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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD

Father James Ferguson, JCL, Rector • Father William Gearheard, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Richard Mitchell • Deacon Luke White

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday of Holy Week, March 29:
12:05 p.m. James F. Curley, Sr.

**Tuesday of Holy Week, March 30: Mass of Holy
Chrism – 11:00 a.m. (Mass will be for clergy only and
will be live-streamed. There is no 12:05 pm Mass)**

Wednesday of Holy Week, March 31:
12:05 p.m. John Kyle Rodriguez

**Holy Thursday Mass, April 1: Mass of the Lord's
Supper will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. and will be
live-streamed. (Following Mass, there will be
adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:00 p.m.
in the Cathedral. There is no 12:05 p.m. Mass)**

**Good Friday Service, April 2: Friday of the Passion
of the Lord; the reading of the Passion, veneration of
the cross and distribution of Holy Communion, will
be held at 3:00 p.m. and will be live-streamed. (There
is no 12:05 p.m. Mass)**

**Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass, April 3: The only
Mass on Holy Saturday is the Easter Vigil Mass,
which will be celebrated at 8:00 p.m. and will be live-
streamed. (There is no 4:00 p.m. Mass)**

Easter Sunday Mass, April 4:
9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living &
deceased), James F. Curley, Deceased Members of the
Cathedral Altar Society, Wilbert Family, Ryder Family,
Harger Family, Andrew Family
11:00 a.m. People of SFX Cathedral Parish
5:30 p.m. Clement FX Carroll, MD

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for the Wilbert and Ryder Families, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$11,997.00
Over or (Short)	\$3,497.00

Thank you for your generosity!

TODAY IS CALLED PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

The first name comes from the fact that it commemorates Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, when the crowd had palm branches (John 12:13). The second name comes from the fact that the narrative of the Passion is read today. The blessed palm is known as a sacramental. Palms are kept in the home as a witness to faith in Jesus Christ, messianic king, and in his Paschal Victory.

HOLY WEEK

This week we begin the most sacred and solemn season of the church year because the Passion of Christ is the inspiring theme to which the Church directs our hearts and minds. **Why do we cover crucifixes and statues during the final weeks of Lent?** First of all, we use veils to alert us of the special time that we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything covered, we immediately know that something is different. These last days of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for Holy Week and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready. Secondly, the veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene. Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday; images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday, April 2, is a day of fast and abstinence. This means that we do not eat meat, and we only have one full meal.

The obligation to abstain from meat binds Catholics 14 years of age and older. The obligation to fast, limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals in the course of a day, binds Catholics from age of 18-59.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, APRIL 2 AND MONDAY, APRIL 5

The Church Office will be closed **Thursday, April 1 at 12:00 p.m., Friday, April 2 & Monday, April 5.** (There will be a 12:05 p.m. Mass on Monday, April 5.)

SPECIAL COLLECTION – HOLY LAND GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2

On Good Friday we will take up the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the

sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION – INFIRM PRIESTS
EASTER WEEKEND, APRIL 3 & 4**

“Come follow me”, Christ challenged His Disciples. They did, and men have accepted the challenge and followed Christ in His priesthood to this day. Having left family, when their health fails our priests must turn for assistance to the people they have served. And the cost of medical care continues to rise. **The Infirm Priests Fund** looks to the generosity of the laity of the Diocese for its resources. In gratitude, the priests who receive help respond in prayer for your needs as they continue to accept Christ’s challenge, “Come follow me”. **Next weekend, at all Easter Masses, a special collection will be taken up for the infirm priests of our diocese.**

2021 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



Just as we are one in the Body of Christ, we must remember that we are one with other parishes in our Diocese. Once a year, each of us is asked to make a commitment to support the work of our Diocesan programs and ministries that provide services that one parish could provide on its own.

Next weekend, in every parish throughout the Diocese of Alexandria, Catholics who have not done so already, will be asked to support the 2021 Annual Diocesan Appeal. Please experience the joy of giving and join us as we work to continue God’s work of spirituality, formation and education by contributing to the ADA.

**The Cathedral Goal for is \$35,165.00,
pledges to date is \$49,890.00.**

A WORD OF THANKS



Cenla and Avoyelles Pregnancy Center would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral for their support of the recent baby bottle

campaign fundraiser. As of March 2, 2021. The Cathedral raised \$3,536.00 dollars. Thank you for your prayers and generosity. Claire Lemoine, Executive Director.

**REMEMBER A LOVED ONE THROUGH A
MEMORIAL GIFT OF EASTER LILIES**



Provide the name of the person to be remembered and place it with \$13.00 in an envelope marked “Easter Flowers.” You can drop the envelope in the Mass collection basket or bring it to the parish office.

BIRTHDAYS – MARCH 28 – APRIL 3

Robert Antoon, Nicholas Antoon, Lloyd Lee, Bobby Mickel, Rev. Antony Aelavanthara, Apr. 1, Dcn. LG Deloach, Apr. 1, Rev. Luke Melcher, Apr. 3

NECROLOGY – MARCH 28 – APRIL 3

Msgr. Julius G. Walle	+Mar. 28, 2004
Msgr. Joseph F. X. Kidd	+Mar. 29, 1963
Rev. John G. Cavanagh	+Mar. 29, 1974
Msgr. Allen M. Chenevert	+Mar. 29, 1987
Rev. Quirinius Vanderburg	+Mar. 30, 1926
Rev. Michael P. Kammer	+Mar. 30, 1979
Rev. Dennis A. Curren	+Mar. 31, 1967
Rev. Peter T. Norek	+Mar. 31, 1987
Rev. Joseph F. Kula	+Apr. 1, 1959
Rev. William B. Provosty	+Apr. 3, 1997
Rev. Ferreolus D’Cruz	+Apr. 3, 2013

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEACON ASPIRANTS

Jason Lavergne, and Alex Mangini

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: Known military are Gerard A. Abair, Jr., Brent Marcus Barbour, Byron P. Barbour, Quincy Bordelon, Kevin Burnett, James Domzalski, II, Andrew Hill, Caleb Holloway, Jeffrey Kelso, Chad McCann, Co. G-2-238, Evan Nugent, Simon Pelto, Kaneon Rachal, Matthew Raines, Kevin Raines, Natalie T. Wall

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Glenn Andrew, Carol Brossett, Shree Brye, Jerry Byles, Chere Carnahan, Linda Cazes, Barbara Cole, Wayne Cole, Carla Couvillion, Ann Cumella, Kathy Cumella, Brenda Ducote, Kathryn Frey, Ruth Gilchrist, Louis Joseph, Cody & Scott Lacheny, Pam Lloyd, Audrey Luczak, Melvin Mayeaux, Linda McCain, Ann McQuagge, Kelly Miller, Lou Ann Rigby, Andrew & Kemal Sanli, Wade Swart, J. B. Theriot, Lee Arthur Wilson

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