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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER and DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

Deacon Richard Mitchell • Deacon Jason Lavergne • www.sfxcathedral.org

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 28:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Tuesday, April 29:

12:05 p.m. James Flavin

Wednesday, April 30:

12:05 p.m. Dr. Ron Cezar

Thursday, May 1:

12:05 p.m. Lena Cumella

Friday, May 2: First Friday

12:05 p.m. Tim Gremillion

Saturday, May 3: First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Mounzer Challah

4:00 p.m. Pope Francis, Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila

Kramer, Dixie Durastanti, Edgar Campo, George & Betty Battalora, Shirley Lachney Price (living), Lloyd & Mary Lachney, Sam & Velma Galardo, Paul Am Mai, Marty Vutera, Jr. (living), Robert Eberle, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Wallace & Normand Families, Ann Vanderslice, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, Shirley Gunn (living), John Christian Upton, Van Mol Family (living)

Sunday, May 4: 3rd Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Pope Francis, Gilchrist & White Families, (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Bishop Lawrence P. Graves, Joe Betty Sterkx, Todd Mizell, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Altar Society, George Taylor Roberts, John Christian Upton, Margaret Henderson, Susie Chicola Davis, Ann Vanderslice, Van Moll Family (living), Elizabeth Miles, Elizabeth Ann Thornhill, Angela & Jeff Price Family (living), Poor Souls in Purgatory, Danny & Carol Van Mol (living)

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

5:30 p.m. Fr. Sam Bishop

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Carolyn Harger, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 14,306.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 4,806.00
Holy Land	\$ 1,465.00

Thank you for your generosity!

A WORD OF THANKS

We extend a very special thanks to the St. Francis Xavier Cathedral Choir for putting their hearts and souls making our Lenten journey and Easter celebrations one of prayer and extraordinary beauty, for all the liturgical ministers and servers who assisted, for all who donated toward the Easter collections and floral decorations, and everyone who helped decorate our beautiful Cathedral, especially members of the St. Francis Cathedral Altar Society and Knights of Columbus. – Msgr. Ferguson

1st HOLY COMMUNION AND MAY CROWNING – MAY 4

We want to congratulate four of our CCD students who will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time at the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass, on May 4, 2025. Also, as Mass begins, children of the Cathedral parish will participate in a procession and the crowning of the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Everyone is invited to a reception sponsored by the Altar Society and Knights of Columbus following the Mass in Xavier Hall.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2025



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 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal is a grateful response to God's greatest gift to us.

FIRST FRIDAY – MAY 2

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 – MAY 3

8:00 a.m. Exposition, First Saturday devotions

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

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

PRE-CANA MARRIAGE PREP WORKSHOP - MAY 3

These one-day workshops will be at the St. Joseph Catholic Center located at 4400 Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria, LA. Beginning at 8:00 a.m., the day will include presentations on various topics that are vital to a couple's lifelong marriage. The

workshop will end at approximately 3:00 p.m. and lunch will be included. Space will be limited, so please register for a workshop as soon as possible. Registration for the May 3 workshop is now open. There is a fee of \$60 per couple. You may pay online after submitting the registration form. You can also pay the day of the workshop via check, money order or cash. Or you can prepay by mailing your check or money order (payable to Diocese of Alexandria) and mail to: Office of Religious Education and Faith Formation, P.O. Box 7417, Alexandria, LA 71306-0417. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Jason Lavergne in the Office of Religious Education and Faith Formation at (318) 445-6424 ext. 207.

VIRTUS TRAINING – MAY 5

There will be a Virtus training session on Monday, May 5, 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.

DISCALCED CARMELITES MEETING - MAY 10

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORIE – JUNE 2 – 10, 2025

Fr. Brian will be leading a pilgrimage to Medjugorje from June 2 - 10. If you are interested, please visit www.206tours.com/cms/frseiler/.

DIOCESAN CODE OF PASTORAL CONDUCT FOR PRIESTS, DEACONS, PASTORAL MINISTERS, ADMINISTRATORS, STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

The Diocesan Code of Pastoral Conduct for Priests, Deacons, Pastoral Ministers, Administrators, Staff and Volunteers, can be accessed under Downloadable Documents in the Safe Environment section of the diocesan website.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS – APRIL 27

This week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND MAY 3 – 4

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up **Saturday, May 3 and Sunday, May 4**. Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

BIRTHDAYS: April 27 – May 3

Elizabeth Antoon, Linda Kneipp, Michael Nassif, Naomi Baker, John Cazes, Maxine Eli, Wayne Lamartiniere, Alesia Martin, Mark Tassin, Rev. Jose Pallipurath, Apr. 27, Rev. Pedro Sierra-Posada, May 1

NECROLOGY: April 27 – May 3

Rev. John B. Limagne +Apr. 27, 1912
Msgr. James E. Howard +May 1, 1957

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, Janet Bordelon, Patrick Braquet, Carol & Bob 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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