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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 27

12:05 p.m. Mrs. Lois Laborde

Tuesday, May 28:

12:05 a.m. Sam & Myrtle DeBona

Wednesday, May 29:

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

Thursday, May 30:

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

Friday, May 31:

12:05 p.m. Preston L. Stemmann

Saturday, June 1: First Saturday

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, Paul Smith, Georgia M. Dunn (living), Edgar Campo, Bill Passman, Ann Gravel Vanderslice, Mable Titmus, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Mounzer Chalah, Peter Uy Mai

Sunday, June 2: The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families, (living & deceased), R. J. Dunn, Louis Joseph, Todd Mizell, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Altar Society, Dr. Francis Brian, Justin Bates, Christopher J. Dunn (living), Kenneth Carnahan, John Swart

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

5:30 p.m. John L. Dunn

SANCTUARY LIGHT

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

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$ 8,873.00
Over or (Short)	\$ (627.00)
Alexandria Diocesan Appeal to-date	\$ 57,432.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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.**

FIRST SATURDAY – JUNE 1

8:00 a.m. Exposition

First Saturday devotions

8:30 a.m. Rosary for Life and Confessions

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION – SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Please join us **Sunday, June 2** after the **9:00 AM Mass**, when we will have a **Eucharistic Procession (lasting approximately 30 minutes)** around the block of **St. Francis Xavier Cathedral** to celebrate **The Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**. The procession will begin at the Cathedral, continuing on Beauregard Street, taking a right on 6th Street, a right on Elliott Street, and a right on 4th Street, then back to the Cathedral. There will be Benediction in church right after the procession, which will be led by Bishop Marshall. **Those who will be attending the 11:00 Mass, are welcome to join in the procession following the 9:00 AM Mass. Msgr. Ferguson**

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. **As we will celebrate The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, 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?

FIRST FRIDAY – JUNE 7

11:00 a.m. Holy Hour
11:00 a.m. First Friday Devotions
11:15 a.m. Confessions
12:05 p.m. Holy Mass

ALTAR SOCIETY SEMI-ANNUAL BAKE SALE - JUNE 8 - 9



The Cathedral Altar Society will have their Semi-Annual Bake Sale in Xavier Hall on June 8 - 9, after the 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass and after the 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Masses on Sunday. Donations of baked goods can be dropped off in the church hall on Saturday, July 9 between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, or before each weekend Mass. Please come by and support the Altar Society. Your contributions help pay for the necessary items for the upkeep of the Cathedral sanctuary.

AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community! Tommy Davis from LPI, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital as featured on ParishesOnline.com. Tommy Davis 262-289-4262, www.tdavis@4lpi.com.

VIRTUS VOLUNTEER FACILITATOR TRAINING JUNE 29, 8:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M

We are in need of more VIRTUS Awareness training facilitators. We will have a day of training on Saturday, June 29, 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph Catholic Center in Alexandria. The training day is free of charge. We will provide all materials/binders, breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks. Volunteer Facilitators are asked for a minimum commitment of 2-3 years to the diocese and facilitate VIRTUS Training sessions 2-3 times per year, 3 hours per session, usually held on a weekday evening. Most sessions will be scheduled at church parishes and mileage is reimbursed. The Safe Environment program is important for our children and other vulnerable people. Please consider donating your time to this important ministry. For more information, please contact Kecia Coco at (318) 445-6424, ext. 213 or kcoco@diocesealex.org.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND JUNE 1 – JUNE 2

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up Saturday, June 1 & Sunday, June 2. Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

BIRTHDAYS – May 26 – June 1

Priscilla Babin, Samuel Boateng, Anthony Callahan, Taylor Cameron, Dorothy Deville, Mike Galardo, James Gootee, Kelly Anne Haise, Brian Heam, Bobbie Maddox, Norah Schneider, Rev. Ronald Mathews, June 4

NECROLOGY – May 26 – June 1

Rev. Hermel Dube +May 27, 1962
Rev. Gustave Bergeron +May 28, 1984
Msgr. John C. Marsh +May 29, 1975
Rev. Thomas A. Watt +May 30, 1977

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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