

# St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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## PENTECOST SUNDAY

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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### INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, May 28:**

12:05 p.m. Peggy Trotter

**Tuesday, May 26:**

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

**Wednesday, May 27:**

12:05 p.m. Magdalena Balugay

**Thursday, May 28:**

12:05 p.m. Merle Vahlkamp

**Friday, May 29:**

12:05 p.m. Leonard Dale Spurlock

**Saturday, May 30:**

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

Durastanti, Wallace & Normand Families (living & Deceased), George & Betty Battalora, Edgar & Connie Campo, Mr. & Mrs. Audrey Metoyer, Sr., Robert Eberly, Paul Am Mai, Fred Brouillette, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Emily Ann Swift, Mable Titmus

**Sunday, May 31: The Most Holy Trinity**

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R.J. Ducote, Joe Betty Sterkx, Todd Mizell, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Grass & Ferguson Family, William Earl Hilton, Blaine & Lorraine Rabalais (living), R. Thomas (living), Sarah & Alex Family (living), Marissa & Jared Family (living), Emily Ann Swift

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

5:30 p.m. Faron O'Quin

### SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for Bernadine Lachney Trumps, please remember her in your prayers.

### WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget \$ 9,500.00

Last Weekend Collection \$ 7,584.49

Over or (Short) \$ (1,915.51)

Thank you for your generosity!

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY – MAY 25

The Parish office will be closed on **Monday, May 25**, for the Memorial Day holiday. **Mass will be celebrated at 12:05 p.m. as usual.**

### MONSIGNOR FERGUSON'S MESSAGE TO ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL PARISH ABOUT RETIREMENT

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This June, I will complete 21 years as Pastor of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. Over the years you have been so supportive and, together—priests, deacons, staff, and parishioners—together, we carried on the Cathedral's tradition, building on a strong foundation and continuing to make this parish a welcoming community that serves so many people here and beyond.

In June, I will turn 72, so this seems to be a good time for me to step back from being a Pastor with all of the administrative tasks of a large parish. So, effective July 1st, I will officially retire as Pastor of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. Even though I am retiring from active parish ministry, I will continue to do work at the Diocesan Tribunal as Defender of the Bond and Promoter of Justice.

I am pleased to announce that Fr. Dan O'Connor has been appointed as the new pastor. He will begin his ministry, effective July 1st. I ask that you pour the same love and support into him that you have so generously given to me.

I am grateful to Bishop Marshall for his guidance and to you for your support and commitment over these years. My 41 years as an ordained priest has been so life-giving to me, and you will always have my heart-felt gratitude. My final Sunday as your pastor will be June 28. Please remember me in your prayers as I remember you in mine.

Sincerely in Christ, Msgr. Ferguson.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – MAY 24



We want to congratulate all our Confirmation students; **Sladen Baker, Kaylee Ferguson, Elijah Gootee, Austin Griffith, Justin Griffith, Jayden Louie, Leah Sadler, and Timzen Singleton** who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 24, 2026 with Bishop Marshall officiating.

### 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. 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**

#### 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 31<sup>st</sup>.** 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!

#### 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF FR. PAUL KUNNUMPURAM AS A PRIEST – MAY 31

Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Vidalia is hosting a reception honoring Fr. Paul Kunnumpuram on Sunday, May 31 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. to celebrate his 50th Anniversary as a priest! Fr. Paul was assigned to Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Vidalia for 9 years and also spent about a year at St. Patrick Church in Ferriday. We extend an invitation to anyone throughout the diocese who was served by Fr. Paul since he's come to our diocese.

#### FIRST FRIDAY – JUNE 5

**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 – JUNE 6

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

#### NECROLOGY – MAY 24 – MAY 30

Rev. Hippolitus Benezit	+May 25, 1911
Rev. Bernard G. Boudreau	+May 25, 1977
Rev. Hermel Dube	+May 27, 1962
Rev. Gustave Bergeron	+May 28, 1984
Msgr. John Christopher Marsh	+May 29, 1975
Rev. Thomas Andrew Watt	+May 30, 1977

#### BIRTHDAYS – MAY 24 – MAY 30

Samuel Boating, Anthony Callahan, Talor Cameron, David Ducote, Mike Galardo, James Gootee, Kelly Haise, Brian Hearn, Mary Lou Hedgepeth, Brittany Howell, Mary Lachney, Bobbie Maddox, Nora Schneider, Rev. Christian Ogbonna', May 23

#### 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](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, 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, Sharon Andrew, Monique Auzenne, Johnnie Alston, Brandon Ashley, Raymond Battalora, Wilber Bertrand, Bobby & Carol Brossett, Joyce Broussard, Roy Carver, Theresa Catteruccia, Dan Cezar, Alice Chambers, Brenda Ducote, Christopher Ducote, Joy Gauthier, Carolyn Harger, Kortni Hensen, Jim Hickman, Tish Hull, Logan & Mary Jock, Cody Lachney, Scott Lachney, Chris Littleton, Catherine Medica, 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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