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FIFTH 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 8:

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

Tuesday, May 9:

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

Wednesday, May 10:

12:05 p.m. Erin Curley

Thursday, May 11:

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

Friday, May 12:

12:05 p.m. Linda McCain

Saturday, May 13:

4:00 p.m. All Mothers

Sunday, May 14: Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. All Mothers

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

5:30 p.m. All Mothers

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Jacob Williamson, please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$ 6,583.77
Over or (Short)	\$ (2,916.23)
April Online Giving	\$ 1,875.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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**.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, SUNDAY, MAY 7



We want to congratulate Cayleigh Fruge, Emery Green, Amarachi Orji, 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.

DISCALCED CARMELITE MEETING - MAY 13

The Order of the Discalced Carmelites holds its monthly meeting at 9:00 a.m. every second Saturday, at Maryhill Renewal Center. Anyone is invited to attend morning prayer followed by Mass and then the meeting. If you are interested in Carmelite spiritual studies, please contact Mary Jo McCoy at 318-346-6860 or 318-481-9638. ****If you plan to attend....Please call Mary Jo McCoy at the numbers listed above OR Deacon Bill Travis at 318 640-2827 or 318 664-7069 and someone will meet you at the Maryhill gate.**

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. A conversation with Fr. Ferguson should occur prior to attendance.

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.**

PRIESTLY ORDINATION – JUNE 10

Deacon Josh Burch (Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Natchitoches) 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.

PILGRIMAGE TO EGYPT – NOVEMBER 7 – 19, 2023

Join St. Michael the Archangel Church in Leesville on a pilgrimage to Egypt plus Constantinople! This pilgrimage includes a 4-night Nile River Cruise. Fr. Kenneth Michiels will be the spiritual director. Travel dates are November 7-19, 2023. For more information, visit www.selectinternationaltours.com or call 1800-842-4842.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO – NOVEMBER 13 – 18, 2023

Join St. Mary's Assumption in Cottonport on a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico! This pilgrimage is in honor of the life and ministry of Fr. José Robles-Sánchez. Fr. John Wiltse will be the spiritual director. Travel dates are November 13-18, 2023. For more information call Magnificat Travel at 337-291-1933 or visit: www.holytravels.org/frwiltsemexico.

BIRTHDAYS – May 7- May 13

Melba Birdsall, Rico Cannella, Londa Cappel, Jim Delrie, Rose Francis, Ellen Lee, Al Mathews, Leland McCullough, Lei'sandra Najera, Avery Rodgers, Isabelle Smith, John Smith, Dr. Richard Texada, John Van Mol, Elizabeth Welch, Rev. Joy Antony, May 7, Rev. Joseph Desimone, May 8, Rev. Daniel O'Connor, May 10, Rev. Charles Ray, May 11, Rev. Abraham Palakkattuchira, May 13

NECROLOGY – May 7- May 13

Msgr. Stanislaus . DeKeuwer	+May 7, 1967
Rev. Charles E. Glorioso	+May 7, 1971
Bishop Cornelius Van de Ven	+May 8, 1932
Dcn. Rodrick Broussard	+May 8, 2016
Msgr. Isidore C. DeCeulaer	+May 9, 1971
Rev. Martin Francis Walsh	+May 11, 1966
Rev. Wilbur Guy Cloutier	+May 12, 1999

FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

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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, 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

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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