

St. Francis Xavier Cathedral

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Father James Ferguson, JCL, Rector • Father William Gearheard, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Richard Mitchell • Deacon Cliff Pelto

INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 2:

12:05 p.m. Dr. & Mrs. Parch (living)

Tuesday, April 3:

12:05 p.m. Mr. Don Botler (living)

Wednesday, April 4:

12:05 p.m. Kristine Williams Antoon (living)

Thursday, April 5:

12:05 p.m. Fr. John Baptista Tan Ngoc Thuy

Friday, April 6: First Friday

12:05 p.m. Selma Sayer

Saturday, April 7: First Saturday

9:00 a.m. Norene Garrett

4:00 p.m. Hope Farrar Kramer, Dr. George C. Battalora, Jr., Galardo & LaCroix Families, Luczak Family (living & deceased)

Sunday, April 8: Second Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. Gilchrist & White Families (living & deceased), Gordon S. Ducote, Carl T. Ducote

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

5:30 p.m. Margo Trueblood

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will burn for Cecile Dunn's special intentions, please remember them in your prayers.

WEEKEND COLLECTION

Weekly Budget	\$8,500.00
Last Weekend's Collection	\$9,054.46
Over or (Short)	\$554.46

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, APRIL 2

The Church Office will be closed the **Monday after Easter, April 2.**

(There will be a 12:05 p.m. Mass on Monday, April 2.)

EASTER GREETINGS

What a joy it is to celebrate this festival day with all the faithful of our parish and the many visitors we have with us. Today we give praise and thanks to the Risen Lord Jesus for his love and mercy.

On behalf of the Most Rev. David P. Talley, Bishop of Alexandria, and the staff of St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, 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.

Wishing each and every one a very blessed and joy-filled Easter.

~ Bishop David Talley, Fr. Ferguson and Fr. Gearheard

FIRST FRIDAY – APRIL 6

11:00 a.m. Holy Hour

11:15 a.m. First Friday Devotions

11:30 a.m. Confessions

12:05 p.m. Holy Mass

FIRST SATURDAY – APRIL 7

8:15 a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

First Saturday Devotions

8:30 a.m. Rosary for Life

Confessions

9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL MUSIC SERIES PRESENTS RECITAL - APRIL 10

On Tuesday, April 10, at 7:00 p.m. the Cathedral Music Series will present Flutist Seetha Shivaswamy and Canadian pianist Graham Yates in a light-hearted program that showcases the elegance of traditional European composers paired with adventurous musical exploration and improvisation. The concert is free and open to the public. A reception will follow in Xavier Hall.

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING – APRIL 10

The Altar Society will have their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 10 at 4:00 p.m. at the Xavier Hall Building. Anyone interested in joining is welcome to come.

ST. MARY'S SUPER HERO CHALLENGE - 5K AND FUN RUN - APRIL 14

St. Mary's Residential Training School will host its annual Super Hero Challenge 5K and Fun Run on Saturday, April 14 in Downtown Alexandria. After the run, enjoy a full day of festival fun including music and entertainment, arts and crafts, lots of food and fun activities for the kids. Register online at <http://stmarys-rts.w.solutionsoftware.net>.

DIOCESAN CATECHETICAL QUIZ BOWL - APRIL 14

The annual Diocesan Catechetical Quiz Bowl will be held on Saturday, April 14 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Maryhill Renewal Center, followed by a pizza lunch. Study Guides are now available and attached to the issue of the Digest. The contest is for any number of teams of 6th, 7th, and/or 8th graders (mixed on a team or all one grade), and teams can be from a school or parish CCD program. \$10.00 per team. First place winners win \$500.00 and a trophy; second place wins \$200.00 and a trophy. For more information please call Emily Ann McCullough at 448-3333.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

A collection box for the Baby Bottle Campaign supporting the Cenla Pregnancy Center will be present in the vestibule at all masses this weekend. For more information on returning the baby bottles, please call 318-314-3061.

2018 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



"You shall not covet" is perhaps a difficult commandment to keep in our consumer-oriented society. But as Christian stewards, we know that we are the recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts. May this understanding that all we have is a gift from God and may this understanding help us be generous to our parish and to the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

VIRTUS FLYERS IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

We have VIRTUS flyers available in the back of the church that gives information and contact numbers to help protect God's children from Child Abuse.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Gabrielle Armstrong, Kelly Ducote, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Elijah Gootee, Elizabeth Gootee, Zella LaCour, Clif Lofton, Bobby Mickel, Gwen Rivet, Ann Sanson.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEACON CANDIDATE

Luke White

NECROLOGY

Rev. Joseph Kula	+Apr. 1, 1959
Rev. William B. Provosty	+Apr. 3, 1997
Rev. W.L. Lambert	+Apr. 6, 1945
Msgr. Charles Marie Jeckeler	+Apr. 8, 1987

SPECIAL COLLECTION - INFIRM PRIESTS FUND MARCH 31 & APRIL 1

Your donation to the Infirm Priests Fund this weekend 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.

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, Christopher Fraser, Bryce Gadway, Garrett Gilchrist, Andrew Hill, Jeffrey Kelso, Evan Nugent, Natalie T. Wall.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Rebecca Alexander, Brittney Arabie, Loraine Barham, Betty Battalora, Helen Bellino, Richard Brazil, Jerry Brodnax, Irene Broussard, Georgia Brown, Ann Marie Bruner, Kimberly Ann Bryant, Patricia Briggs, Marie Burns, Rosa Cannella, Brent Caplan, Elise Coco, Wayne & Barbara Cole, Charles "Buddy" Cosenza, Daren Coutee, Joann Cumella, Kathy Cumella, Kevin Jude Cumella, Angelo R. "Brother" D'Angelo, Bob Descant, Rose Marie Francis, Bernard Fontenot, Velma Galardo, John Gallent, Barbara Goff, Gloria Goff, Bobby Grant, John Gremillion, Robert Hunter, Cody & Scott Lachney, Sabastian Lachney, Gill Murrell, Evan Nugent, Philip Paige, Cleta Perry, Bea Phillips, Tammy Rachal, Patsy Rayner, Mark & Alma Reitzell, Barbara Ponthier, Lou Ann Rigby, Kemal Sanli, Preston Stemmann, Jackie Storer, Janelle Struble, J. B. Theriot, Linda Vaughn, Ruby J. Williams.

We encourage our parishioners to call with the name of family members who are ill and wish to be remembered in prayer in the weekly church bulletin. Their names will remain on the list for approximately one month. Please notify the church secretary by the 1st Wednesday of the Month at 318-445-1451 x 14 so they can be included for the upcoming weekly church bulletin. If we do not hear from you, we will assume that your family member may be taken off the list.

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