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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reverend Daniel O'Connor, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 27:

12:05 p.m. Sharon Andrew

Tuesday, July 28:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, July 29:

12:05 p.m. Rev. Msgr. James A. Ferguson (living)

Thursday, July 30:

12:05 p.m. Carolyn Harger

Friday, July 31:

12:05 p.m. Patricia Catteruccia

Saturday, August 1: First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Leonard Dale Spurlock

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Dixie

Durastanti, Wallace & Normand Families (living & Deceased), George & Betty Battalora, Edgar & Connie Campo, Robert Eberle, Paul Am Mai, Mable Titmus, Diane Gremillion, Margaret Lacombe, Johnny DiStefano, Audrie & Loretta Metoyer Family, Mr. & Mrs. Francis Gremillion, Fred Brouillette, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson

Sunday, August 2: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Selma & Richard Sayer, Dufour & Wasmer Family, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Altar Society, Grass & Ferguson Families, Darrell Williamson, Joe Betty Sterkx, Todd Mizell, Nick Hennings, Sharon Andrew, Carolyn Harger

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

5:30 p.m. Carolyn Harger

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Sharon & Glenn Andrew, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 8,521.86
Peter's Pence	\$ (978.14)

Thank you for your generosity!

A WORD OF THANKS

A big "Thank You" to all who coordinated, set up and supported the Altar Society Bake Sale. Another "Thank You" to everyone who provided wonderful sweets and treats and to every person for taking the time to set up, sell,

and clean up after the event. Thanks to everyone's efforts the Altar Society raised \$ 1,878.00 for the continued upkeep of the Cathedral sanctuary. – Fr. Dan O'Connor

FIRST SATURDAY – AUGUST 1

8:00 a.m. Exposition, First Saturday devotions

8:30 a.m. Rosary for Life and Confessions

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

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 August 2, in Xavier Hall. All are invited and welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY – AUGUST 7

11:00 a.m. Holy Hour

11:00 a.m. First Friday Devotions

11:15 a.m. Confessions

12:05 p.m. Holy Mass

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> or scan the code:



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP – AUGUST 11

The workshop lasts about three hours so please plan accordingly. For more information, contact Dcn. Jason Laverne at (318) 445-6424 ext. 207 or by email at dcnjlaverne@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. (cont. on next page)

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!

SAVE THE DATE! 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

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.

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, 2026 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – MANNA HOUSE - JULY 26

This weekend, there will be a special collection for the Manna House. The Manna House is an ecumenical community volunteer effort to feed the hungry in the area. Open 7 days a week, 365 days a year, the Manna House serves the hungry every day of the year, and "no questions asked." **Please be generous and support this ministry.**

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.

BIRTHDAYS – JULY 26 – AUGUST 1

Brittanie Chenevert, Adeline Comeaux, Neal Dauzat, Anagela Gauthier, Corey Gauthier, Bridgitte Kelso, Brandon LaHood, Ruth Meeker, Louis Pringle, Robert Vaughn, Vicki Velotta

NECROLOGY – JULY 26 – AUGUST 1

Rev. Yves J. Robitaille +July 26, 1998
Dcn. John Foster +July 30, 2014

FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

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Please go to flocknote.com and search either by City (Alexandria) or the Zip Code (71301) and sign up there. You can unsubscribe anytime. If you any questions or need assistance with getting set up, please send an email to Deacon Richard Mitchell at dcnmitchell@diocesealex.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, 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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