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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER • DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Father James Ferguson, JCL, Rector • Father William Gearheard, Parochial Vicar
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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 1:

12:05 p.m. John Dunn

Tuesday, May 2:

12:05 p.m. Bernard "Cezar" Carrier

Wednesday, May 3:

12:05 p.m. Cheryl Cezar (living)

Thursday, May 4:

12:05 p.m. Bishop Lawrence P. Graves

Friday, May 5: First Friday

12:05 p.m. Erin Curley

Saturday, May 6: 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, Edgar Campo, Sam & Velma Galardo, Mary & Lloyd Lachney, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Georgie Dunn (living), Charles "Judge" Wallace, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Robert Eberle

Sunday, May 7: Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families, (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Helen Collins, Louis Joseph, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Altar Society, Dr. Francis Brian, John Dunn (living), George Taylor Roberts, Bill Hetcher

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

5:30 p.m. Margo Trueblood

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Bernice Richards, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$	9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$	8,917.00
Over or (Short)	\$	(583.00)

Thank you for your generosity!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

The goal for St. Francis Xavier Cathedral this year is \$37,244.00. Pledges to date: \$76,103.00. Thanks to all who have helped us reach our goal.

HOLY SAVIOR MENARD CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE MASS – APRIL 30

Holy Savior Menard Central High School is having their Baccalaureate Mass at the Cathedral on **Sunday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m.**

FIRST FRIDAY – MAY 5

11:00 a.m. Holy Hour

11:00 a.m. First Friday Devotions

11:15 a.m. Confessions

12:05 p.m. Holy Mass

FIRST SATURDAY – MAY 6

8:00 a.m. Exposition

First Saturday devotions

8:30 a.m. Rosary for Life and Confessions

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

FIRST PENANCE – MAY 6 - 9:00 AM

This year we will be celebrating the **First Penance of our students preparing for First Communion on Saturday, May 6 at 9:30 in the morning.** Students will be making their Confession on this day as they live out their faith by participating in the Sacramental Life of the Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, SUNDAY, MAY 7



We want to congratulate Cayleigh Fruge, Emery Green, Amarachi Orju, Chinecherem Orji, Zachary Rodgers, and Charles Simmons **who will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 7.** Everyone is invited to a Breakfast Social hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 3200 in Xavier Hall after Mass.

MAY CROWNING - MAY 7



On Sunday, May 7 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, the CCD children will participate in crowning the Statue of the Blessed Mother. All other children are invited to participate. Bring flowers and meet in the vestibule of the church before Mass.

HEART OF ST. KATERI CIRCLE MEETING – MAY 11

The next Heart of St. Kateri Circle meeting will be May 11 at 5:30 pm. at the Tekakwitha Conference Center, 2225 North Bolton Avenue, Alexandria, LA. All are welcome, and we'll be discussing the Feast Day Mass held for St. Kateri this month as well as the upcoming Native American Mass in November 2023.

HOLE LOTTA FUND GOLF TOURNAMENT - MAY 19

The "Hole Lotta Fun" Golf Tournament benefiting Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana will be held Friday, May 19 at Tamahka Trails Golf Course at Paragon Casino in Marksville. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. and the shotgun start begins at 1:00 p.m. For more information visit www.ccenla.org or contact Heidi Wampler at (318) 445-2401, ext. 510 or email hwampler@ccenla.org

TRANSITIONAL DEACON ORDINATION - MAY 20

Seminarian Donnie Kuzma (St. Anthony of Padua Church, Natchitoches) will be ordained a Transitional Deacon for the Diocese of Alexandria on **Saturday, May 20 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Alexandria. He will preach at the 4:00 p.m. Mass that day. All are welcome to attend.**

SPECIAL COLLECTION – CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL – APRIL 30

This week, Catholics across the United States are invited to give to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) when their dioceses take up the Appeal. This annual collection supports dioceses in the United States and its territories where it is difficult to sustain basic, essential ministries because of challenges posed by geography, population, or economy. These basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and training for clergy and lay people to minister to the local faithful.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND MAY 6 & 7

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up **Saturday, MAY 6 & Sunday, MAY 7.** Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

BIRTHDAYS – April 30 – May 6

Thomas Heston, Phyllis Powell, Marie Aguiard, Naomi Baker, John Cazes, Linda Dalrymple, Maxine Eli, Wayne Lamartiniere, Alexia Martin, Sarah Molinar, Lyndsie Nelams, Benjamin Randall, Lucas Strange, Brandon Sues, Mark Tassin

NECROLOGY – April 30 – May 6

Msgr. James E. Howard	+May 1, 1959
Msgr. Martin J. Tyrell	+May 4, 1980
Rev. Donald J. Thomas	+May 5, 1968

FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral has subscribed to Flocknotes which 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, 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, Patrick Braquet, 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 Stemann, 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

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