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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 12:

12:05 p.m. Mrs. Lois Laborde

Tuesday, August 13:

12:05 a.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, August 14:

Vigil Mass: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:05 p.m. Fr. Aglibert Minh, F.S.C.

4:00 p.m. People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

Thursday, 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

Friday, August 16:

12:05 p.m. Sam Scruggs

Saturday, August 17:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, George & Betty Battalora, Paul Am Mai, Sam & Edith Tamburo, Colingo & Tamburo Families, Simon & Mamie Campo, Campo Family, Jacob Williamson, Sam & Velma Galardo, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Dixie Durastanti, Paul Smith, Edgar Campo, Peter Yu Mai, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Mable Titmus, Ann Gravel Vanderslice, Fr. Gregory Todd Downs

Sunday, August 18: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Louis Joseph, Todd Mizell, Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council # 3200, Charlotte White, Mary Roy, Jennifer L. Dunn, John L. Dunn, Cecile Dunn, Diane Gremillion, Michael James Collum, Lorraine & Blaine Rabalais (living), R. Thomas (living), Poor Souls in Purgatory, Fr. Gregory Todd Downs

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

5:30 p.m. Tom Heston

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Floyd & Helen Morgan, please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$ 9,407.00
Over or (Short)	\$ (93.00)
Restoration Fund	\$ 2,299.00

Thank you for your generosity!

ASSUMPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – AUG. 15



Thursday, August 15 is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. There will be three Masses:

- 4 p.m. on Wednesday, August 14
- 12:05 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 15

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 CLASS REGISTRATION AND START:

Registration for classes will be held after the weekend Masses of August 18 & 25.

Registration for CCD & OCIA classes will be held after the weekend Masses of August 18 & 25.

- **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 chard for CCD to help purchase books. Please contact Mary Loug Maples at 446-5134 for more information regarding CCD. (There will be a Parent Meeting on Sunday, September 15th, in Xavier Hall.)
- **OCIA Classes** are open to any adult who currently is not Catholic and is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. Classes will begin September 22nd at 10am in Xavier Hall. Please contact Dcn Jason Lavergne at 318 445-6424 ext. 207 for more information regarding the OCIA program.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUPPORT PROGRAM – BREATHING THROUGH GRIEF

Catholic Charities certified Christian Life Coaches will lead a grief support program developed by Pat Sheveland, the founder of The International Academy of Grief (IAFC), the "B.R.E.A.T.H.E. Coaching Model for Grief." The steps are designed with actions that will meet the recipient in their grief journey regardless of the circumstance. Dates are Tuesdays, August 13, 20, 27 & September 3, 10, 17, 24 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Diocese of Alexandria Conference Room, 4400 Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria. For more information, please email at us at hello@cccenla.org or go to www.cccenla.org or call 318-445-2401, ext. 533.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES

Fr. Gregory Todd Downs

GENESIS OF EVE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 6 - 8

Join us downtown at the Alexandria at the Randolph Riverfront Center for a conference weekend be full of opportunities to listen and encounter, as women of all ages gather to expand their community and deepen their personal relationship with Christ.

The conference is open to women of all faiths, ages 18 and older, and mothers with nursing infants are welcome and encouraged to attend. The Genesis of Eve storefront along with other vendors will be there, with opportunities to shop Catholic and artisanal items. All meals for the weekend are included with ticket purchase, and a special rate is available through the Hotel Bentley for those wishing to stay nearby. For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.genesisofeve.com.

6TH ANNUAL GIFT OF LIFE BANQUET – SEPT. 17

Cenla Pregnancy Centers is excited to invite you to attend the 6th Annual Gift of Life Banquet on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 6:00 PM at the Randolph Riverfront Center. This event features a delicious dinner, local music, and keynote speaker, Toni McFadden. Toni is an international speaker who shares her story of being a scared teenager who thought the only way out of her darkness was through the doors of an abortion facility. Her story is about the life-giving love she encountered and how that has transformed into the redeeming story she now shares around the world. Information about tickets and partnerships can be found at cenlapc.com or on our Facebook page 'Cenla Pregnancy Center'.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – MARYHILL RENEWAL CENTER – AUGUST 11

This week we will take up a collection for our beloved Maryhill Renewal Center. Established in the 1940s by Bishop Charles P. Greco, Maryhill is used extensively by many seeking a spiritual and restful place to hold retreats and functions throughout the year. It continues to serve as the spiritual heart of the Diocese of Alexandria. Funds from this collection will be used for the ongoing maintenance of the structures and grounds in order to keep this sacred gift available to us. Please be prepared to give generously.

BIRTHDAYS: August 11 – August 17

Kathy Blackman, James Bordelon, Camella Coco, Patricia Dargon, Kate LaCour, Chris Lee, Audrey Luczak, Judi Mixon, Patsy Normand, Levi Perkins, Benny Russo, Leigh Schneider, Jennifer Sues, Richard Vanlangendonck, Jim Verzwylt, Dcn. Kenny Sayes, Aug. 15

NECROLOGY: August 11 – August 17

Rev. August Thompson +Aug. 11, 2019
Rev. Herman Hyacinth Couvillon +Aug. 12, 1964

FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

Please visit the Cathedral's website at <https://sfxcathedral.org> to make an online donation and/or to stay informed on upcoming events by signing up for our Flocknote newsletters. If you are interested in receiving information via this platform, please go to flocknote.com and search either by City (Alexandria) or the Zip Code (71301) and sign up there. You can also follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Youtube.

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, Brick Hazel, Andrew Hill, Kenneth Jeansonne, Daniel Koury, Jeffrey Kelso, Chance Ryland Lavergne, James Madden, Chad McCann, Co. G-2-238, William Purdion, Jr., Kaneon Rachal, Daniel Raines, Kevin Raines, Matthew Raines

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ansley Bellino, Janet Bordelon, Patrick Braquet, Mike Briggs, Carol & Bob Brossett, Janice Brossett, John Broussard, Ann Marie Bruner, Daisy Bynog, John Cain, Cheyenne Carmack, Willis Coco, Barbara Cole, Alfred Cook III, Alfred Cook, Jr., April Cook, Sara Dacdac, Jeramie Davidson, Amanda Nugent Divine, Jim Domzalski, Sr., Elray Dubois, Brenda Ducote, Cecile Ducote, Harold Ducote, Norris Ducote, Clyde Ray Eli, Caleeah Fontenot, Carolyn Fontenot, Cathy Grant, Diane Gremillion, Rosemary Gremillion, Celia Halbert, Richard Hall, Scott Hallinan, Melisa Henry, Anna Hooper, Clara Hubbard, Jesse Johnson, Tiffany Johnson, Patrick Jones, Cody & Scott Lachney, James Lachney, Steve Lawrence, Tracey Lawrence, Jimmy Lachney, Carla Lee, Lloyd Lee, Mark Leviner, Pam Lloyd, Audrey Luczak, Melissa McGlothlin, Peggy McNeely, Bernice Medica, Sam Medica, Tiffany Metrejeun, Fran Monk, Matt Owen, Clyde Peterson, Diane Rabalais, Thomas E. Richards, Jimmie Sanchez, Antonio Sandoval, Kemal Sanli, Ursula Schramek, Trudy Schuurmans, Marianne Julie Sober, Stephanie Simmons, 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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