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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 15:

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

Tuesday, May 16:

12:05 p.m. Bernard "Cezar" Carrier (living)

Wednesday, May 17:

12:05 p.m. Erin Curley

Thursday, May 18:

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

Friday, May 19:

12:05 p.m. Bennie O. Hastings

Saturday, May 20:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Alfred & Betty Mathews, George & Betty Battalora, Sam & Edith Tamburo, Colingo & Tamburo Families, Simon & Mamie Campo, Campo Family, Jacob Williamson, Fred & Joy White, Edgar Campo, Galardo & Lacroix Families, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Cecile Dunn (living), Charles "Judge" Wallace, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Robert Eberle, Paul Am Mai, Helen Fitzgerald

Sunday, May 21: The Ascension of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families, (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Louis Joseph, Leon Dunn, Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council #3200, Agnes Rita Roberts, Marianne Rabalais Sulser (living)

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

5:30 p.m. Connie Randall

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Clay & Keith Kelley, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$ 13,665.87
Over or (Short)	\$ 4,165.87
April Online Giving	\$ 1,875.00

Thank you for your generosity!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

To all our mothers, we wish you a Happy Mother's Day. All mothers, living and deceased, will be remembered at the Masses this weekend.

A WORD OF THANKS

A special thanks to our local Knights of Columbus, Council 3200, for hosting the breakfast and reception in Xavier Hall after the First Holy Communion Mass last Sunday.

NEW ASSIGNMENT FOR FR. BILL GEARHEARD

Bishop Robert Marshall has appointed Fr. Bill Gearheard as Pastor of St. Augustine Church in Isle Breville and St. Anne Chapel, Old River, effective July 1, 2023. We are sorry to see Fr. Bill go, but congratulate him on his new assignment as Pastor. We thank him for his service as Parochial Vicar during his six years here at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, and as chaplain at Holy Savior Menard Central High School and Rapides Regional Medical Center. More information on Father Bill's farewell will be announced in the coming weeks. Please keep Fr. Bill in your prayers. Fr. Ferguson.

A summary of the 2023 priest assignment changes for the Diocese of Alexandria can be found on the Diocese's website: www.diocesealex.org.

UPCOMING EMHC WORKSHOP – MAY 16

The Diocese of Alexandria is offering another workshop for those who serve, wish to serve, as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. The workshop will be held at the St. Joseph Center located at 4400 Coliseum Blvd in Alexandria on May 16th starting at 6pm. Space is limited so please sign up on the Diocese website ASAP. Please contact Dcn. Jason Lavergne at 318 - 445-6424 x207 for any questions.

HOLE LOTTA FUN 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.

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

Robert Brossett and Peter Scalfano

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.**

**EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT – SUNDAY, MAY 21, AT 10:00 A.M.**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at 10:00 AM, on Sunday, May 21. Everyone is invited to attend, especially our CCD students and adults who were received recently into full Communion of the Catholic Church. Adoration will end with Benediction at 10:45 a.m.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION –
SUNDAY, MAY 28 AT 5:30 P.M.**

Bishop Robert Marshall will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Sunday, May 28 at the 5:30 p.m. Mass.** Six young people will be making their Confirmation.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION – JUNE 10

Deacon Joshua Burch will be ordained a Priest for the Diocese of Alexandria on **Saturday, June 10 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Alexandria. All are welcome to attend.**

**WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT – JULY 14 – 16
MARYHILL RENEWAL CENTER**

Claire Gallagher will lead a weekend silent retreat that will explore the spirituality of the feminine genius. She will draw on scripture, the wisdom of St. Therese of Lisieux and her own life experiences to help women grow in their spirituality and intimacy with Christ. To register, visit www.diocesealex.org. For more information, please reach out to Dcn. Jason Lavergne at dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org. Sponsored by the Diocese of Alexandria.

BIRTHDAYS – May 14 - May 20

Randall Bradford, Clayton Doyle, Margaret Ferguson, Ashton Hebert, Nathaniel Raines, Joseph Wiederholt, Dcn. Greg LeBlanc, May 16

NECROLOGY – May 14 - May 20

Rev. Thomas Hayes +May 17, 1853
Rev. J. Hardie Lacour +May 17, 1981
Rev. Joseph Robert Knapp +May 19, 1983

FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

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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 Raines

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ansley Bellino, Janet Bordelon, Patrick Braquet, Mike Briggs, Patricia Briggs, Carol & Bob Brossett, Janice Brossett, John Broussard, Ann Marie Bruner, Pam Saucier Buerlew, 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

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