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ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 13

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

Tuesday, May 14:

12:05 a.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, May 15:

12:05 p.m. Sam & Myrtle Debona

Thursday, May 16:

12:05 p.m. John Borskey

Friday, May 17:

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

Saturday, May 18:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Dixie Durastanti, George & Betty Battalora, Paul Am Mai, Sam & Edith Tamburo, Colingo & Tamburo Families, Simon & Mamie Campo, Campo Family, Jacob Williamson, Fred & Joy White, Sam & Velma Galardo, Mary Erin Curley, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Paul Smith, Edgar Campo, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Ann Vanderslice, Bill Passman, Allison Arrington (living), Jeannie Chavez (living), R. Thomas (living)

Sunday, May 19: Pentecost Sunday

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families, (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Louis Joseph, Maddie Mitchell (living), Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council # 3200, Bennie O. Hastings, Todd Mizell, Preston L. Stemmann, Jennifer L. Dunn, John L. Dunn, Cecile G. Dunn (living), Christopher J. Dunn (living), John M. Dunn (living), Justin Bates, Kenneth Rollins

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

5:30 p.m. Madeline Jeansonne

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	\$ 13,115.11
Over or (Short)	\$ 3,615.11
Restoration Fund	\$ 2,186.00
Alexandria Diocesan Appeal to-date	\$ 56,162.00

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.

PARISH EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL 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."

VIRTUS TRAINING – MAY 21

There will be a Virtus training session on Tuesday, May 21, at 6:00 p.m., at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria. To pre-register, go to www.virtus.org. NOTE: Minors are not allowed to attend because of the adult content of the videos and discussions.

PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION – MAY 25



We are happy to announce that Deacon Donnie Kuzma, Jr. will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Alexandria on Saturday, May 25.

Bishop Robert W. Marshall will perform the ordination during the solemn Mass beginning at 10:00 a.m., at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. Please keep him in your

prayers as he begins his ministry of the priesthood. Everyone is invited to attend.

DISCALCED CARMELITE MEETING – JUNE 8

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.

BRING THEM HOME!

A 2014 PEW study found that 13% of all U.S. adults are former Catholics—and that was ten years ago! That means for every convert to the faith, there are at least 6.5 fallen-away Catholics. COVID-19 amplified this problem. A 2022 CARA study showed a 7% decline in Sunday Mass attendance compared with pre-COVID data. This significant portion of Catholics lost connection with their local parish during the shutdowns, and just never came back.

The weekend of June 2nd, the church will celebrate The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as Corpus Christi weekend. We ask that you take this opportunity to invite someone back to church. Maybe it's a family member, a coworker or someone you know in your social circles. The goal is to guide those who have left the church to an intimate encounter with God, allowing them to experience God's love, mercy, and goodness. Whom are you called to invite home?

SPECIAL COLLECTION – MAY 12 CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Today we take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect Catholics with Christ in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the Diocese of Alexandria to support our local efforts. **Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message. Support the collection today! Learn more at www.usccb.org/ccc.**

BIRTHDAYS – May 13 – May 18

Randall Bradford, Clayton Doyle, Margaret Ferguson, Ashton Hebert, Ellen Lee, Lei'sandra Najera, Avery Rodgers, Isabelle Smith, Richard Texada, Elizabeth Welch, Rev. Abraham Palakkattuchira, May 13, Dcn. Greg LeBlanc, May 16

NECROLOGY – May 13 – May 18

Rev. Wilbur Guy Cloutier +May 12, 1999
Rev. Thomas Hayes +May 17, 1853
Rev. J. Hardie Lacour +May 17, 1981

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 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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