at sfxcathedral.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, James Domzalski, II, Christopher Fraser, Mason Gremillion, Andrew Hill, Kenneth Jeansonne, Daniel Koury, Jeffrey Kelso, James Madden, Chad McCann, Co. G-2-238, William Purdion, Jr., Kaneon Rachal, Matthew Raines, Kevin Rainesie

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Birga Alden, Ansley Bellino, Janet Bordelon, Patrick Braquet, Mike Briggs, Patricia Briggs, Carol & Bob Brossett, Janice Brossett, Judy Brossett, John Broussard, Ann Marie Bruner, Pam Saucier Buerlew, Daisy Bynog, John Cain, Connie Campo, Cheyenne Carmack, Patrick Charles, Willis Coco, Barbara Cole, Alfred Cook, Jr., Kathy Cumella, Sara Dacdac, Jeramie Davidson, Amanda Nugent Divine, Jim Domzalski, Sr., Elray Dubois, Brenda Ducote, Cecile Ducote, Norris Ducote, Clyde Ray Eli, Carolyn Fontenot, Cathy Grant, Rosemary Gremillion, Richard Hall, Carolyn Harger, Melisa Henry, Ai Ming Herrington, Anna Hooper, Clara Hubbard, Tiffany Johnson, Patrick Jones, Cody & Scott Lachney, James Lachney, Tracey Lawrence, Jimmy Lachney, Carla Lee, Lloyd Lee, Pam Lloyd, Audrey Luczak, Kenneth McCarty, Melissa McGlothlin, Peggy McNeely, Bernice Medica, Sam Medica, Tiffany Metrejeun, Todd Mizell, Clyde Peterson, Diane Rabalais, Thomas E. Richards, Jimmie Sanchez, Antonio Sandoval, Kemal Sanli, Ursula Schramek, Trudy Schuurmans, Marianne Julie Sober, Stephanie Simmons, Preston Stemmman, Mariann Rabalais Sulser, Sam Terracina, Gary Wagers, Sharon Walker, Stephen V. Waters, Katina Watson, Dee & Bailey Wilson, Kitty Wilson, Lee Arthur Wilson, Leonard Wilson, Tony Wilson, William Joel Wood

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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