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“AMEN, I SAY TO YOU,
TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE.”

LUKE 23:43

**PALM SUNDAY
OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

APRIL 10, 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:45a.m.	April 11—Monday of Holy Week Ronald Kostro
Tuesday 8:45a.m.	April 12—Tuesday of Holy Week Evelyn Pasek
Wednesday 8:45a.m.	April 13—Wednesday of Holy Week Deceased Members of Clark & DiPrima Families
Thursday 7:00pm	April 14—Holy Thursday Mass at St. Alexander
Friday 7:00pm	Apr. 15—Good Friday Mass at St. John the Apostle
Saturday 8:00pm	Apr. 16—Holy Saturday Easter Vigil at St. John the Apostle/Hubert & Therese Klaus
Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Apr. 17—Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Chuck & Helen Maney/Thomas & Anne Jones/ Rose Marie Merrill
10:30a.m.	Bob Chandler
12:00pm	Thomas Thomas
6:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass—People of St. Alexander Parish

FACILITIES SCHEDULE

Mon. 4/11:		
Scout Troop 199 Meeting	Hall/Gym	6:45pm
Tues. 4/12:		
Rental-Lions Volleyball	Hall/Gym	5:30pm
Compassionate Friends	Sister's Room	6:30pm
Fishers of Men Prayer Group	Gathering Space	6:30pm
Music-Chancel Choir practice	Church	7:00pm
Wed. 4/13:		
Holy Thursday Practice	Church/GS	5:00pm
Rental-Lions Volleyball	Hall/Gym	5:30pm
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting	Sister's Room	6:30pm
Cub Scout Pack #122 Meeting	Fr. Tuan Room	6:30pm
Spanish Ministry Choir Practice	Library	7:00pm
Music—Witness Choir	Church	7:00pm

The Parish Office, hall and meeting spaces will be closed Holy Thursday (4/14) @ 1:00pm through Easter Monday (4/18).



*Father Rosenbaum,
Deacons and the
St. Alexander Staff
wish all of you a Blessed
Holy Week.*

TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40).
First Reading — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).
Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22).
Second Reading — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).
Gospel — The account of Christ's passion according to Luke (Luke 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]).
 The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Chism Mass: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
 Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

Reconciliation

St. Alexander:

Tuesdays from 5:00—6:00pm
 or by appointment 630-833-7730.

Extended times and extra days:

Tues. 4/5, 5:00—7:00pm, Fri. 4/8, 5:00—6:30pm; Tues. 4/12, 5:00—7:00pm

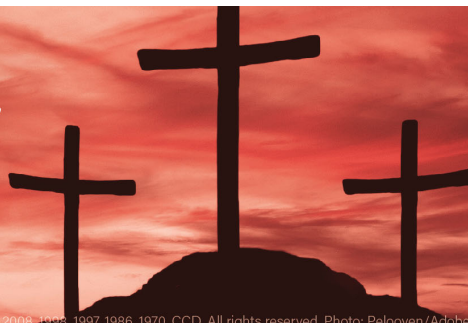
St. John the Apostle:

Mondays from 5:00—6:00pm
 or by appointment 630-279-7404

Gospel Reflection

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PALM SUNDAY
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HYMNS TO BE REMEMBERED

One of the best ways to remember something truly important is to set it to music. It can be easily recalled and sung by heart and passed on. As you focus on the scriptures for Palm Sunday, it might be helpful to think of them as past, present, and future versions of the same story. In Isaiah, we hear one of four hymns referring to the “Suffering Servant” that paints a poignant picture prefiguring Jesus’ crucifixion. “I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.” Psalm 22’s refrain is some of the last words spoken by Jesus on the cross. The Philippians hymn is one of the most beloved and poignant passages ever, “Christ . . . becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” All of these are songs, hymns to be remembered.

DO YOU KNOW THE STORY?

We might assume that we know the scriptures and tend to tune out something as difficult to comprehend as the Passion of Christ. What we often end up doing is taking all four of the Gospels and sort of mixing the accounts into one story. The theologian Gerhard Lohfink called this “making Gospel Soup.” Today’s Passion is from the Gospel of Luke, and there are some elements that are very different from Matthew and Mark (the other synoptic Gospels read in Lectionary years A and B), and John’s Gospel text which is always proclaimed on Good Friday. Let’s look at the elements that are specific to Luke as we break the Passion into five sections.

THE LUKAN PASSION

Lord’s Supper (22:14–38) Luke portrays Jesus as fiery and working for justice, both in his passion and in his ministry. The Passover feast is a very special time for the disciples, and while they are being commissioned, it is clear that they do not understand yet how they will carry on; Jesus warns them to protect them from evil.

