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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday of Holy Week, April 3:
12:05 p.m. Fr. Cal Giesen

Tuesday of Holy Week, April 4:
Mass of the Holy Chrism
11:00 a.m. (no 12:05 p.m. Mass today)

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 5:
12:05 p.m. Msgr. Ronald Hoppe

Holy Thursday, April 6: The Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m. & will be live streamed. (*Following the 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, April 7: 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. & will be live streamed.
(There is no 12:05 p.m. Mass)

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

Easter Sunday, April 9:
9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Louis Joseph, Anthony D'Angelo, Jr., Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir, Leon Dunn, Agnes Rita Roberts, Mrs. Phyllis Ann Buckley, Erin Curley, Poor Souls in Purgatory
11:00 a.m. People of SFX Cathedral Parish
5:30 p.m. Albert Poche

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Sam & Edith Tamburo, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$ 8,948.00
Over or (Short)	\$ (552.00)

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.

GOOD FRIDAY - DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon Catholics from age 14 onwards.

RETURN TO THE PRACTICE OF OFFERING THE PRECIOUS BLOOD AT MASS

Bishop Robert Marshall has lifted a restriction on the use of the common Communion chalice used to distribute the Precious Blood, beginning Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023, the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. The decision to offer the Precious Blood at Masses will be each pastor's decision, according to a memo from Bishop Marshall. Here at the Cathedral the Precious Blood will be offered at the 5:30 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass and at the Saturday Vigil Masses and Sunday Masses.

Additionally, Catholics are reminded that Jesus Christ is fully present under each species of Holy Communion – the Sacred Host and the Precious Blood – and are not required to receive both. The Catholic Church teaches that Jesus Christ is present (Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity) under either species of Holy Communion.

Copies regarding the Church's teaching on Holy Communion under both species are available at the doors of the church. Fr. Ferguson

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.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Saturday, April 01: Palm Sunday Vigil Mass

- 4:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, April 2:

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 3

- 12:05 p.m. Mass

Tuesday, April 4: Chrism Mass

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

Wednesday, April 5:

- 12:05 p.m. Mass

Thursday, April 6: Holy Thursday –

“Mass of the Lord’s Supper”

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

Friday, April 7: Good Friday –

“The Passion of the Lord”

- 3:00 p.m. Only (There is no 9:00 a.m. First Friday Mass & no 12:05 p.m. Mass)

Saturday, April 8: Easter Vigil Mass

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

Sunday, April 9:

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

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



Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal last weekend. If you have not had the opportunity to make your pledge to the ADA there are pledge envelopes available in each pew. Please take time to make your commitment to the larger Church, knowing your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal makes a real difference in the lives of the laity of the Diocese. **The goal for St. Francis Xavier Cathedral this year is \$37,244.00. Pledges to date: \$63,320.00. Thanks to all who have helped us reach our goal.**

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED - ON FRIDAY, APRIL 7 & MONDAY, APRIL 10

The Church Office will be closed Thursday, April 6 at 12:00 p.m., Friday, April 7 & Monday, April 10. (There will be a 12:05 p.m. Mass on Monday, April 10.)

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- Sunday, April 2 - Restoration Fund
- Good Friday, April 7 - For the Holy Land
- Easter Sunday, April 9 - For Infirm Priests

BIRTHDAYS – April 2 - April 8

Gabrielle Armstrong, Kelly Ducote, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Elijah Gootee, Elizabeth Gootee, Sharon Hallquist, Zella LaCour, Cliff Lofton, Tom McCrea, Bobby Mickel, Gwen Rivet, Ann Sanson, Gwen Van Mol, Rev. Luke Melcher, Apr. 3, Rev. Joseph Xavier, Apr. 6, Rev. Kenneth Obiekwe, Apr. 7

NECROLOGY – April 2 - April 8

Rev. Jean Baptiste Avenard	+Apr. 3, 1883
Rev. William B. Provosty	+Apr. 3, 1997
Rev. Ferreolus D’Cruz	+Apr. 3, 2013
Msgr. Ronald C. Hoppe	+Apr. 4, 2022
Rev. William Louis Lambertz	+Apr. 6, 1945
Rev. James Roy	+Apr. 6, 2017
Rev. Jean Pierre Bellier	+Apr. 7, 1869
Msgr. Charles M. Jekeler	+Apr. 8, 1987

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, Ashton Brouillette, Kevin Burnett, Delaney Byard, James Domzalski, II, Christopher Fraser, Mason Gremillion, Andrew Hill, Kenneth Jeansonne, Daniel Koury, Jeffrey Kelso, James Madden, Chad McCann, Co. G-2-238, William Purdion, Jr., Kaneon Rachal, Matthew Raines, Kevin Rainesie

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ansley Bellino, Janet Bordelon, Mike Briggs, Patricia Briggs, Carol & Bob Brossett, Janice Brossett, John Broussard, Ann Marie Bruner, Daisy Bynog, John Cain, Kandy Cain, Patrick Charles, Willis Coco, Barbara Cole, Alfred Cook, Jr., Kathy Cumella, Sara Dacdac, Jeramie Davidson, Jim Domzalski, Sr., Elray Dubois, Brenda Ducote, Cecile Ducote, Norris Ducote, Clyde Ray Eli, Carolyn Fontenot, Cathy Grant, Rosemary Gremillion, Richard Hall, Carolyn Harger, Melisa Henry, Ai Ming Herrington, Anna Hooper, Clara Hubbard, Tiffany Johnson, Patrick Jones, Cody & Scott Lachney, James Lachney, Jimmy Lachney, Carla Lee, Lloyd Lee, Pam Lloyd, Audrey Luczak, Kenneth McCarty, Melissa McGlothlin, Peggy McNeely, Bernice Medica, Sam Medica, Tiffany Metrejeun, Laura Murchison, Clyde Peterson, Diane Rabalais, Jimmie Sanchez, Antonio Sandoval, Kemal Sanli, Ursula Schramek, Trudy Schuurmans, Marianne Stephanie Simmons, Preston Stemmann, Mariann Rabalais Sulser, Sam Terracina, Gary Wagers, Sharon Walker, Stephen V. Waters, Katina Watson, Dee & Bailey Wilson, Kitty Wilson, Lee Arthur Wilson, Leonard Wilson, Tony Wilson

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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