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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 27:

12:05 p.m. Evelyn Atwell (living)

Tuesday, April 28:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, April 29:

12:05 p.m. James Flavin

Thursday, April 30:

12:05 p.m. Richard & Patricia LaHood (living)

Friday, May 1: First Friday

12:05 p.m. Lucille M. Ducote

Saturday, June 2: First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Leonard Dale Spurlock

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Dixie Durastanti, Wallace & Normand Families (living & Deceased), George & Betty Battalora, Tim Gremillion, Edgar & Connie Campo, Robert Eberly, Paul Am Mai, Egidio John DiStefano, Sam & Maggie DiStefano, Richard Wayne Lemoine, Fred Brouillette, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Richard "Dick" Ducote, Sr, Erick Ducote, Bernadine Rachal Lachney Trumps

Sunday, May 3: Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R.J. Ducote, Bishop Lawrence P. Graves, Selma & Richard Sayer, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Altar Society, Dufour & Wasmer Families, Joe Betty Sterkx, Grass & Ferguson Family, John Reynolds, Todd Mizell, Brenda Brocato, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Dolores Raines, Louis Pharis, William Earl Hilton, Bernadine Rachal Lachney Trumps

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

5:30 p.m. Mission Family

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Margo Trueblood, please remember her in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 8,863.92
Over or (Short)	\$ (636.08)

Thank you for your generosity!

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES

Bernadine Rachal Lachney Trumps

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL - 2026



The goal for St. Francis Xavier Cathedral this year is \$38,234.00. The updated pledges to date are \$54,418.20. Thank you for helping us exceed our goal.

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.

FIRST FRIDAY – MAY 1

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 2

8:00 a.m. Exposition, First Saturday devotions
8:30 a.m. Rosary for Life and Confessions
9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

FIRST PENANCE – MAY 2 - 9:30 AM

This year we will be celebrating the First Penance of our students preparing for First Communion on Saturday, May 2 at 9:30 in the morning. Students will be making their Confession on this day as they live out their faith by participating in the Sacramental Life of the Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & MAY CROWNING – 9AM, SUNDAY, MAY 3

We want to congratulate all our CCD students; Elina Aymond, Bethany Butler, Anna Claire Fruge, Toby Fuselier, Samuel Goote, Andrew Nowlin, and Maverick White who will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time at the 9:00 AM Sunday Mass, on May 3 & 10, 2026. 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.

HOLY SAVIOR MENARD CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL BACCALAUREATE MASS – MAY 3

Holy Savior Menard Central High School is having their Baccalaureate Mass at the Cathedral on **Sunday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m.**

DISCALCED CARMELITES MEETING - MAY 9

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.**

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING – MAY 13

The Altar Society will have their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, May 13, at 10:00 a.m.** in Xavier Hall. Anyone interested in becoming a member is invited to come to the meeting. Last Meeting until fall.

GRADUATION DATES FOR THE DIOCESE OF ALEXANDRIA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

- **Sunday, May 10:** St. Mary's Catholic School, Natchitoches
- **Tuesday, May 12:** Holy Savior Menard Central High School, Alexandria
- **Friday, May 15:** St. Joseph High School, Plaquemine

BLESSING FOR ALL GRADUATES – MAY 17

A blessing of all graduates will be offered at the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral on May 17th. Please have your recent or upcoming graduate join us for this special blessing.

SPECIAL COLLECTION – CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL – APRIL 26

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are considered mission territories (including the Diocese of Alexandria) because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities for their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

NECROLOGY – APRIL 26 – MAY 2

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

BIRTHDAYS – APRIL 26 – MAY 2

Elizabeth Antoon, Naomi Baker, Mary Ann Couvillon, Maxine Eli, Wayne Lamartiniere, Alesia Martin, Linda

Kneipp, Jennifer Mathews, Mark Tassin, Rev. Jose Pallipurath, Apr. 27, Rev. Pedro Sierra-Posada, May 1

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 Brossett, 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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