Mount of Olives (22:39–53) Luke’s Jesus doesn’t seem as desolate as in other accounts about his imminent death, and goes to pray in regular fashion. He calls out his betrayer by name, hinting at foreshadowing of knowledge.

Peter’s Denial – Sanhedrin (22:54–71) One can see the special care Jesus takes for Peter, and the scene takes place in the courtyard where Jesus was earlier abused as prophet.

Trials before Pilate and Herod (23:1–25) In this account Pilate and Herod both proclaim Jesus to be innocent, and this heals a “rift” between them. Jesus is good even to those who maltreat him.

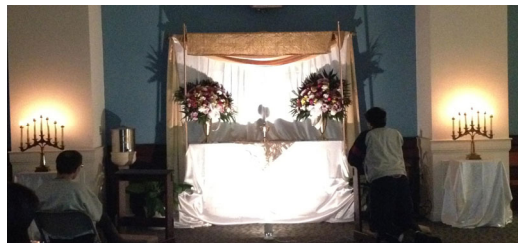
Crucifixion, Death, and Burial (23:26–56)
There are no soldiers; it is the chief priests who take Jesus to Pilate. Jesus’ words on the Cross are kind: “Father forgive them.” In Mark’ Gospel both criminals mocked Jesus, but here one of them begs forgiveness, and Jesus grants him salvation. Jesus’ last words show a sign of trust: “Father, into your hands . . .” May we also place our trust in God as we enter into Holy Week.

TODAY’S READINGS
Luke 19:28–40
Isaiah 50:4–7
Psalm 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24
Philippians 2:6–11
Luke 22:14 – 23:56 [23:1–49]

PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS

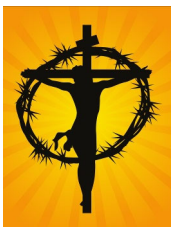
The Adoration Chapel will close at 6:00pm on Holy Thursday & remain closed through the Easter Holiday. It will reopen on Tuesday, April 19 @ 3:00pm.

HOLY THURSDAY ALTAR OF REPOSE



Pray with me, remain here with me, watch and pray.—Matthew 26:38

St. Alexander will remain open until 12:00 Midnight on Holy Thursday (April 14) for anyone who wishes to pray before the blessed sacrament.



Come and Join St. Alexander Church

ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY WALK

“Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus”

Stations of the Cross with a theme of Peace and Social Justice Starts in St. Alexander’s Church at **10:00 am, Friday, April 15, 2022**. This is an outside event – slow paced walk of about 1-1/2 mile loop. Dress fit for the weather. This is a wonderful event for families. Strollers and wagons are welcome.

Any questions, call Deacon Chris Cochran @ 630-833-7730.

Blessing of the Easter Baskets

Bring your baskets of food that will be eaten for your Easter meal to be blessed.



Holy Saturday, April 16
11:00 a.m.
Gathering Space



2022 HOLY WEEK & EASTER LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday @ St. Alexander Church:

Saturday, April 9 @ 5:00pm
Sunday, April 10 @ 8:30am, 10:30am
and in Spanish @ 6:00pm

Holy Thursday, April 14 @ St. Alexander:

Bilingual Mass of the Lord’s Supper @ 7:00pm
St. Alexander will remain open until midnight for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Good Friday, April 15 @ St. John the Apostle:

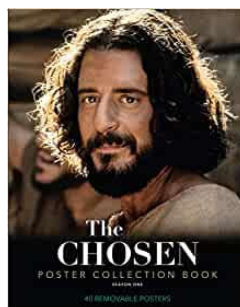
Good Friday Walk: 10:00am Starting @ St. Alexander
Bilingual Living Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion 7:00pm @ St. John the Apostle

Holy Saturday, April 16 @ St. John the Apostle:

Blessing of the Food Baskets: 11:00am @ St. Alexander in the Gathering Space
Bilingual Easter Vigil Service & Mass will begin 8:00pm @ St. John the Apostle

Easter Sunday, April 17 @ St. Alexander Church:

Mass will be celebrated @ 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:00pm and in Spanish @ 6:00pm



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Faith Formation/Parish/Diocesan News

Director Faith Formation: Kathy Halloran—khalloran@x-town.com

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April 15, 2022

Dear Friends,

Each year on Good Friday, the Diocese of Joliet participates in the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which supports Christians living in the Holy Land.

Your generosity allows the Franciscan Friars in the Holy Land to continue their work of providing hope to Christians. The pandemic that is affecting the whole world struck particularly hard on the Catholic population of the Holy Land, which is usually strongly supported by pilgrims visiting the holy sites.

