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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 4:

12:05 p.m. Priests of the Diocese of Alexandria
Intentions

Tuesday, May 5:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, May 6:

12:05 p.m. Seminarian David Rubio (living)

Thursday, May 7:

12:05 p.m. Helen Collings

Friday, May 8:

12:05 p.m. Peggy Trotter

Saturday, May 9:

4:00 p.m. All Mothers

Sunday, May 10: Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. All Mothers

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

5:30 p.m. All Mothers

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn in memory of Walter Randall, please remember him in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 8,851.00
Over or (Short)	\$ (649.00)
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 760.00

Thank you for your generosity!

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED AND THE CONSOLATION OF THEIR FAMILIES

Bernadine Rachal Lachney Trumps

VIRTUS TRAINING HAS NOW BEEN MOVED ONLINE!

Now it is more convenient to become VIRTUS certified! Detailed information about how to register for an online training session is available on the Safe Environment webpage on the Diocese of Alexandria website: diocesealex.org/our-diocese/safe-environment/. For more information, contact Kecia Coco, director of our Safe Environment program, kcoco@diocesealex.org.

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 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 26 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.

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 – RESTORATION FUND MAY 2 – 3

The monthly collection for the Restoration Fund will be taken up **Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3.** Your continued support and generosity is deeply appreciated.

NECROLOGY – MAY 2 – MAY 9

Msgr. Martin J. Tyrrell	+May 4, 1980
Rev. Donald J. Thomas	+May 5, 1968
Msgr. Stanislaus J. DeKeuwer	+May 7, 1967
Rev. Charles E. Glorioso	+May 7, 1971
Bishop Cornelius Van de Ven	+May 8, 1932
Dcn. Rodrick Broussard	+May 8, 2016

BIRTHDAYS – MAY 3 – MAY 9

Emma Aguillard, Enricko Cannella, John Edward Cazes, Linda Dalrymple, Lesley DeKeyser, Jim Delrie, Leland McCullough, Sarah Molinar, Benjamin Randall, Shannon Shadell, Brandon Sues, Allie Willis, Rev. Binochan Pallipparambil, May 4, Rev. Ryan Humphries,

May 6, Rev. Daniel Hart, May 6, Rev. Joy Antony, May 7, Rev. Joseph Desimone, May 8

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 have 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, Monique Auzenne, Johnnie Alston, Brandon Ashley, Raymond Battalora, Wilber Bertrand, Bobby & Carol Brossett, Joyce Broussard, Roy Carver, 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, 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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