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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 29:

12:05 p.m. James Flavin

Tuesday, April 30:

12:05 a.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, May 1:

12:05 p.m. Lena Cumella

Thursday, May 2:

12:05 p.m. James F. Curley, Sr.

Friday, May 3: First Friday

12:05 p.m. Sam & Myrtle Debona

Saturday, May 4: First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Preston L. Stemmann

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

Durastanti, George & Betty Battalora, Bishop Lawrence P. Graves, Paul Am Mai, Lloyd & Mary Lachney, Galardo & Lacroix Families, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Paul Smith, Edgar Campo, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Anita Bordelon Ray, Ann Vanderslice, Mary Erin Curley, Erline Roy, Bill Passman

Sunday, May 5: Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families, (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Louis Joseph, Todd Mizell, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Altar Society, Dr. Francis Brian, Justin Bates, Jennifer L. Dunn, John L. Dunn, Preston L. Stemmann, Erline Roy

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

5:30 p.m. Anita Bordelon Ray

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Preston L. Stemmann, please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$ 11,069.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 1,569.00

Thank you for your generosity!

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING – MAY 8

The Altar Society will have their monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 8, at 9:00 a.m. in Xavier Hall. Anyone interested in becoming a member is invited to come to the meeting.

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 - MAY 5



We want to congratulate Jyllian Beran, Rylee Prevot, Faith White and Maria 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 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.**

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

PARISH EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL FORMATION NIGHT - MAY 21

As we approach the end of our parish Eucharistic Revival, we will offer our 2nd formation night, May 21st.

• **Tuesday, May 21st at 6pm in Xavier Hall**, 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."

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Issac. St. Paul reminds us that God Himself "did not spare His Own Son." Jesus' death was God's greatest gift to us. He gave his only son so we may have eternal life! Are my gifts to the Lord – of my resources, of my time, of myself – also sacrificial? Do I gratefully and generously share with my parish, the community, and the Universal Church? Your support of the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal is a grateful response to God's greatest gift to us. **The goal for St. Francis Xavier Cathedral this year is \$40,313.00. Pledges to date: \$52,149.00. Thanks to all who have helped us reach our goal.**

STEUBENVILLE SOUTH YOUTH CONFERENCE – JUNE 21 - 23

Calling all high schoolers! In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts for meaning, fulfillment, security, and love. Join hundreds of Catholic teens at Steubenville South on June 21-23 to experience the peace of Jesus Christ, who is our refuge and never wearies of loving us. All rising freshmen in high school through rising freshmen in college are invited to attend this weekend retreat. Learn more at www.steubenvillesouth.com, or contact your youth minister for more information.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL – APRIL 28

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission dioceses because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. Additional information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

BIRTHDAYS – April 28 - May 4

Elizabeth Antoon, Naomi Baker, John Cazes, Linda Dalrymple, Maxine Eli, Linda Kneipp, Wayne Lamartiniere, Alesia Martin, Sarah Molinar, Lucas Strange, Mark Tassin, Rev. Pedro Sierra-Posada, May 1, Rev. Binochan Palliparambil, May 4

NECROLOGY – April 28 - May 4

Msgr. James E. Howard +May 1, 1957
Msgr. Martin Joseph Tyrrell +May 4, 1980

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, 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, Tracey Lawrence, Jimmy Lachney, 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, 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

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Wilson, Kitty Wilson, Lee Arthur Wilson, Leonard Wilson,
Tony Wilson, William Joel Wood

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