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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 11: 12:05 p.m. Adrian P. Scallan

Tuesday, August 12: 12:05 p.m. Leonard Dale Spurlock

Wednesday, Aug. 13: 12:05 p.m. Lucille M. Ducote

Thursday, Aug. 14: 12:05 p.m. Victoria Young (living)

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Masses

Thursday, August 14:

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

Friday, August 15:

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

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

Saturday, August 16:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, George & Betty Battalora, Sam Scruggs, Sam & Edith Tamburo, Colingo & Tamburo Family, Simon & Mamie Campo, Campo Family, Jacob Williamson, Paul Am Mai, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Michael Laborde, Audrie & Loretta Metoyer Family, Edgar & Connie Campo, G. D. Babin Family (living & deceased), Dixie Durastanti, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, John Christian Upton, Van Mol Family (living), Dr. Jorge Martin Saybe, Louise Brisbois Family, Annika Cannella, Herbert Cole

Sunday, August 17: The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Agnes Rita Roberts, Joe Betty Sterkx, Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council # 3200, James McLaughlin (living), Sam & Myrtle DeBona, John Swart, R. Thomas (living), Blaine & Loraine Rabalais (living), John Christian Upton, Van Mol Family (living), Herbert Cole, Lennie Humphreys, Addilynn Marie Baquet, Annika Cannella

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

5:30 p.m. John Veasley

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of R.J. Ducote, please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 10,608.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 1,108.00
Restoration Fund	\$ 2,465.00

Thank you for your generosity!

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HOLY DAY - AUGUST 15



Friday, 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 Thursday, August 14**

• **12:05 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Friday, 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 DATES

Registration for CCD & OCIA class will be held after the weekend Masses of August 17 & 24.

• **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 charge for CCD to help purchase books. Please contact Mary Lou Maples at 446-5134 for more information regarding CCD. **(There will be a Parent Meeting on Sunday, September 14, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in Xavier Hall with classes starting on September 21 at 10:00 a.m. in the Convent Building.)**

• **OCIA Classes** are open to any adult who is not Catholic, a Catholic who has not received 1st Communion or Confirmation along with youth who have not been Baptized age 7 or older.

Classes will begin September 21 at 10:00 a.m. in Xavier Hall. Please contact Dcn Jason Lavergne at 318 445-6424 ext. 207 for more information regarding the OCIA program.

CATHOLIC PRIEST CHAPLAIN APPOINTED TO RAPIDES REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

We are pleased to announce that Bishop Marshall has appointed Rev. Jason Gootee as Priest-Chaplain to Rapides Regional Medical Center. Fr. Jason has been a priest of our Diocese for over 25 years, and brings a wealth of experience and heart to this role. If you or a family member are in need of Sacraments at Rapides, please call the hospital operator at (318) 769-3000 and ask for Fr. Jason, the Catholic Priest-Chaplain, and he will be contacted. If Fr. Jason is out, another priest previously scheduled to cover will be contacted.

Please also ensure that you or your family member is registered at the hospital as "Catholic," so we can be sure to serve you and your needs. Often this information is not reported, especially if someone is admitted through the Emergency Room.

— **Very Rev. Craig Scott, VG**

INSTALLATION OF LECTORS – AUGUST 24

On August 24, 2025 at the 11 a.m. Mass, Bishop Marshall will be installing the ten deacon candidates into the ministry of “Lectors”. This is another step in their formation as they continue to discern and study to become permanent deacons for the Diocese of Alexandria. Please continue to pray for these men and their families. Their anticipated ordination date is mid-2027.

GENESIS OF EVE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: “BE THE ONE” – SEPTEMBER 12 - 14

This year's theme, “Be the One”, is a bold invitation to respond to Jesus' cry from the Cross — “I thirst” — by consoling His heart through love and service to others.

Rooted in the example of St. Mother Teresa, this event encourages women to:

Rediscover their God-given identity and purpose. Find strength and healing through community and prayer. Live out their faith in action — even when it's hard (Do It Anyway) From heartfelt worship to powerful teaching and real-life stories, women will leave renewed, equipped, and ready to be the hands and heart of Christ in your church parish.

Throughout the weekend, you'll hear from nationally recognized speakers who offer inspiring and practical insights for deepening your faith journey. This year's speakers are: Fr. David Michael Moses, Emily Wilson, Rachel Bulman, Kathryn Whitaker and Laura Huval. There will be opportunities to participate in Mass, Confession, and Eucharistic Adoration. At the Randolph Riverfront Center in Downtown Alexandria, LA.

Tickets available now! <https://bit.ly/GenesisofEve2025>.

CATECHIST ENRICHMENT DAY - SEPTEMBER 20 TOUCHING HEARTS THROUGH ACCOMPANIMENT

We are excited to bring back our Catechist Enrichment Day this year at the Maryhill Renewal Center (North Side). All are welcome to attend the day who share the faith in our Diocese. Presenters will share teaching techniques, insights into the Sacraments, OCIA/Tribunal process, how to make scripture come alive, and more. There is no cost to attend but please register by scanning the QR code no later than September 10 to reserve your space. You may also email or call Dcn Jason Lavergne at dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org or (318) 445-6424 ext. 207.



MASS HONORING ALTAR SERVERS – SEPTEMBER 27

Please join us for Mass with Bishop Robert W. Marshall, Jr. at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, September 27 to honor Altar servers from across the Diocese. Altar servers assist the priests and deacons, ensuring that the Mass flows smoothly and that the sacred rites are conducted with grace and dignity. Altar serving also helps form servers in important life skills such as responsibility, dependability, respect and builds a habit in their lives of saying “Yes” to Jesus.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – MARYHILL RENEWAL CENTER – AUGUST 10

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 10 – August 16

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

NECROLOGY: August 10 – August 16

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

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, Evan Cree, James Domzalski, II, Christopher Fraser, Brick Hazel, Joe Herrera, Andrew Hill, Kenneth Jeansonne, Daniel Koury, 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

Johnnie Alston, Carolyn Harger, Cody Lachney, Scott Lachney, Chris Littleton, Don Meeker, Robert Southren, Joseph Veillon, Marilyn Wilbert

WE STARTED OUR PRAYER LIST OVER THIS WEEK. IF YOU WISH TO PUT YOUR LOVED ONE ON THE LIST PLEASE CALL – 318 445-1451 X14.

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