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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reverend Daniel O'Connor, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 17:

12:05 p.m. Sharon Andrew

Tuesday, August 18:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, August 19:

12:05 p.m. Carolyn Harger

Thursday, August 20:

12:05 p.m. John Christian Upton

Friday, August 21:

12:05 p.m. Linda Gengo

Saturday, August 22:

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

Sunday, August 23: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Grass & Ferguson Families, Joe Betty Sterkx, Todd Mizell, Nick Hennings, Kevin LaBauve, Poor Souls in Purgatory, R. Thomas & Family (living), Everett Price Family (living)

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

5:30 p.m. Leslie Gremillion

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Sam & Edith Tamburo, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 8,441.75
Over or (Short)	\$ (1,058.25)
Maryhill Renewal Center	\$ 988.00
Online Donations July	\$ 7,265.57

Thank you for your generosity!

MY CATHOLIC MASS COLORING BOOK

One of our parishioners Anne Mizell has recently published **My Catholic Mass Coloring Book!** This offers children a joyful and creative way to grow in their understanding of the Mass and their love for the Catholic faith. This 12-page coloring book gently guides children through the

important parts of the Mass. If you would be interested in obtaining a copy, please use this link <https://a.co/d/0elz8pvv>.

CCD & OCIA CLASS REGISTRATION AND START DATES

Registration for CCD & OCIA class will be held after the weekend Masses of August 16 & 23.

- **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 13, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in Xavier Hall with classes starting on September 20, 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 20 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.

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 dcnlavergne@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 – AUG. 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 dcnlavergne@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.**

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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.

DISCALCED CARMELITE MONTHLY MEETING - SEPT. 12

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.

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 are: February 27, May 22, and September, 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.

BIRTHDAYS – AUGUST 16 – AUGUST 22

Roy Carver, James Duncan, Nicole Mitchell, Joselyn Newsom, Karen Norman, Levi Perkins, Michele Pogue, Leigh Schneider, John Schackelford, Richard Vanlangendonck

NECROLOGY – AUGUST 16 – AUGUST 22

Rev. Warner John Kiley	+Aug. 17, 1982
Rev. Jerome J. Bres	+Aug. 20, 1884
Rev. Constantine Brahic	+Aug. 20, 1925
Msgr. Matthew J. Scanlon	+Aug. 20, 1985

VIRTUS TRAINING HAS NOW BEEN MOVED ONLINE!

Now it is more convenient to become VIRTUS certified! Detailed information about how to register for an online training session is available on the Safe Environment webpage on the Diocese of Alexandria website: diocesealex.org/our-diocese/safe-environment/. For more information, contact Kecia Coco, director of our Safe Environment program, kcoco@diocesealex.org.

FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

Flocknotes is an email and text message application that allows you to receive news and information from the Cathedral. It is free. You can sign up to receive the weekly bulletin and the Sunday Mass Liturgy Guide, plus receive other notifications from the church.

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, 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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