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PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION 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 11:

12:05 p.m. Ruth Wilson

Tuesday, April 12: Mass of the Holy Chrism

11:00 a.m. (There is no 12:05 pm Mass)

Wednesday, April 13:

12:05 p.m. Selma Sayer

Thursday, April 14: Holy Thursday

The Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at 5:20 p.m. and will be live streamed. (Following the Mass, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9:00 p.m. in the Cathedral.) (No 12:05 p.m. Mass)

Friday, April 15: 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 (No 12:05 p.m. Mass)

Saturday, April 16: Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass

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)

Sunday, April 17: Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Agnes Rita Roberts, Mary & Anthony Zablonksi, Dr. Am Mai, Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus Council #3200, Madeline Jeansonne, Msgr. Ronald C. Hoppe

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

5:30 p.m. Clement F.X. Carroll, MD

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Jasper A. Mule', please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

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| Weekly Budget | \$8,500.00 |
| Last Weekend's Collection | \$9,361.70 |
| Over or (Short) | \$861.70 |
| Online Donations for February | \$3,038.75 |

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.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2022



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 no one parish could provide alone. If you have not done so already, prayerfully consider making a donation to the ADA. **The goal for St. Francis Xavier Cathedral this year is \$36,785.00.**
Pledges to date: \$34, 217.10

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

Msgr. Ronald C. Hoppe

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

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.

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.)*

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND, APRIL 15

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support 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 pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born. 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 16 & 17

“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.**

PRAY FOR OUR DEACON ASPIRANTS

Jason Lavergne and Alex Mangini

BIRTHDAYS – APRIL 10 – APRIL 16

Francis Allen, Pete Cicardo, Peter Couvillion, Jan Doyle, Julie Lewis, Francis Serwatka, Will Travis, Ann Vicknair, Rev. Craig Scott, Apr. 12, Dcn. E. J. Barre, Apr. 16

NECROLOGY – APRIL 10 – APRIL 16

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| Rev. Bernard F. Maguire | +Apr. 10, 1996 |
| Msgr. Maracel J. Anderson | +Apr. 10, 2007 |
| Rev. H. Jacquemin | +Apr. 11, 1956 |
| Most Rev. Ronald P. Herzog | +Apr. 12, 2019 |

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:

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, Diane

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Gremillion, Rosemary 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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