Each year, the Holy Father asks Catholic parishes around the world to take up a Good Friday collection to keep Christians in the Holy Land. This collection supports the work of the Franciscans in maintaining the sacred shrines, ministering to the parishes, providing formation and education in the communities and schools, and caring for the basic needs of the people in the Holy Land.

With your help, the Franciscans can continue to be a light of hope to those living in darkness in the Holy Land.

Paz y bien,
Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet



A message from Fr. Rosenbaum.....

Greetings in the Lord,

I pray that our Lenten season has been and will be fruitful in the graces of God and in our faith in His Divine Providence. I just wanted to offer a quick reflection on the veiling of images and statues during the season of Lent. Towards the end of Lent, the Church calls us to reflect more and more upon the Passion of our Lord, His offering upon the Cross and into death for us.

The veiling of the image and crosses is a devotion that strikes at our hearts. The Church provides this veiling as a devotion found in the ORDO, which is the liturgical guide for our diocese of Joliet, and in the Roman Missal, which is the book that I use for the prayers at Mass.

The veiling of the images and statues remind us that our sin keeps us veiled from the Glory of God to be revealed in the Resurrection. The Lord’s Pascual Mystery restores humanity to the Divinity of God. All three of the Synoptic Gospels as they are called (Matthew, Mark and Luke), make mention, immediately following the death of Jesus, of the veil in the temple being torn asunder or split in two, a veil which separated mankind from the Holy of Holies in the Temple.

We look forward with eager hearts to the offering of Our Lord, especially the Pascual Mystery. Without the offering of Christ, without His entering into humanity, without His offering upon the cross, we don’t have the saints, we don’t have the heavenly, we don’t enter into the Glory of God. If the offering of Christ is veiled, then all is veiled. This veiling helps to communicate this spiritual and physical aspect of our relationship with God and His great love for us. He comes to restore what has been veiled through sin.

So, if the veiling of the images and statues are disturbing, they should be. We should look eagerly to the unveiling of all that Christ has gained through His offering of love for us. And continue to rejoice in what the heart of Christ rejoices. The full revelation of the Father’s Glory and Love in all humanity and all creation.

With prayers and blessings,

Fr. Rosenbaum

PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS

Parish Mission—Part 2
 With Fr. David Medow
“Holy Week—Our Reason for Hope”
 Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 6:30pm
 Held @ St. John the Apostle

March 2022



St. Alexander Church,

Troops 199 both Boys and Girls would like to extend our many thanks for all you do to support us. It is with support from those in our community that our scouts can experience and achieve as much as they can.

With your support, our scouts will be able to attend summer camp, save for high adventure camps and have all the supplies they need for filling requirements and achieving ranks.

Many of our scouts have and will achieve the rank of Eagle and because of their leadership skills are able to move on to higher education, many with very generous scholarships.

Again, thank you, and always feel free to reach out to us with any ways that we can be of service to you.

Steve Capitelli, Scoutmaster 199B
 Mary Kaina, Scoutmaster 199G
 Adam Baldwin, Committee Chair for both Troops

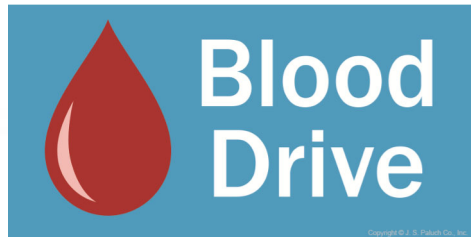
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Email Contact Info:

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Questions?! Reach the Team at:
easterndupagemem@gmail.com

PRAYER INTENTIONS



April 2022
Prayer for Vocations
Remember these religious men and women from the Diocese of Joliet in your daily prayers .

11. Fr. Gregor Gorsic, Fr. Jam. Damien Graziano
12. Fr. Christopher Groh, Fr. Luis Gutierrez
13. Sr. Jeanne Landry, Sr. Donita Mathis, Sr. Joan McGovern, Sr. Jeanne McGue SSND
14. Dcns. Thomas Fricke, Leon Fritz, Larry Fudacz, Ronnie Gagnon, Gabriel Gamboa, Stephen Gerding
15. Sr. Joan O’Connell, Sr. Jean Phelan, Sr. Gloria Rosales SSND
16. Sr. Jenny VandenBergh, Sr. Emily Wollschlager, Sr. Dorothy M. Young SSND
17. Sr. Beatrice Baker, Sr. Theresa Galvan, Sr. Kathleen Murphy CND

Rosebud Program

“Please pray for the following who have requested prayers of CCW’s Rosebud Program.”

