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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 4:

12:05 p.m. Alice Foster

Tuesday, August 5:

12:05 p.m. Dorothy West

Wednesday, August 6:

12:05 p.m. Gloria Yerby

Thursday, August 7:

12:05 p.m. August Baby Garon

Friday, August 8:

12:05 p.m. Myjoycia Collette Cezar (living)

Saturday, August 9:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, George & Betty Battalora, Galardo & Lacroix Family, Paul Am Mai, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Edgar & Connie Campo, G. D. Babin Family (living & deceased), Dixie Durastanti, Michael Laborde, Rebecca Shannon Kibodeaux, Audrie & Loretta Metoyer Family, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, John Christian Upton, Van Mol Family (living), Dr. Jorge Martin Saybe, Louise Brisbois Family, Leonard G. Humphreys, Jr., Anna Cannella, Herbert Cole

Sunday, August 10: The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Joe Betty Sterkx, Sam & Myrtle DeBona, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir, James McLaughlin (living), John Swart, John Christian Upton, Van Mol Family (living), Leonard G. Humphreys, Jr., Anna Cannella, Herbert Cole

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

5:30 p.m. Lucille M. Ducote

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Glenn Andrew, Jr., please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 10,471.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 971.00

Thank you for your generosity!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE AND BREAKFAST – AUGUST 3



The Knights of Columbus Council # 3200 will have a Membership Drive at the 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Masses on August 3 at the front of the church. The KC's will also be hosting a breakfast social after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in Xavier Hall. All are invited and welcome.

AN EVENING WITH THE SEMINARIANS – AUGUST 6

Please join us for AN EVENING WITH THE SEMINARIANS – an open house to meet the current seminarians of the Diocese of Alexandria. This event will be held at St. Rita's Holy Family Center from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Please take advantage of this opportunity to meet and get to know the men who are discerning priesthood for the Diocese of Alexandria while enjoying food, drink and entertainment! Free of charge; donations for seminarian education gratefully accepted! Please RSVP by Thursday, July 31 so we can prepare! starver@diocesealex.org or (318) 556-6424 ext. 209.

DISCALCED CARMELITES MONTHLY MEETING – AUGUST 9

The Order of the Discalced Carmelites holds its monthly meeting at 9:00 a.m. every second Saturday, at Maryhill Renewal Center. Anyone is invited to attend morning prayer followed by Mass and then the meeting. If you are interested in Carmelite spiritual studies, please contact Mary Jo McCoy at 318-346-6860 or 318-481-9638. **If you plan to attend.....Please call Mary Jo McCoy at the numbers listed above OR Deacon Bill Travis at 318 640-2827 or 318 664-7069 and someone will meet you at the Maryhill gate.

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, Aug. 14

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

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES

Anna Cannella & Herbert Cole

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.

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.



SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND AUGUST 2 – AUGUST 3

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up Saturday, August 2 and Sunday, August 3. Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – MARYHILL RENEWAL CENTER – AUGUST 10

Next 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 3 – August 9

John Broussard, Alice Chambers, Martin Coco, Andrew Dailey, Mark Dotson, Arthur Gamble, Karen Gauthier, Brenda Hardee, Rose Hetcher, David LaCaze, Paul LeBlanc, Katie Nation, Sally Vandersypen, Dcn. Lawrence Feldkamp, Aug. 3, Rev. Irion St. Romain, Aug. 8

NECROLOGY: August 3 – August 9

Rev. Russell Lemoine +Aug. 4, 2015

Rev. Belton Anthony Scallan +Aug. 7, 1996

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

Barry Ackel, Johnnie Alston, Raymond Battalora, Ansley Bellino, Janet Bordelon, Cale Bieber, Patrick Braquet, Carol & Bob Brossett, John Broussard, Ann Marie Bruner, Daisy Bynog, John Cain, Cheyenne Carmack, Alice Stafford Chambers, Willis Coco, Barbara Cole, Alfred Cook III, Alfred Cook, Jr., April Cook, Teresa B. Coutee, Sara Dacdac, Jeramie Davidson, Jim Domzalski Sr., Elray Dubois, Brenda Ducote, Cecile Ducote, Harold Ducote, Norris Ducote, Chester Durr, Clyde Ray Eli, Caleah Fontenot, Carolyn Fontenot, Cathy Grant, Rosemary Gremillion, Celia Halbert, Richard Hall, Carolyn Harger, Scott Hallinan, Linc Harris, Melisa Henry, Anna Hooper, Tish Hull, Jesse Johnson, Tiffany Johnson, Patrick Jones, Cody & Scott Lachney, James Lachney, Steve Lawrence, Tracey Lawrence, Jimmy Lachney, Carla Lee, Chris Littleton, Lloyd Lee, Mark Leviner, Pam Lloyd, Audrey Luczak, Emily Mallet, Melissa McGlothlin, Melanie McNamara, Peggy McNeely, Sam Medica, Tiffany Metrejeun, Fran Monk, Matt Owen, Clyde Peterson, Britney Rousseau, Diane Rabalais, Thomas E. Richards, Benny Russo, Jimmie Sanchez, Antonio Sandoval, Kemal Sanli, Herman Scallan, Ursula Schramek, Trudy Schuurmans, Karen Smith, Marianne Julie Sober, Stephanie Simmons, Robert Southren, Sam Terracina, Linda Vaughn, Joseph Veillon, Gary Wagers, Sharon Walker, Stephen V. Waters, Katina Watson, Brendan Weidner Morgan White, Marilyn Wilbert, Dee & Bailey Wilson, Kitty Wilson, Lee Arthur Wilson, Leonard Wilson, Tony Wilson, William Joel Wood

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