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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reverend Daniel O'Connor, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 3:
12:05 p.m. Dot Benoit

Tuesday, August 4:
12:05 p.m. Myjoycia C. Cezar

Wednesday, August 5:
12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Thursday, August 6:
12:05 p.m. Seminarian David Rubio (living)

Friday, August 7: First Friday
12:05 p.m. John Reynolds

Saturday, August 8:
4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Dixie Durastanti, Wallace & Normand Families (living & Deceased), George & Betty Battalora, Edgar & Connie Campo, Sam & Velma Galardo, Robert Eberle, Paul Am Mai, Mable Titmus, Margaret DiStefano Lacombe, Diane Gremillion, Mr. & Mrs. Francis Gremillion, Johnny DiStefano, Audrie & Loretta Metoyer Family, Fred Brouillette, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson

Sunday, August 9: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Grass & Ferguson Families, Darrell Williamson, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir, Joe Betty Sterkx, Todd Mizell, Nick Hennings, John Swart, Sharon & Glenn Andrew, Carolyn Harger, Kevin LaBauve
11:00 a.m. People of SFX Cathedral Parish
5:30 p.m. Norene Garrett

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Carolyn Harger, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 10,603.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 1,103.00
Manna House	\$ 2,491.00

Thank you for your generosity!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST – AUGUST 2



The Knights of Columbus Council # 3200 will be hosting a breakfast social after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, August 2, in Xavier Hall. All are invited and welcome.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING – AUGUST 4

The Knights of Columbus Council # 3200 will be having their business meeting on Tuesday, August 4. There will be a rosary in the Cathedral at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting will be held in Xavier Hall at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in becoming a member is welcome to come.

SAVE THE DATE! MEN'S SILENT RETREAT, AUG. 7 - 9

Join us for "The Fourth Watch of the Night", a Men's Silent retreat presented by Deacon Micheal Parker of the Diocese of Baton Rouge. Retreat will be held at Maryhill Renewal Center. Registration is \$250. \$100 non-refundable deposit due at registration and \$150 due at retreat check-in. To register, visit <https://freedonationkiosk.com:9011/doa/events/3>

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP – AUGUST 11

The workshop lasts about three hours so please plan accordingly. For more information, contact Dcn. Jason Lavergne at (318) 445-6424 ext. 207 or by email at dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org. Tuesday, August 11, 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd., Alexandria. There is no need to register and no charge to attend. When the session is completed; you will receive a certificate. **We will be happy to have you!**

LECTOR WORKSHOP – AUGUST 18

The Diocese of Alexandria is offering Lector Formation workshops for those individuals who are interested in serving or who currently may serve as a Lector in their parish. To serve in this role, one must be of good standing with their Catholic faith and need the approval of their pastor. All training workshops will present the same material and will last no longer than two and a half hours.

If you would like to sign up for the next workshop, please contact Dcn Jason Lavergne at (318) 445-6424 ext. 207 or email dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org. The workshop is Tuesday, August 18, 6:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd., Alexandria. There is no need to register and no charge to attend. When the session is completed; you will receive a certificate. **We will be happy to have you!**

CATECHIST ENRICHMENT DAY – AUGUST 29

If your role involves sharing the faith with others, please join us this day of relational ministry enrichment. Speakers and location will be announced soon. For more information, contact Deacon Jason Lavergne at dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION AND THE RITE OF RECEPTION – AUGUST 30

Join us on August 30th at 11am, for a special Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert W. Marshall, Jr. for those who have been participating in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). This beautiful liturgy will welcome over 20 adults/youth fully into the Catholic Faith. Please join us in supporting our Catechumens and Candidates as they continue their journey into the Catholic Church.

COME AND SEE

Are you someone or do you know someone who:

- Would like to learn more about becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven that has not yet been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

If so, then OCIA is for you! Formerly known as RCIA, OCIA is an opportunity to come together in a small group setting to learn more about the Catholic faith. Sessions focus on the teachings of the church on various topics, as well as prepare individuals for full communion in the church at the Easter vigil.

To register for the upcoming year, or to find out more information about OCIA at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, please contact Deacon Jason Lavergne at (318) 445-6424 ext. 207, by email at dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org or by going to <https://sfxcathedral.org/> and filling out the "Contact" form to express your interest in learning more.

PRE-CANA MARRIAGE PREP WORKSHOP - SEPT. 12

These one-day workshops will be at the St. Joseph Catholic Center located at 4400 Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria, LA. Beginning at 8:00 a.m., the day will include presentations on various topics that are vital to a couple's lifelong marriage. The workshop will end at approximately 3:00 p.m. and lunch will be included. Space will be limited, so please register for a workshop as soon as possible. **Registration for the Sept. 12 workshop is now open.** There is a fee of \$60 per couple. You may pay online after submitting the registration form. You can also pay the day of the workshop via check, money order or cash. Or you can prepay by mailing your check or money order (payable to Diocese of Alexandria) and mail to: Office of Religious Education and Faith Formation, P.O. Box 7417, Alexandria, LA 71306-0417.

Other future workshop dates:

- February 27, 2027 • May 22, 2027
- Sept. 11, 2027

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Jason Lavergne in the Office of Religious Education and Faith Formation at (318) 445-6424 ext. 207.

GENESIS OF EVE' WOMEN'S CONFERENCE - SEPT. 18 - 20

The fifth annual Genesis of Eve Catholic women's conference will be held Friday through Sunday, September 18-20, at the Randolph Riverfront Center. The conference includes adoration, confession, praise and worship, panel discussions, Sunday Mass and more. For information or tickets, visit www.genesisofeve.org.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND AUGUST 1 & AUGUST 2

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up Saturday, August 1 and Sunday, August 2. Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – MARYHILL RENEWAL CENTER - AUGUST 9

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 2 – AUGUST 8

Jimmy Birdsall, Alice Chambers, Chad Coburn, Martin Coco, Mark Dotson, Arthur Gamble, Brenda Hardee, Rose Hetcher, Paul LeBlanc, Amy Long, Herman Martinez, Katie Nation, Karlye Sandoval, Sally Vandersypen, Dcn. Lawrence Feldkamp, Aug. 3, Rev. Irion St. Romain, Aug. 8

NECROLOGY – AUGUST 2 – AUGUST 8

Rev. Francis Grosse +Aug. 2, 1908
Rev. Russell Lemoine +Aug. 4, 2015
Rev. Belton Anthony Scallan +Aug. 7, 1996

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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

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Brouillette, Kevin Burnett, Delaney Byard, Evan Cree, James Domzalski, II, Christopher Fraser, Brick Hazel, Joe Herrera, Andrew Hill, Kenneth Jeansonne, 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

Bob Alden, Chella Alden, Monique Auzenne, Johnnie Alston, Brandon Ashley, Raymond Battalora, Wilber Bertrand, Bobby & Carol Brossett, Joyce Broussard, Roy Carver, Theresa Catteruccia, Dan Cezar, Alice Chambers, Kathie Coco, Willis Coco, Brenda Ducote, Christopher Ducote, Joy Gauthier, Kortni Hensen, Jim Hickman, Tish Hull, Logan & Mary Jock, Cody Lachney, Scott Lachney, Chris Littleton, Audrey Luczak, Catherine Medica, Marilyn McGraw, Effie Norris, Tom Richards, Jill Smith, Julie Sober, Robert Southren, Jace Troquille, Joseph Veillon, Vergie Walker, Katina Watson, Robbie Welch, Maria White, Marilyn Wilbert

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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