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## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reverend Daniel O'Connor, Rector

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### INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, August 10:**

12:05 p.m. Sharon Andrew

**Tuesday, August 11:**

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

**Wednesday, August 12:**

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

**Thursday, August 13:**

12:05 p.m. Greg Lawrence

**Friday, August 14:**

12:05 p.m. Victoria Young (living)

**Saturday, August 15:**

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

**Sunday, August 16: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Sam Scruggs, Selma & Richard Sayer, Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council # 3200, John Reynolds, Grass & Ferguson Families, Darrell Williamson, Joe Betty Sterkx, Todd Mizell, Nick Hennings, John Swart, Kevin LaBauve, Blaine & Lorraine Rabalais (living), Sarah & Baby Clement Family (living)

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

5:30 p.m. Glenn Andrew

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

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

### WEEKEND COLLECTION

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Weekly Budget           | \$ 9,500.00  |
| Last Weekend Collection | \$ 11,830.65 |
| Over or (Short)         | \$ 2,330.65  |
| Restoration Fund        | \$ 2,331.00  |

Thank you for your generosity!

**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](mailto: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!

### 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.

### DIOCESAN ALTAR SERVER APPRECIATION MASS – AUGUST 15

There will be a Diocesan Altar Server Appreciation Mass on Saturday, August 15 at 10:30 with Bishop Robert Marshall presiding. We thank them for their dedicated service and the positive example they set during Mass. This is the only Mass for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (This is not a Holy Day of Obligation this Year.) All are welcome to attend.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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, 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 SEPTEMBER 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](http://www.genesisofeve.org).

## SPECIAL COLLECTION – MARYHILL RENEWAL CENTER AUGUST 9

This weekend 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 9 – AUGUST 15

Kathy Blackman, James Bordelon, John Broussard, Camella Coco, Andrew Dailey, Patricia Dargon, Karen Gauthier, David LaCaze, Kate LaCour, Audrey Luczak, Judi Mixon, Patsy Normand, Will Passman, Benny Russo, Jennifer Sues, Edward Vercher, Jim Verzwylt, Dcn. Kenny Sayes, Aug. 15

## NECROLOGY – AUGUST 9 – AUGUST 15

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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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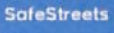
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