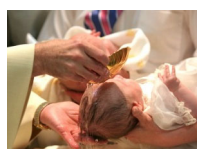


Matthew & Ellis due 5/22. Patrick & Anna due 9/22.

Special Intentions for:

Tracey & Bob	Maria & Bobby	Amanda & Scott
Tony & Andrea	Amy & Sam	Bob & Cyndy
Rose & Eleodoro	Mary Frances	Jason & Leah
Mary	Julie & Rus	Kristin
Lisa & Jim	Carl & Terrie	

Please call Michele if you have any questions or would like to add a name or update: 630.564.8423.



It is in Baptism that one is welcomed into a community of faith. As a parish community,
"WE WELCOME YOU."

Ryan Treto, son of Daniel & Stephanie Treto, nee Sziel

Michael Alexander, son of Garth & Sara Goetz, nee Barrett

Please pray for our Catechumens Eternity Hart and Brendan Buck They will be baptized and receive all their sacraments this year at the Easter Vigil.

Also please pray for our Candidates Karl Enhelder and Taylor Drake who will be Confirmed and receiving their First Communion at St Raymond’s Cathedral May 1, 2022.

Our Parish Lenten Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
 We ask that you enlighten our minds,
 inflame our hearts, and make us aware of your great love for us.
 Increase in us the faith that you are truly here in the Eucharist and in every member of St. Alexander Church.
 You have defeated death itself and called us to you by our Baptism.
 Thank you for the ways you have blessed St. Alexander Church.
 Help us to communicate to others the joy we have received.
 We ask this in your Holy Name.
Amen.



Sick

We pray for those who have recently been added to our prayer list for the sick. Names will remain in the bulletin list for 1 month.

Bob Connell, Frank Gill, Joan Hayes, Joe Killigan, Ron Murray, Blair Fetenhal, Patricia Castrogiovanni, Matt & Julie Guth, Gene Niewoehner, Zenon Saldana, Mary Capagana, Tim Carroll, Nicole Zabel, Walter Dittmer, Michael Castino and all those sick from COVID

We continue to pray for all the names listed on our online prayer page for the sick. Please visit our website : www.stalexanderparish.org



Our Faithfully Departed

Sonya Booth, Orest (Doc) Dacio, Casey Kania, Tom Gill, Ann Russell, James J. Bradley and for those who died from COVID-19.

STEWARDSHIP

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Support the works of the Lord through the 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal.

Thank you to everyone who has already shown their devotion to the works of the Lord with a gift to the 2022 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Every gift, large or small, is appreciated! If we all contribute as generously as our circumstances allow, we can meet our parish's CMAA goal of **\$46,300**.

“For it is in GIVING that we RECEIVE.”
- St. Francis of Assisi

PARISH REGISTRATION

Why register with St. Alexander Parish?

Faith is a Journey, not a Destination. Registering with the parish is a commitment to your Faith Journey and St. Alexander's would like to walk with you.

Benefits to registering as a Parishioner:

1. Registration helps you stay connected with the parish, builds community and helps the parish stay connected with you.
2. Other parishes (*including St. Alexander*) often request verification of a person's status as a practicing Catholic, attendance at Mass, sacraments, etc., when that person has been asked to be a **Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor**. Without registration, no such verification can be made.
3. Census numbers may determine how many priests are assigned to a parish and how many Masses and enrichment programs are planned and scheduled.

Welcome to St. Alexander!

We are blessed to have you with us today—and every weekend! Our liturgies are enhanced by your presence and participation. We hope that you find the experience here at St. Alexander's to include a warm and inspiring celebration of the Eucharist and the faith that we profess.

If you are not registered at St. Alexander's or are registered and need to make changes, please complete the form below and place it in the offertory basket or mail it to the Parish Office at 300 S. Cornell Avenue, Villa Park, IL 60181.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Phone: _____

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New Phone Number


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Mass Schedule:
 Monday - Friday: 8:45 a.m.
 Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
 6:00 p.m. (*Spanish Mass*)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Tuesday: 5:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.
 (English and Spanish)

Sacrament of Baptism
Attendance at a pre-Baptismal class is required for both English and Spanish Baptisms. Pre-registration is necessary prior to class.
 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month @ 12:15 p.m.
Spanish Baptisms:
 3rd Sunday of the month @ 12:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Marriage
 Arrangements must be made **AT LEAST SIX (6)** months in advance before making other arrangements.

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, from 3:00pm-8:00pm
Pastor: Reverend Mark Rosenbaum
Mass Assistants:
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 Rev. Danny Soriano/Rev. Johnus
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