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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 11:

12:05 p.m. Becky Mock Juneau

Tuesday, May 12:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, May 13:

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

Thursday, May 14:

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

Friday, May 15:

12:05 p.m. Peggy Trotter

Saturday, May 16:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Dixie Durastanti, Wallace & Normand Families (living & Deceased), George & Betty Battalora, Edgar & Connie Campo, Sam & Velma Galardo, Colingo & Tamburo Families, Campo Family, Jacob Williamson, Fred & Joy White, Robert Eberly, Paul Am Mai, Fred Brouillette, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Richard "Dick" Ducote, Sr, Erick Ducote, Bernadine Rachal Lachney Trumps, Maria White (living), Emily Ann Swift

Sunday, May 17: The Ascension of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R.J. Ducote, Helen Collins, Selma & Richard Sayer, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir, Joe Betty Sterkx, Grass & Ferguson Family, John Reynolds, Todd Mizell, Brenda Brocato, Poor Souls in Purgatory, William Earl Hilton, Bernadine Rachal Lachney Trumps, Emily Ann Swift

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

5:30 p.m. Julia Sparrow

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	\$ 11,110.90
Over or (Short)	\$ 1,610.90
Restoration Fund	\$ 4,909.00

Thank you for your generosity!

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES

Emily Ann Swift

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING – MAY 13

The Altar Society will have their monthly meeting on **Wednesday, May 13, at 1:00 p.m.** at the Olive Garden Restaurant. This will be the last Meeting until the fall.

3rd ANNUAL CARS FOR A CAUSE SHOW – MAY 16

Join us at Holy Savior Menard High School on **May 16 at 10:00a.m. for the "Cars for a Cause Car" Show. Free to the public.** All makes and models of cars and trucks are welcome! Car Show winners are determined by voting among car entrants, voting ends at 1:00 p.m. Raffle for split pot. Registration from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Car show winners announced at 2:00 p.m. Lunch, soft drinks, bottled water available for purchase. Rain out TBA. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Bishop Van de Ven Council #3200. **All proceeds go to support Knights of Columbus charities. For more information contact: council3200@yahoo.com. or call 318-447-4837.**

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.

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

TRANSITIONAL DEACON ORDINATION – MAY 23



Seminarians Blaine Phillips and Gabe

Dowden will be ordained Transitional Deacons for the Diocese of Alexandria on **Saturday, May**

23 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Alexandria. All are welcome to attend.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES RAFFLE THROUGHOUT MAY

Catholic Charities of Central Louisiana is having a raffle during the month of May. The proceeds go to our Basic Needs Ministry. We help people in financial need by helping with utility bills, rent, or groceries for those at risk of eviction or disconnect of utilities. We will be selling raffle tickets after weekend Masses at various churches during this month.

The Cathedral will be selling tickets on the weekend of May 31st. The three prizes include LSU football tickets, a

\$250 Visa gift card, and a restaurant gift card basket. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. To buy online, click this direct link: <https://giving.myparishsoft.io/App/Form/b0e248c2-ce8d-4e62-b99a-1da5709fcb7>. Drawing will be held on June 1, 2026. Thank you for your support!

PRE-CANA MARRIAGE PREP WORKSHOP – MAY 30

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 30, 2026 workshop is now open.** There is a fee of \$60 per couple. Click this link to register: 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. Other future workshop dates: Sept. 12, 2026. **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**

SPECIAL COLLECTION – MAY 17 CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

The week of May 17, our special collection supports the Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC). This campaign represents a mission of love to share the gospel message of hope with people in the United States using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money we collect remains here in the Diocese of Alexandria to fund local communication efforts such as the Church Today and the diocesan website. The other half supports the communication activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and other projects across the United States. **Your help spreads the gospel message! Learn more at www.usccb.org/cc.**

NECROLOGY – MAY 10 – MAY 16

Rev. Martin Francis Walsh +May 11, 1966
Rev. Wilbur Guy Cloutier +May 12, 1999

BIRTHDAYS – MAY 10 – MAY 16

Neal Bates, Melba Birdsall, Randall Bradford, Clayton Doyle, Margaret Ferguson, Thomas Long, Lei'sandra Guadalupe Najera, Avery Rodgers, Isabelle Smith, Dr. Richard Texada, John Henry Van Mol, Elizabeth Welch, Rev. Daniel O'Connor, May 10, Rev. Charles Ray, May 11, 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. 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

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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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