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THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

Monsignor James Ferguson, JCL, Rector

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INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, June 8:

12:05 p.m. Leonard Dale Spurlock

Tuesday, June 9:

12:05 p.m. Linda Cazes

Wednesday, June 10:

12:05 p.m. Blaine & Lorraine Rabalais (living)

Thursday, June 11:

12:05 p.m. Helen Mock Testa

Friday, June 12:

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

Saturday, June 13:

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Leila Kramer, Leonard Dale Spurlock, Dixie Durastanti, Wallace & Normand Families (living & Deceased), George & Betty Battalora, Edgar & Connie Campo, Sam & Velma Galardo, Robert Eberle, Paul Am Mai, Jakamiah B. Cezar (living), Fred Brouillette, Rachael Brouillette, Sam Johnson, Fr. August Thompson, Mable Titmus, Margaret DiStefano LaCombe

Sunday, June 14: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), R.J. Ducote, Joe Betty Sterkx, Todd Mizell, Deceased Members of the Cathedral Choir, Grass & Ferguson Family, Sarah & Alex Family (living), Marissa & Jared Family (living), Poor Souls in Purgatory, Jeannie & Sal Chavez (living), Margaret DiStefano Lacombe

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

5:30 p.m. Hazel Neal

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for Simon & Mamie Campo, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$ 9,500.00
Last Weekend Collection	\$ 8040.20
Over or (Short)	\$ (1,459.80)

Thank you for your generosity!

INVITATION TO CELEBRATE THE RETIREMENT OF REV. MSGR. JIM FERGUSON



After 41 years of faithful service as an ordained priest and 21 years of loving service to our congregation of St. Francis Xavier

Cathedral, Rev. Msgr. Jim Ferguson is retiring from active ministry. Let's come together as a church family to honor his ministry, share memories, and express our deep gratitude.

- **When:** Thursday, June 18, 2026 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
- **Where:** Xavier Hall
- **Details:** Light refreshments will be served

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION – JUNE 7

Please join us Sunday, June 7 after the 9:00 AM Mass, when we will have a Eucharistic Procession (lasting approximately 30 minutes) around the block of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral to celebrate The Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). The procession will begin at the Cathedral, continuing on Beauregard Street, taking a right on 6th Street, a right on Elliott Street, and a right on 4th Street, then back to the Cathedral. There will be Benediction in church right after the procession, which will be led by Bishop Marshall. **Those who will be attending the 11:00 Mass, are welcome to join in the procession following the 9:00 AM Mass. – Msgr. Ferguson**

CONSECRATION OF THE UNITED STATES TO THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS – JUNE 11

On June 11, 2026, as part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) will consecrate the United States of America to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Parishes and individuals can join in this consecration in the following ways: From Wednesday, June 3, through Thursday, June 11, 2026, you are invited to prepare for the consecration by praying the novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus which can be found here:

<https://www.usccb.org/novena-sacred-heart-jesus>.

The Mass of Consecration will take place on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe in Orlando, Florida. You are invited to watch and pray with the bishops at 3:00 p.m. CDT at the YouTube channel of the USCCB: <https://www.youtube.com/usccb>. A period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Liturgy of the Hours, reflections on the Sacred Heart, and Benediction will precede the Mass, beginning at approximately 1:30 p.m.

PRIEST ORDINATION – JUNE 20



Transitional Deacon Matthew Bonner of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Pineville, will be ordained a Priest for the Diocese of Alexandria on

Saturday, June 20 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral in Alexandria. **All are welcome to attend.** There will be a reception after Mass at Xavier Hall.

PRE-CANA MARRIAGE PREP WORKSHOP – SEPT. 12

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 Sept. 12, 2026 workshop is now open.**

There is a fee of \$60 per couple. To register, go to <https://www.diocesealex.org>. 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:

- February 27, 2027
- May 22, 2027
- Sept. 11, 2027

SPECIAL COLLECTION – PETER'S PENCE JUNE 28

The week of June 28, we'll take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Be a sign of hope with your generosity. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

NECROLOGY – JUNE 7 – JUNE 13

Rev. Jamie Medina-Cruz	+June 7, 2013
Msgr. Nicholas F. Vandegaer	+June 9, 1945
Msgr. Francis Joseph Plutz	+June 11, 1952
Rev. Nicholas O'Connell	+June 12, 1978

BIRTHDAYS – JUNE 7 – JUNE 13

Sherrie Bailey, Michelle Domingue, Sharon Sampson, Jane Sandoval, Eva Slaughter, Eloise Thiels, Gregory Upton

FLOCKNOTES AND LIVE-STREAMING

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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, Sharon Andrew, Monique Auzenne, Johnnie Alston, Brandon Ashley, Raymond Battalora, Wilber Bertrand, Bobby & Carol Brossett, Joyce Broussard, 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, Audrey Luczak, Catherine Medica, Marilyn McGraw, Julie Sober, Robert Southren, Jace Troquille, 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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