

# St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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### INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, April 22:**

12:05 p.m. Lois Laborde

**Tuesday, April 23:**

12:05 a.m. Linda Cazes

**Wednesday, April 24:**

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

**Thursday, April 25:**

12:05 p.m. Walter Randall

**Friday, April 26:**

12:05 p.m. John M. Dunn (living)

**Saturday, April 27:**

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

Durastanti, George & Betty Battalora, Paul Am Mai, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Paul Smith, John L. Dunn, Christopher J. Dunn (living), Edgar Campo, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Ismael Gus Agosto, Fr. Daniel Corkery, Ann Vanderslice, Anita Bordelon Ray, Erline Roy

**Sunday, April 28: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families, (living & deceased), Louis Joseph, Todd Mizell, Justin Bates, Ismael Gus Agosto, Ann Vanderslice, Anita Bordelon Ray, Georgia M. Dunn (living), Paul Voelkel, Lizzie Floyd, Jackie Price, Erline Roy

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

5:30 p.m. Fr. Daniel Corkery

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Jennifer L. Dunn, please remember her in your prayers.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$ 10,914.32
Over or (Short)	\$ 1,414.32

Thank you for your generosity!

### FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES

Erline Roy

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

APRIL 21, 2024

The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity, secular institutes), and to the missionary.

### PARISH EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL FORMATION NIGHT APRIL 23 & MAY 21

As we approach the end of our parish Eucharistic Revival, we will offer 2 formation nights, April 23<sup>rd</sup> and May 21<sup>st</sup>.

• **Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm**, a video presentation from Bishop Robert Barron titled "Eucharist: Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, Real Presence" (Approximately 1 1/2hrs).

In the presentation, Bishop Barron offers inspiring insights into the mystery of Christ's presence in our lives and the centrality of the Eucharist. Too many believers do not understand the mystery of the Eucharist, which Vatican II said is the "source and summit of the Christian life." This fresh look at the Eucharist brings to light its reality as sacred meal, the sacrifice necessary for communion with God, and the real presence of Christ.

• **Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm**, a video presentation from Bishop Robert Barron titled "Conversion: Following the Call of Christ" (Approximately 2hrs)

In this DVD, Bishop Robert Barron illuminates six biblical stories of conversion, demonstrating how six ordinary people, just like you, were met by Jesus where they were and called to a better life through Him. The common theme in each story is the turning of all one's attention and energy toward an ever deeper, personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

In his characteristically energetic style, Bishop Barron explains how conversion is not so much a one-time event, but a life-long process. He explains, "Jesus Christ calls us in thousands of different ways to follow Him, as we strive on the path for spiritual excellence."

### FIRST FRIDAY – MAY 3

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 4

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 4

**This year we will be celebrating the First Penance of our students preparing for First Communion on Saturday, May 4 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.

### MAY CROWNING - MAY 5



**On Sunday, May 5 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.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, SUNDAY, MAY 5



We want to congratulate **Jyllian Beran, Rylee Prevot, Maria White and Faith White** who will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 5. Everyone is invited to a Breakfast Social hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council 3200 in Xavier Hall after Mass.

### HOLY SAVIOR MENARD CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE MASS – MAY 5

Holy Savior Menard Central High School is having their Baccalaureate Mass at the Cathedral on **Sunday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m.**

### LECTOR FORMATION WORKSHOP – MAY 7

The Diocese of Alexandria is offering Lector workshops for those individuals who are interested in serving or who currently may serve as a Lector in their parish. To serve in this role, one must be of good standing with their Catholic faith and need the approval of their pastor. If you have any questions, please email [Dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org](mailto:Dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org) or call Deacon Jason Lavergne at 318-445-6424, ext. 207. All training workshops will present the same material and will last no longer than two and a half hours. **Please sign up at the Diocese website at [www.diocesealex.org](http://www.diocesealex.org).**

• **Tuesday, May 7, 6:00 p.m.** - St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd., Alexandria

### ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



As a Catholic community we are called to be one body in Christ and to live as His disciples. The Annual Diocesan Appeal offers each of us the opportunity to become one in His body by supporting the

ministries of the local Church and contributing to the ADA. **The goal for St. Francis Xavier Cathedral this year is \$40,313.00. Pledges to date: \$48,817.00. Thanks to all who have helped us reach our goal.**

### SPECIAL COLLECTION – CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL – APRIL 28

On the weekend of April 27 - 28, 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. Many U.S. dioceses do not have enough priests to serve their parishes. Your support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps provide seminary formation for the next generation of priests. **Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection.**

### BIRTHDAYS – April 14 - April 20

Paul Aguilard, Francis Allen, Jerry Campo, Peter Couvillon, Collette Difulco, Rylee Duncan, Chris Dunn, Jennifer Dunn, Alex Hearn, Julie Lewis, Dana Simmons, Dcn. E.J. Barre, Apr. 16

### NECROLOGY – April 14 - April 20

Msgr. H. C. Teacle +Apr 18, 1969

### 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](mailto: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, Brick Hazel, Andrew Hill, Kenneth Jeansonne, Daniel Koury, Jeffrey Kelso, Chance Ryland Lavergne, James Madden, Chad McCann, Co. G-2-238, William Purdion, Jr., Kaneon Rachal, Daniel Raines, Kevin Raines, Matthew Raines

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ansley Bellino, Janet Bordelon, Patrick Braquet, Mike Briggs, Carol & Bob Brossett, Janice Brossett, John Broussard, Ann Marie Bruner, Pam Saucier Buerlew, Daisy Bynog, John Cain, Cheyenne Carmack, Willis Coco, Barbara Cole, Alfred Cook III, Alfred Cook, Jr., April Cook, Sara Dacdac, Jeramie Davidson, Amanda Nugent Divine, Jim Domzalski, Sr., Elray Dubois, Brenda Ducote, Cecile Ducote, Harold Ducote, Norris Ducote, Clyde Ray Eli, Caleeah Fontenot, Carolyn Fontenot, Cathy Grant, Rosemary Gremillion, Richard Hall, Carolyn Harger, Melisa Henry, Anna Hooper, Clara Hubbard, Jesse Johnson, Tiffany Johnson, Patrick Jones, Cody & Scott Lachney, James Lachney, Jimmy Lachney, Sissy Lamkin, Tracey Lawrence, Carla Lee, Lloyd Lee, Mark Leviner, Pam Lloyd, Audrey Luczak, Melissa McGlothlin, Peggy McNeely, Bernice Medica, Sam Medica, Tiffany Metrejeun, Fran Monk, Matt Owen, Clyde Peterson, Diane Rabalais, Thomas E. Richards, Bryan Ryder,

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Jimmie Sanchez, Antonio Sandoval, Kemal Sanli, Ursula Schramek, Trudy Schuurmans, Marianne Julie Sober, Stephanie Simmons, Sam Terracina, Gary Wagers, Sharon Walker, Stephen V. Waters, Katina Watson, Dee & Bailey Wilson, Kitty Wilson, Lee Arthur Wilson, Leonard Wilson, Tony Wilson, William Joel Wood

**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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