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PENTECOST SUNDAY

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 20

12:05 p.m. Lois Laborde

Tuesday, May 21:

12:05 a.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, May 22:

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

Thursday, May 23:

12:05 p.m. Julie Mickel

Friday, May 24:

12:05 p.m. Rose V. Juneau

Saturday, May 25:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Dixie Durastanti, George & Betty Battalora, Paul Am Mai, Mary Lachney, Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Paul Smith, Edgar Campo, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Georgia M. Dunn (living), Bill Passman, Ann Gravel Vanderslice, Mable Titmus

Sunday, May 26: The Most Holy Trinity

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families, (living & deceased), Louis Joseph, Todd Mizell, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir, Justin Bates, John L. Dunn, Jennifer L. Dunn, Cecile G. Dunn (living), Christopher J. Dunn (living), Olga Carnahan, Vernon Carnahan, Kenneth Rollins

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

5:30 p.m. Ada Bergeron

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	\$ 10,640.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 1,140.00
Catholic Communication Campaign	\$ 678.00
Alexandria Diocesan Appeal to-date	\$ 56,632.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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" (Approx. 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.

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**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY
– MAY 27**

The Parish office will be closed on **Monday, May 27**, for the Memorial Day holiday. **Mass will be celebrated at 12:05 p.m. as usual.**

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?

**STEBENVILLE 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.**

BIRTHDAYS – May 19 – May 25

David Ducote, Marilyn Ducote, Mary Lou Hedgepeth, Mary Lachney, Culley Pearce, Nathaniel Raines, Abigail Travis, Joseph Wiederholt, Rev. Christian Ogonna, May 23

NECROLOGY – May 19 – May 25

Rev. Joseph Robert Knapp +May 19, 1983

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, 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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