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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER AND DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 13

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Tuesday, April 14

12:05 p.m. Thelma Santiago

Wednesday, April 15:

12:05 p.m. Victoria Young (living)

Thursday, April 16:

12:05 p.m. Judge B. Dexter Ryland

Friday, April 17:

12:05 p.m. Peggy Trotter

Saturday, April 18:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Dixie Durastanti, Wallace & Normand Families (living & Deceased), George & Betty Battalora, Edgar & Connie Campo, Egidio John DiStefano, Sam & Maggie DiStefano, Galardo & LaCroix Families, Robert Eberly, Paul Am Mai, Matthew John Ducote, Ann Gravel Vanderslice, Fred Brouillette, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson

Sunday, April 19: Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R.J. Ducote, Selma & Richard Sayer, Joe Betty Sterkx, Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council # 3200, John Reynolds, Grass & Ferguson Family, Todd Mizell, John Swart, Brenda Brocato, Poor Souls in Purgatory

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

5:30 p.m. Connie Randall

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Sam & Edith Tamburo, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 12,405.47
Over or (Short)	\$ 2,905.47
Holy Land	\$ 1,996.00
Infirm Priest	\$ 926.00
Restoration Fund	\$ 1,645.00

Thank you for your generosity!

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL - 2026



Jesus didn't do it alone. He called disciples to assist him in his mission. Jesus challenged and supported his disciples – at times gently chiding them, or reaching out a hand to help, and at times demanding a lot of them. Our Lord walks with us but he also challenges us to be good disciples by supporting the universal church. Do we ask ourselves are we imitators of Christ by giving freely of ourselves – our time, talent and financial resources? Are our gifts to our parish acceptable? Are our gifts to the local Church through the Annual Diocesan Appeal acceptable?

The goal for St. Francis Xavier Cathedral this year is \$38,234.00. Pledges to date \$29,542.20

OCIA/OCIC CLASSES – APRIL 12

Out of an extraordinary response of those seeking to join the Catholic Church, St. Francis Xavier Cathedral will host formation for OCIA/OCIC beginning later this Spring. If you, or if you know someone, who is interested in joining the Catholic faith and would like to participate in the OCIA/OCIC process before its normal start in September, please reach out to Dcn Jason Lavergne @ dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org for more information. Classes will begin on April 12th.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTRY OF HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP – APRIL 14

The workshop is on Tuesday, April 14, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd., Alexandria. It lasts about three hours so please plan accordingly. For more information, contact Dcn. Jason Lavergne at (318) 445-6424 ext. 207 or by email at dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org. There is no need to register and no charge to attend. When the session is completed, you will receive a certificate. We will be happy to have you!

ANNIKA WOMEN'S ALL PRO TOUR AND MANNA HOUSE ProAM GOLF TOURNAMENT – APRIL 16 - 18

Manna House is proud to announce the return of the ANNIKA Women's All Pro Tour and the Manna House ProAM Golf Tournament, hosted at Links on the Bayou golf course in Alexandria, Louisiana. Professional golfers from around the world will travel to Central Louisiana for the Coca-Cola Dr. Pepper Open, April 16–18, 2026, bringing elite competition and community spirit to Alexandria.

The Manna House ProAM Tournament will take place on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, also at Links on the Bayou. Each three-person team will be paired with a professional golfer for an unforgettable day of play. Teams may register online at: <https://alexandria-coca-cola-dr-pepper-open.perfectgolfevent.com>. The entry deadline is

Monday, April 6, 2026, and payment is required prior to the tournament. Space is limited, and early registration is encouraged. This event is open to the public. For more information, please contact: Theresa Slater, Tournament Chairperson – 318-664-3603 or Jessica Viator, Executive Director – 318-445-9053.

WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT – APRIL 23 - 26

“This we have as an anchor of the soul, sure and firm, which reaches into the interior behind the veil.” – Hebrews 6:19. Come and journey with Becky Eldredge, our retreat facilitator, as she invites you to embrace the gift of hope and learn practical tools to anchor into the promise of hope in our real lives. Location: Maryhill Renewal Center. Cost of the retreat is \$295. A non-refundable deposit of \$95 is due now at registration and \$200 is due when you check-in for the retreat. To register please visit: <https://freedonationkiosk.com:9011/doa/events/3/168660>

SAVE THE DATE – FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026

Fr. Chad Partain's 50th Birthday Celebration and St. Frances Cabrini School's Annual Crawfish Boil Fundraiser is on Friday, April 24 from 5:30 – 8:30 PM in the Activities Building. All-You-Can-Eat Dine-In Tickets: \$60.00. 5 lbs. Take-Out Tickets: 30.00. Come join us for a fun night of crawfish, music, door prizes and fellowship!

LECTOR WORKSHOP – APRIL 28

The Diocese of Alexandria is offering Lector Formation workshops for those individuals who are interested in serving or who currently may serve as a Lector in their parish. To serve in this role, one must be of good standing with their Catholic faith and need the approval of their pastor. All training workshops will present the same material and will last no longer than two and a half hours. The workshop is on Tuesday, April 28 at 6:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph Catholic Center, 4400 Coliseum Blvd., Alexandria. There is no need to register and no charge to attend. When the session is completed, you will receive a certificate. We will be happy to have you! If you would like to sign up for the workshop, please contact Dcn Jason Lavergne at (318) 445-6424 ext. 207 or email dcnjlavergne@diocesealex.org.

BIRTHDAYS – APRIL 12 – APRIL 18

Fran Allen, Miranda Baka, Pete Cicardo, Peter Counillon, Collette Difulco, Chris Dunn, Jennifer Dunn, Kinsey Louviere, Frances Serwatak, Dana Simmons, Will Travis, Ann Vicknair, Adam Ware, Rev. Craig Scott, Apr. 12, Dcn. E.J. Barre, pr. 16

NECROLOGY – APRIL 12 – APRIL 18

Bishop Ronald P. Herzog +Apr. 12, 2019

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. You can sign up to receive the weekly bulletin and the Sunday Mass Liturgy Guide, plus receive other notifications from the church.

If you are interested in receiving information via this platform, 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, Evan Cree, James Domzalski, II, Christopher Fraser, Brick Hazel, Joe Herrera, Andrew Hill, Kenneth Jeansonne, 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

Bob Alden, Chella Alden, Johnnie Alston, Brandon Ashley, Raymond Battalora, Wilber Bertrand, Bobby & Carol Brosett, Theresa Catteruccia, Alice Chambers, Brenda Ducote, Christopher Ducote, Joy Gauthier, Sandra Gooden, Carolyn Harger, Kortni Hensen, Jim Hickman, Tish Hull, Logan & Mary Jock, Cody Lachney, Scott Lachney, Chris Littleton, Catherine Medica, Melanie McManara, Michele Pogue, Julie Sober, Robert Southren, Joseph Veillon, Vergie Walker, Katina Watson, Maria White, Marilyn Wilbert

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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