

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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April 17, 2022

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 18:

12:05 p.m. Thelma Coutee

Tuesday, April 19:

12:05 p.m. John Michael Dunn (living)

Wednesday, April 20:

12:05 p.m. Patrick Carroll (living)

Thursday, April 21:

12:05 p.m. Sean Carroll (living)

Friday, April 22:

12:05 p.m. Colleen Carroll (living)

Saturday, April 23:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, George & Betty Battalora, Linda Cazes, Felix LaCaze, Megan Carroll (living), Kevin Carroll (living), Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Sam & Edith Tamburo, Colingo & Tamburo Families, Simon & Mamie Campo, Campo Family, Jacob Williamson, Bill Jones (living), Grace Mock, Kenneth Armstrong, Rachael Brouillette, Fred Brouillette (living), Sam Johnson, Galardo & Lacroix Families, Robert Eberle, Edgar Campo, Msgr. Ronald C. Hoppe

Sunday, April 24: 2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Carline LaCaze, Dr. Am Mai, Agnes & Leonard Zablonki, Rose & Julie Zablonki, Madeline Jeansonne, Rainerio Mission, Robert Michiels, August & Eulalia Villaflores, Alicia & Gideon Mission, Msgr. Ronald C. Hoppe

11:00 a.m. People of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

5:30 p.m. Margo Trueblood

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for Cecile Dunn, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$ 11,165.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 2,665.00

Thank you for your generosity!

EASTER GREETINGS

We wish each and every one a very blessed and happy Easter. We extend a very special thank you to our adult choir for putting their hearts and souls into making our Lenten journey and Easter celebration one of prayer and extraordinary beauty. We are grateful to all the liturgical ministers who assisted at the Holy Week services. And thanks to all who donated toward the Easter floral decorations and who helped decorate our beautiful Cathedral, especially the Altar Society and the members of the Knights of Columbus.

The Cathedral staff wishes each and every one a very blessed and joy-filled Easter. Fr. Ferguson

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2022



Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare his Own Son." Jesus' death was God's greatest gift to us. He gave his only Son so we may have eternal life.

Are my gifts to the Lord - of my resources, of my time, of myself - also sacrificial? Do I gratefully and generously share with my parish, the community and the Universal Church? Your support of the 2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal is a grateful response to God's greatest gift to us.

The goal for St. Francis Xavier Cathedral this year is \$36,785.00. Pledges to date: \$39,105.00

THE SYNODAL CHURCH SURVEY



As Pope Francis invites all Catholics to have their voices heard leading up to 2023's Synod of Bishops, the Diocese of Alexandria is encouraging everyone to share their thoughts. An eight-question survey is available on the Diocesan website: <https://www.diocesealex.org/synodal-church-survey/>

The questions center under the theme "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participating and Mission." The Diocesan Synod Committee will compile the responses into a report that will be submitted to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). The USCCB will then submit a report for the Synod of Bishops, which will adopt a final document. All dioceses across the globe are participating in the Synod.

CHORDS OF BLUE CONCERT BENEFITTING ST. MARYS - APRIL 21

You are invited to Strike a Chord with the Chords of Blue Benefit Concert in honor of autism awareness month and St. Mary's Residential Training School! The concert features United by Music North America with UBMNA guest artists Grammy-nominated blues musician, Kenny Neal and Sarah Grace from Season 15 of NBC's hit show The Voice. Doors open April 21 at the historic Hotel Bentley in Alexandria at 6:00 p.m. The concert starts at 7:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at www.chordsofblue.com or by texting ConcertTIX to 91999. For more information, contact St. Mary's development office at (318) 445-6443 ext. 2144.

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<https://www.diocesealex.org/our-diocese/catholic-schools/job-applications/>

SPECIAL COLLECTION – INFIRM PRIESTS EASTER WEEKEND, APRIL 16 & 17

Your donation to the Infirm Priests Fund this week will help to replenish the fund, which provides assistance for our sick priests when illness exceeds the extent of our group health coverage limits. This is a wonderful expression of gratitude to the priests who have served you so well over the years. And please also remember them in your prayers, recalling their generosity to you.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL - APRIL 24

Catholic Home Mission Appeal: next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY – April 17 – April 23

Ismael Agosto, Paul Aguiard, Jerry Campo, Spencer Cole, Collette Difulco, Rylee Duncan, Chris Dunn, Jennifer Dunn, Susie Dvorak, Larry Faircloth, Alex Hearn, Emily Hicks, Levy Perkins, Charles Randall, Ryan Riche, Deborah Tarver, Rev. Chad Partain, Apr. 22

NECROLOGY – April 17 – April 23

Msgr. H. C. Teacle +Apr. 18, 1969
Rev. Nicholas H. Judermanns +Apr. 21, 1969
Rev. William M. Hopp +Apr. 22, 1964

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEACON ASPIRANTS

Jason Lavergne, and Alex Mangini

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 dcnmitchell@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: 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, 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, Diane Gremillion, Rosemary Gremillion, Brenda Hardee, Carolyn Harger, Louis Joseph, Patrick Jones, Cody & Scott Lachney, Pam Lloyd, Audrey Luczak, Linda McCain, Melissa McGlothlin, Peggy McNeely, Clyde Peterson, Diane Rabalais, Jimmie Sanchez, Kemal Sanli, Stephen V. Waters, Kitty Wislon, Lee Arthur Wilson, Leonard Wilson, Tony Wilson, Jim Domzalski, Sr.

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