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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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### INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday, May 12:

12:05 p.m. Linda McCain

#### Tuesday, May 13:

12:05 p.m. Lucille M. Ducote

#### Wednesday, May 14:

12:05 p.m. Angeline Hutto

#### Thursday, May 15:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

#### Friday, May 16:

12:05 p.m. Dr. Ron Cezar

#### Saturday, May 17:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Dixie

Durastanti, Theresa Cazes, Annie Cazes Price, Edgar Campo, George & Betty Battalora, Sam & Edith Tamburo, Colingo & Tamburo Families, Simon & Mamie Campo, Campo Family, Jacob Williamson, Fred & Joy White, Robert Eberle, Galardo & LaCroix Families, Paul Am Mai, Marty Vurtera, Jr. (living), Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Wallace & Normand Family, Ann Vanderslice, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fred Brouillette, John Christian Upton, Van Mol Family (living), Barbara Mock

#### Sunday, May 18: 5th Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R. J. Ducote, Joe Betty Sterkx, Todd Mizell, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir, Agnes Rita Roberts, John Christian Upton, Margaret Henderson, June Melancon, Susie Chicola Davis, Ann Vanderslice, Van Mol Family (living), Joann Juekens, Sam Bishop, Mary Roy, Michael & Susan Bradford, Sr., Rosemary Grape'

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

5:30 p.m. Ken Brossett

### 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 Collection	\$ 12,127.00
Over or (Short)	\$ 2,627.00
Restoration Fund	\$ 3,478.00

**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.

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – MAY 11

**The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38).**

While appreciating all vocations, our diocesan vocations director, Fr. Luke Lafleur, is encouraging pastors on the weekend of May 11 to incorporate vocations in their homilies, especially to the priesthood, since it is Good Shepherd Sunday. We are looking to have some time after the homily for parishioners to write down the names of young men in the Cathedral parish whom they think may have a call to the priesthood. Slips of paper will be placed in the pews, along with pencils. While the ushers are passing the basket for the collection, parishioners can place these forms in the collection basket. After collecting the data from participating parishes, Bishop Marshall will mail the young men (high school age and older) a letter inviting them to a dinner on August 7 at 6 pm at Maryhill where they can meet with our seminarians, the bishop and vocations director. At a later time, we will be reaching out to young women about religious life.

### REV. MSGR. JAMES A. FERGUSON'S 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION CELEBRATION



Please join us for a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination Celebration for Rev. Msgr. James A. Ferguson, J.C.L. **The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, May 25, 2025 at the**

**11:00 AM Mass at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral.** A reception will follow at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Divine Providence Center, 530 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Alexandria, Louisiana.

RSVP: [sfxcaltarsociety@gmail.com](mailto:sfxcaltarsociety@gmail.com)

### PAINT THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS - MAY 27

**Join us in Xavier Hall at 6:00pm on Tuesday May 27th.**

**Learn how to paint the Sacred Heart of Jesus while meditating on the Ascension of Jesus Christ into Heaven.**

This will be a wonderful evening with the community praying, painting, laughing, and just enjoying a peaceful evening of creativity. Harleigh will guide you through the painting class start to finish, and the class is designed for beginners to expert painters. A light meal will be provided by Saint Francis Xavier Cathedral Church. All supplies are included in the price of the

class, visit [www.harleighleonards.com](http://www.harleighleonards.com) to purchase your ticket. You must purchase tickets through the website or use the QR code prior to the evening. If you have any questions, please contact Dcn. Jason Lavergne at [dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org](mailto:dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org) or (318) 445-6424 ext. 207.

### SUMMER CAMPS AT HOLY SAVIOR MENARD BEGIN MAY 27- 30

Holy Savior Menard High School will host several camps over the summer:

- **May 27 - 30:** Basketball Camp 8:30-11:30 a.m. for boys and girls coached by three former collegiate players. Cost: \$125. and includes t-shirt.

Contact [bcarbo@holysaviormenard.com](mailto:bcarbo@holysaviormenard.com).

- **June 2 - 6:** Baseball Camp 8:00 a.m.-12 noon with Coach Marks, college players and current varsity roster.

Cost is \$125. Contact [jmarks@holysaviormenard.com](mailto:jmarks@holysaviormenard.com).

- **June 2 - 6:** Softball Camp 8:00 a.m.-12 noon coached by varsity coaches and current varsity roster. Cost is \$125.

Contact [btorney@holysaviormenard.com](mailto:btorney@holysaviormenard.com).

- **June 3 - 6:** Robotics Camp 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Space is limited to 10. "Before care" is available from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Cost is \$150. Contact [tshepherd@holysaviormenard.com](mailto:tshepherd@holysaviormenard.com).


- **June 23 - 26:** Soccer Camp 8:00-11:30 a.m. for boys and girls ages 6-14. Cost is \$125.

Contact [ccampbell@holysaviormenard.com](mailto:ccampbell@holysaviormenard.com).

### JOB OPENING: MUSIC DIRECTOR

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Alexandria, Louisiana, has an opening for a Director of Music. This position includes music for liturgies at weekend Masses, holy days, and other parish and diocesan liturgies; plans and conducts music rehearsals; directs and trains cantors. Practicing Catholic and degree in music required. Salary is negotiable and commensurate with experience. Please forward resumé with references to Father James Ferguson, Rector, St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, 626 4th Street, Alexandria, LA, 71301 or email to [frjferguson@diocesealex.org](mailto:frjferguson@diocesealex.org).

### ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL 2025

 **Just as we are one in the Body of Christ, we must remember that we are one with other parishes in our Diocese.** Once a year, each of us is asked to make a commitment to support the work of our Diocesan programs and ministries that provide services that no one parish could provide on its own.

Next weekend, in every parish throughout the Diocese of Alexandria, Catholics who have not done so already, will be asked to support the 2025 Annual Diocesan Appeal. Please experience the joy of giving and join us as we work to continue God's work of spirituality, formation and education by contributing to the ADA.

### BIRTHDAYS: May 11 – May 17

Neal Bates, Randall Bradford, Clayton Doyle, Margaret Ferguson, Ashton Hebert, Thomas Long, Lei'sandra Najera, Avery Rodgers, Isabelle Smith, John Smith, Dr. Richard Texada, Elizabeth Welch, Rev. Abraham Palakkattuchira, May 13, Dcn. Greg LeBlanc, May 16

### 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:aryder@parish.diocesealex.org).*

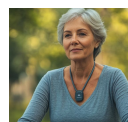
Known military are: Gerard A. Abair, Jr., Brent Marcus Barbour, Byron P. Barbour, Quincy Bordelon, Ashton Brouillette, Kevin Burnett, Delaney Byard, James Domzalski, II, Christopher Fraser, Brick Hazel, Andrew Hill, Kenneth Jeansonne, Daniel Koury, Jeffrey Kelso, Chance Ryland Lavergne, Chad McCann, 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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