

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 4:

12:05 p.m. Burnette Bordelon

Tuesday, April 5:

12:05 p.m. Cecile Dunn & Family (living)

Wednesday, April 6:

12:05 p.m. Lynn Dunn & Family (living)

Thursday, April 7:

12:05 p.m. Cecile Dunn & Family (living)

Friday, April 8:

12:05 p.m. Dennis LaCaze

Saturday, April 9:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, George & Betty Battalora, Linda Cazes, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Bill Jones (living), Grace Mock, Kenneth Armstrong, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Edgar Campo, Odis Bates, Lou Ann Rigby, Richard Tassin, Sr.

Sunday, April 10: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Albert Poche, Dr. Am Mai, Ann & Walter Zablonksi, Deceased members of the Cathedral Choir, Madeline Jeansonne, Edgar Campo, Lou Ann Rigby, Richard Tassin, Sr., Franciscan Father Miles Pfalzer

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 Clay & Keith Kelley, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$7,128.00
Over or (Short)	\$(1,372.04)
Catholic Relief Fund	\$627.00

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. This means that we do not eat meat and we have only one full meal. The obligation to abstain from meat binds Catholics 14 years of age and older.

COVER STATUES AND CROSSES

The custom of veiling religious images is a way of focusing on the penitential aspect of this liturgical season. It reminds us in a visual way that our faith in all its glory is made possible only through the work of Christ in his suffering and death on the cross. When we cover or remove these holy and sacred images that we are so accustomed to, we are starkly confronted and reminded in a poignant way of all that Christ has won for us.

The tradition is often practiced during the last two weeks before Easter, starting on the Fifth Sunday of Lent and ending on Good Friday. The coverings are removed before the Easter Vigil begins. The joy of the Easter season and the hope of the Resurrection then comes to the forefront.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE - APRIL 5

There will be a Penance Service in the Cathedral on **Tuesday, April 5 beginning at 5:30 p.m.** Several priests will be present to hear confession.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS – FRIDAY, APRIL 8

Please join us for the Way of the Cross at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral **Friday, April 8 at 5:30 p.m.** The Way of the Cross will be live-streamed.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY - APRIL 8

Our local Knights of Columbus council 3200 will have their annual Lenten Fish Fry in Xavier Hall **from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8.** Menu includes fried fish, french fries, hush puppies, and coleslaw and is take-out only. For take-out delivery call 447-3663 with a minimum of four orders. The Fish Fry plates are \$9.00 and \$1.00 for soda or water. (Please note that the Fish Fry will not be served on Good Friday)

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2022

As a Catholic community we are called to be one body in Christ and to live as His disciples. The Annual Diocesan Appeal offers each of us the opportunity to become one in His body by supporting the ministries of the local Church. Your gift is particularly important, regardless of size, and is vital to the success of the Appeal. If you have not given your donation already, please take time to prayerfully consider what you can give in support of our diocesan Church. **The goal for St. Francis Xavier Cathedral this year is \$36,785.00.**

Pledges to date: \$32,325.10

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Saturday, April 09: Palm Sunday Vigil Mass

- 4:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, April 10:

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- Masses at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

Monday, April 11 • 12:05 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, April 12: Chrism Mass

- 11:00 a.m. Only (There is no 12:05 p.m. Mass)

Wednesday, April 13 • 12:05 p.m. Mass

Thursday, April 14:

Holy Thursday – “Mass of the Lord’s Supper”

- 5:30 p.m. Only (There is no 12:05 p.m. Mass)

Friday, April 15:

Good Friday – “The Passion of the Lord”

- 3:00 p.m. Only (There is no 12:05 p.m. Mass)

Saturday, April 16: Easter Vigil Mass

- 8:00 p.m. Only (There is no 4:00 p.m. Mass)

Sunday, April 17:

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

- Masses at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES:

Richard Tassin, Sr.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, APRIL 15 AND MONDAY, APRIL 18

The Church Office will be closed Thursday, April 14 at 12:00 p.m., Friday, April 15 & Monday, April 18. (There will be a 12:05 p.m. Mass on Monday, April 18.)

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 Flower Offering.” Envelopes are located on the tables at the entrances of the Church. You can drop the envelope in the Mass collection basket or bring it to the parish office.

BIRTHDAYS – APRIL 3 – APRIL 9

Gabrielle Armstrong, Kelley Ducote, Elijah Gootee, Elizabeth Gootee, Katherine Hebert, Zella Lacour, Clif Lofton, Tom McCrea, Bobby Mickel, Gwen Van Mol, Rev. William B. Provosty, Apr. 3, 1997, Rev. Ferreolus D’Cruz, Apr. 3, Rev. William L. Lambert, Apr. 6, 1945, Rev. James Roy Apr. 6, Msgr. Charles M. Jekeler, Apr. 8, 1987

PRAY FOR OUR DEACON ASPIRANTS

Jason Lavergne and Alex Mangini

NECROLOGY – APRIL 3 – APRIL 9

Rev. William B. Provosty	+April 3, 1997
Rev. W. L. Lambert	+April 6, 1945
Msgr. Charles M. Jekeler	+April 8, 1987
Rev. Thomas Jezak	+April 9, 2004

FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral subscribed to Flocknotes several weeks ago. 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.

If you are interested in receiving information via this platform, 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 have any questions or need assistance with getting set up, please send an email to Deacon Richard Mitchell at dcmitchell@diocesealex.org. Try it out! Stay connected! Also, we are now live-streaming the 9AM Sunday Masses via Facebook, Youtube and at sfxcathedral.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:

Known military are: Gerard A. Abair, Jr., Brent Marcus Barbour, Byron P. Barbour, Quincy Bordelon, Kevin Burnett, James Domzalski, II, Andrew Hill, Kenneth Jeansonne, 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

Sharon Andrew, Erma Beech, Fred Brouillette, Daisy Bynog, Carol & Bob Brossett, Janice Brossett, Patrick Charles, Barbara Cole, Wayne Cole, Alfred Cook, Jr., Kathy Cumella, Brenda Ducote, Cecile Ducote, Norris Ducote, Ruth Gilchrist, Cathy Grant, Darlene Gremillion, Brenda Hardee, Carolyn Harger, Louis Joseph, Patrick Jones, Cody & Scott Lachney, Pam Lloyd, Audrey Luczak, Linda McCain, Melissa McGlothlin, Clyde Peterson, Diane Rabalais, Jimmie Sanchez, Stephen V. Waters, Kitty Wislon, Lee Arthur Wilson, Leonard Wilson, Tony Wilson, Jim Domzalski, Sr.

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