

# St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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### INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday, April 6

12:05 p.m. Sam Bishop, Jr.

#### Tuesday, April 7

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

#### Wednesday, April 8:

12:05 p.m. Rev. Msgr. James A. Ferguson  
(special intentions)

#### Thursday, April 9:

12:05 p.m. Albert Poche

#### Friday, April 10:

12:05 p.m. Claro Castaneda

#### Saturday, April 11:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Dixie Durastanti, George & Betty Battalora, Angelo & Nina Carter D'Angelo, Thelma Santiago, Wallace & Normand Families (living & Deceased), Victoria Young (living), Edgar & Connie Campo, Mable Titmus, Egidio John DiStefano, Sam & Maggie DiStefano, Sam & Velma Galardo, Robert Eberlle, Paul Am Mai, Ann Vanderslice, Fred Brouillette, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson

#### Sunday, April 12:

##### 2nd Sunday of Easter & Divine Mercy Sunday

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R.J. Ducote, Leonard Dale Spurlock, Joe Betty Sterkx, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir, Grass & Ferguson Family, Todd Mizell, John Swart, Brenda Brocato, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Dorothy S. Johnson, Ronnie Wilkins, Dolores Raines

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

5:30 p.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Jasper A. Mule', please remember him in your prayers.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 8,290.00
Over or (Short)	\$ (1,210.00)
Online Giving for March	\$ 8,118.04

Thank you for your generosity!

### EASTER GREETINGS

We wish each and every one a very blessed and happy Easter. We extend a very special thank you to our adult choir for putting their hearts and souls into making our Lenten journey and Easter celebration one of prayer and extraordinary beauty. We are grateful to all the liturgical ministers who assisted at the Holy Week services. And thanks to all who donated toward the Easter floral decorations and who helped decorate our beautiful Cathedral, especially the Altar Society and the members of the Knights of Columbus.

We extend also a warm welcome to our OCIA Catechumens and Candidates who are receiving the Sacraments of Initiation: including adults and young people who are being baptized and many who are also receiving the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.  
-- Rev. Msgr. Ferguson

### ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL – 2026



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 by contributing to the ADA.

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

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY – APRIL 6

The Church Office will be closed on **Monday, April 6**.  
(There will be a 12:05 p.m. Mass on Monday)

### ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING – APRIL 8

The Altar Society will have their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, April 8, at 10:00 a.m.** in Xavier Hall. Anyone interested in becoming a member is invited to come to the meeting.

### DISCALCED CARMELITE MONTHLY MEETING – APRIL 11

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.

## 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, are 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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

## SAVE THE DATE – FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026

**Fr. Chad Partain's 50<sup>th</sup> 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!

## SECOND BLESSINGS THRIFT STORE OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana has opened Second Blessings Thrift Store, 4409 Coliseum Blvd, Alexandria, a project that allows us to funnel discretionary income into Catholic Charities services. We are actively taking donations, encourage everyone to shop with us, and need volunteers to help out with operations of the store Tuesdays - Fridays, between the hours of 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Please visit our website <https://cccenla.org/second-blessings-thrift-store> for donation information, the sign-up form to schedule large item pick-ups, and how to volunteer or make a monetary donation. Have questions? Please contact [hwampler@cccenla.org](mailto:hwampler@cccenla.org) or [jgilchrist@cccenla.org](mailto:jgilchrist@cccenla.org).

## SPECIAL COLLECTION, EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 5

**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.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION, RESTORATION FUND – APRIL 5

We will also be taking up the monthly collection for the Restoration Fund on Sunday, April 5. Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

## BIRTHDAYS – APRIL 5 – APRIL 11

Gabrielle Armstrong, Jan Doyle, Katherine Hebert, Zella LaCour, Cliff Lofton, Tom McCrea, Ripp Rodriguez, Gwen VanMol, Ann Vicknair, Rev. Joseph Xavier, Apr. 6, Rev. Kenneth Obiekwe, Apr. 7

## NECROLOGY – APRIL 5 – APRIL 11

Rev. William Louis Lambertz +Apr. 6, 1945  
Rev. James Roy +Apr. 6, 2017  
Rev. Jean Pierre Bellier +Apr. 7, 1869  
Msgr. Charles Marie Jekeler +Apr. 8, 1987  
Rev. Thomas Michael Jezak +Apr. 9, 2004  
Rev. David Ker Texada +Apr. 9, 2018  
Msgr. Marcel J. Anderson +Apr. 10, 2007  
Rev. Bernard F. Maguire +Apr. 10, 1996

## 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, 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, Joyce Broussard, 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, Jill Smith, Julie Sober, Robert Southren, Joseph Veillon, Vergie Walker, Katina Watson, Faith White, 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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