

# St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

Deacon Richard Mitchell • Deacon Jason Lavergne • [www.sfxcathedral.org](http://www.sfxcathedral.org)

### INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday, April 1:

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

#### Tuesday, April 2:

12:05 a.m. Linda Cazes

#### Wednesday, April 3:

12:05 p.m. Cecile G. Dunn (living)

#### Thursda, April 4:

12:05 p.m. Msgr. Ronald Hoppe

#### Friday, April 5: First Friday

12:05 p.m. James F. Curley, Sr.  
& Mary Ellen Curly

#### Saturday, April 6: First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Norene Garrett

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Dixie Durastanti, George & Betty Battalora, Paul Am Mai, Lloyd & Mary Lachney, Galardo & Lacroix Families, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Edgar Campo, Mrs. Ruby Williams, John L. Dunn, Paul Smith, Jennifer L. Dunn, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Preston L. Stemmann, Terry Cooley

#### Sunday, April 7: Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy

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, Doris Foster, Christopher J. Dunn (living), Georgia M. Dunn (living), Paul Voelkel, Lizzie Floyd, Preston L. Stemmann, Terry Cooley

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

5:30 p.m. Diana Laborde Rachal

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Glenn Andrew, please remember him in your prayers.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$ 10,908.45
Over or (Short)	\$ 1,408.45

Thank you for your generosity!

### EASTER GREETINGS

We wish each and every one a very blessed and happy Easter. We extend a very special thank you to our adult choir for putting their hearts and souls into making our Lenten journey and Easter celebration one of prayer and extraordinary beauty. We are grateful to all the liturgical ministers who assisted at the Holy Week services. And thanks to all who donated toward the Easter floral decorations and who helped decorate our beautiful Cathedral, especially the Altar Society and the members of the Knights of Columbus. Thanks also to the junior high children in the CCD program that made bags of candy for the younger children.

The Cathedral staff wishes each and every one a very blessed and joy-filled Easter. – Msgr. Ferguson

### ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



Abraham was prepared to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. 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: 39,319.00.**

### FIRST FRIDAY – APRIL 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 – APRIL 6

8:00 a.m. Exposition  
First Saturday devotions  
8:30 a.m. Rosary for Life and Confessions  
9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

### ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING – MARCH 10

The Altar Society will have their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, March 10, at 9:00 a.m.** in Xavier Hall. Anyone interested in becoming a member is invited to come to the meeting.

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOPS, APRIL 6 & JULY 27

The next workshops for Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will be held on the dates, times and locations below. The average time for the workshop is about three hours so please plan accordingly. The same information will be presented at each session. If you would like to sign up, please contact Dcn. Jason Lavergne by email [dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org](mailto:dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org), phone (318) 445-6424 ext. 207, or visit [www.diocesealex.org](http://www.diocesealex.org).

### Dates, times and locations are:

- **Apr. 6, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – St. Francis de Sales Church, Echo**
- **July 27, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – St. Patrick Church, Ferriday**

**\* Please note that if a date results in low registration, it may be cancelled.**

## LECTOR FORMATION WORKSHOP – APRIL 9 & JUNE 15

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 or call Deacon Jason Lavergne at [dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org](mailto:dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org) or 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, April 9 at 6:00 p.m.** - St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd., Alexandria.
- **Saturday, June 15, 8:00 a.m.** - St. Mary's Assumption, Church, Cottonport

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## VIRTUS TRAINING – APRIL 16

There will be a Virtus training session on **Tuesday, April 16, at 6:00 p.m.**, at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria. To pre-register, go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). **NOTE: Minors are not allowed to attend because of the adult content of the videos and discussions.**

## SPECIAL COLLECTION – INFIRM PRIESTS EASTER WEEKEND - MARCH 30 - 31

Your donation to the Infirm Priests Fund on Easter Sunday will help to replenish the fund, which provides assistance for our sick priests when illness exceeds the extent of our group health coverage limits. This is a wonderful expression of gratitude to the priests who have served you so well over the years. **And please also remember them in your prayers, recalling their generosity to you.**

## BIRTHDAYS – March 31 - April 6

Adrienne Perkins, Gabrielle Armstrong, Kelley Ducote, Elijah Gootee, Elizabeth Gootee, Louis Guidry, Cliff Lofton, Tom McCrea, Rev. Antony Aelavanthara, Apr. 1, Dcn. L.G. Deloach, Apr. 1, Rev. Luke Melcher, Apr. 3, Rev. Joseph Xavier, April 6

## NECROLOGY – March 31 - April 6

Rev. Dennis A. Curren +Mar. 31, 1967  
Rev. Peter Thomas Norek +Mar. 31, 1987  
Rev. Joseph Frank Kula +Apr. 1, 1959  
Rev. Jean Baptiste Avenard +Apr. 3, 1883  
Rev. William B. Provosty +Apr. 3, 1997  
Rev. Ferreolus D'Cruz +Apr. 3, 2013  
Msgr. Ronald C. Hoppe +Apr. 4, 2022  
Rev. William L. Lambertz +Apr. 6, 1945  
Rev. James Roy +Apr. 6, 2017

## 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, Patrick Charles, 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, Ai Ming Herrington, Anna Hooper, Clara Hubbard, Jesse Johnson, Tiffany Johnson, Patrick Jones, Cody & Scott Lachney, James Lachney, Tracey Lawrence, Jimmy Lachney, Carla Lee, Lloyd Lee, 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 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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