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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Father James Ferguson, JCL, Rector • Father William Gearheard, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Richard Mitchell • Deacon Jason Lavergne • www.sfxcathedral.org

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 27:

12:05 p.m. Billie Allen

Tuesday, March 28:

12:05 p.m. Kristine Antoon (living)

Wednesday, March 29:

12:05 p.m. Fr. Cal Giesen

Thursday, March 30:

12:05 p.m. Christopher Dunn (living)

Friday, March 31:

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

Saturday, April 1: First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Mother Regina, O.C.D.

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer,

Alfred & Betty Mathews, George & Betty Battalora, Robert Eberle, Edgar Campo, Paul Am Mai, Sam & Velma Galardo, Mary & Lloyd Lachney, Lynn Dunn (living), Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Charles "Judge" Wallace, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette

Sunday, April 2: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Wayne Cole, Louis Joseph, Dr. Francis Brian, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Altar Society, Cecile Dunn (living), Anthony D'Angelo, Jr., George Taylor Roberts, Mrs. Phyllis Ann Buckley Powell, Erin Curley, Cheryl Ceasar (living)

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

5:30 p.m. Hazel Neal

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Laverne Pierce, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$ 9,372.98
Over or (Short)	\$ (127.02)
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 827.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

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.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE - MARCH 28

There will be a Penance Service in the Cathedral on **Tuesday, March 28 beginning at 5:30 p.m.** Several priests will be present to hear confession.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY - MARCH 31



Our local Knights of Columbus council 3200 is having their annual Lenten Fish Fry in Xavier Hall **from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, March 31.** Menu includes fried fish, french fries, hush puppies, and coleslaw and is take-out only. Price is \$10.00 a plate. For take-out delivery call 447-3663 with a minimum of four orders. (Please note that the Fish Fry will not be served on Good Friday.)

THE WAY OF THE CROSS – FRIDAY, MARCH 31



Please join us for the Way of the Cross at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral **Friday, March 31 at 5:30 p.m.** The Way of the Cross will be live-streamed.

FIRST SATURDAY - APRIL 1

8:00 a.m. Exposition
First Saturday devotions
8:30 a.m. Rosary for Life and Confessions
9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP

The Diocese of Alexandria will be offering training workshops for those individuals who are interested, who currently may serve or who have served in the past as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in their parish. The next workshop will be on **Saturday, April 15, 9:00 a.m.** at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd., Alexandria

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



All that we have and all that we are comes from the Lord. "We are truly his handiwork," says St. Paul in the second reading," created in Christ Jesus to lead a life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance. In the past weeks you might have received a letter from Bishop Marshall asking for your support of the annual appeal. If you have not yet pledged to the ADA, you still have an opportunity to join with Catholics throughout the Diocese of Alexandria to support the diocesan church. **The goal for St. Francis Xavier Cathedral this year is \$37,244.00. Pledges to date: \$57, 072.00. Thanks to all who have helped us reach our goal.**

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 – March 26 - April 1

Nicholas Antoon, Robert Antoon, Lloyd Lee, Martha Lee, LeeAnne Raines, John Swart, Rev. Antony Aelavanthara, Apr. 1, Dcn. L.G. Deloach, Apr. 1

NECROLOGY – March 26 - April 1

Rev. Robert Henry DeVriendt	+Mar. 27, 1951
Rev. Emeric Benedict Scallan	+Mar. 27, 1990
Msgr. Julius Gerard Walle	+Mar. 28, 2004
Msgr. Joseph Francis Xavier Kidd	+Mar. 29, 1963
Rev. John Garvan Cavanagh	+Mar. 29, 1974
Msgr. Allen Mark Chenevert	+Mar. 29, 1987
Rev. Peter Cooney	+Mar. 30, 1893
Rev. Quirinius Vanderburg	+Mar. 30, 1926
Rev. Michael Pfister Kammer	+Mar. 30, 1979
Rev. Dennis Aloysius Curren	+Mar. 31, 1967
Rev. Peter Thomas Norek	+Mar. 31, 1987
Rev. Joseph Frank Kula	+Apr. 1, 1959

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, Ashtun 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, 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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