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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday of Holy Week, April 14:

12:05 p.m. Freddie Stringfield

Tuesday of Holy Week, April 15:

11:00 a.m. Chrism Mass (no 12:05 pm Mass)

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 16:

12:05 p.m. Theresa Cazes

Holy Thursday, April 17:

5:30 p.m. The Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated & will be live streamed. (*Following the Mass, there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9 00 p.m. in the Cathedral.*) (*There is no 12:05 p.m. Mass*)

Good Friday, April 18:

3:00 p.m. Friday of the Passion of the Lord; the reading of the Passion, veneration of the cross and distribution of Holy Communion, will be held at 3:00 p.m. & will be live streamed. (*There is no 12:05 p.m. Mass.*)

Holy Saturday, April 19:

8:00 p.m. The only Mass on Holy Saturday is the Easter Vigil Mass, which will be celebrated at 8:00 p.m. & will be live streamed. (*There is no 4:00 p.m. Mass.*)

Easter Sunday, April 20:

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Joe Betty Sterkx, Tod Mizell, Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council # 3200, Agnes Rita Roberts, Marty Vutera, Jr. (living), Susie Chicola Davis, Joseph S. Serwatka, John Christian Upton, Margaret Henderson, June Melancon, Ann Vanderslice, Van Moll Family (living), Elizabeth Miles, Elizabeth Ann Thornhill

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

5:30 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Wilbert

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Tom Heston, please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 11,636.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 2,136.00
Restoration Fund	\$ 2,047.00

Thank you for your generosity!

TODAY IS CALLED PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

The first name comes from the fact that it commemorates Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, when the crowd had palm branches (John 12:13). The second name comes from the fact that the narrative of the Passion is read today. The blessed palm is known as a sacramental. Palms are kept in the home as a witness to faith in Jesus Christ, messianic king, and in his Paschal Victory.

HOLY WEEK

This week we begin the most sacred and solemn season of the church year because the Passion of Christ is the inspiring theme to which the Church directs our hearts and minds. **Why do we cover crucifixes and statues during the final weeks of Lent?** First of all, we use veils to alert us of the special time that we are in. When we walk into church and notice everything covered, we immediately know that something is different. These last days of Lent are meant to be a time of immediate preparation for Holy Week and these veils are a forceful reminder to get ready. Secondly, the veils focus our attention on the words being said at Mass. When we listen to the Passion narrative, our senses are allowed to focus on the striking words from the Gospel and truly enter into the scene. Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday; images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.

GOOD FRIDAY – DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon Catholics from age 14 onwards.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2025

As a Catholic community we are called to be one body in Christ and to live as His disciples. The Annual Diocesan Appeal offers each of us the opportunity to become one in His body by supporting the ministries of the local Church and contributing to the ADA.

REMEMBER A LOVED ONE THROUGH A MEMORIAL GIFT OF EASTER LILIES

Provide the name of the person to be remembered and place it with \$13.00 in an envelope marked "Easter Flower Offering." Envelopes are located on the tables at the entrances of the

Church. You can drop the envelope in the Mass collection basket or bring it to the parish office.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Monday, April 14

- 12:05 p.m. Mass Freddie Stringfield

Tuesday, April 15: Chrism Mass

- 11:00 a.m. only (There is no 12:05 p.m. Mass)

Wednesday, April 16:

- 12:05 p.m. Mass Theresa Cazes

Thursday, April 17: Holy Thursday, "Mass of the Lords Supper"

- 5:30 p.m. only (There is no 12:05 p.m. Mass)

Friday, April 18: Good Friday, "The Passion of The Lord"

- 3:00 p.m. only (There is no 12:05 p.m. Mass)

Saturday, April 19: Easter Vigil Mass

- 8:00 p.m. only (There is no 4:00 p.m. Mass)

Sunday, April 20: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

- Masses at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

(The oil for the Chrism Mass was donated in Memory of the Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir)

SPECIAL COLLECTION – GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

Every year on Good Friday, a collection is taken up to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land. Christians there rely heavily on the help that comes to them from this worldwide collection. The Franciscans of the Custody of the Holy Land have the unique responsibility to care for the Holy Places as well for the "Living Stones," the Christians living there. It is vital that we support Christians living in the Holy Land, in order to maintain a Christian presence in the very land made holy by the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus. To learn more, visit <https://myfranciscan.org/good-friday-2025/>.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – INFIRM PRIESTS FUND EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 20

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: April 13 – April 19

Fran Allen, Miranda Baka, Jerry Campo, Pete Cicardo, Peter Couvillon, Rylee Duncan, Chris Dunn, Jennifer Dunn, Kinsey Louviere, Dana Simmons, Will Travis, Dcn. E.J. Barre, April 16

NECROLOGY: April 13 – April 19

Msgr. H. G. Teacle +Apr. 18, 1969

FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

Flocknotes is an email and text message application that allows you to receive news and information from the Cathedral. It is free. Please go to flocknote.com and search either by City (Alexandria) or the Zip Code (71301) and sign up there. You can unsubscribe anytime. If you any questions or need assistance with getting set up, please send an email to Deacon Richard Mitchell at dcnmitchell@diocesealex.org. Try it out! Stay connected! **Also, we are now live-streaming the 9AM Sunday Masses via Facebook, Youtube and at sfxcathedral.org.**

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, Chad McCann, Co. G-2-238, William Purdion, Jr., Kaneon Rachal, Daniel Raines, Kevin Raines, Matthew Raines

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Barry Ackel, Ansley Bellino, Sam Bishop, Kathy Blackman, Janet Bordelon, Patrick Braquet, Carol & Bob Brossett, Janice Brossett, John Broussard, Ann Marie Bruner, Daisy Bynog, John Cain, Cheyenne Carmack, Willis Coco, Barbara Cole, Alfred Cook III, Alfred Cook, Jr., April Cook, Teresa B. Coutee, Sara Dacdac, Jeramie Davidson, Jim Domzalski Sr., Elray Dubois, Brenda Ducote, Cecile Ducote, Harold Ducote, Norris Ducote, Chester Durr, Clyde Ray Eli, Caleah Fontenot, Carolyn Fontenot, Cathy Grant, Rosemary Gremillion, Celia Halbert, Richard Hall, Carolyn Harger, Scott Hallinan, Linc Harris, Melisa Henry, Anna Hooper, Tish Hull, Jesse Johnson, Tiffany Johnson, Patrick Jones, Cody & Scott Lachney, James Lachney, Steve Lawrence, Tracey Lawrence, Jimmy Lachney, Carla Lee, Lloyd Lee, Mark Leviner, Pam Lloyd, Audrey Luczak, Melissa McGlothlin, Melanie McNamara, Peggy McNeely, Sam Medica, Tiffany Metrejeun, Fran Monk, Matt Owen, Clyde Peterson, Britney Rousseau, Diane Rabalais, Thomas E. Richards, Benny Russo, Jimmie Sanchez, Antonio Sandoval, Kemal Sanli, Ursula Schramek, Trudy Schuurmans, Faith Scharz, Karen Smith, Marianne Julie Sober, Stephanie Simmons, Sam Terracina, Gary Wagers, Sharon Walker, Stephen V. Waters, Katina Watson, Brendan Weidner, Morgan White, Marilyn Wilbert, Dee & Bailey Wilson, Kitty Wilson, Lee Arthur Wilson, Leonard Wilson, Tony Wilson, William Joel Wood

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