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FIRST SUNDAY OF

Advent



NOVEMBER 27, 2022

“You also must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.”

MATTHEW 24:44

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Mass Intentions

Monday 8:45a.m.	Nov. 28—Advent Weekday People of St. Alexander Parish
Tuesday 8:45a.m.	Nov. 29—Advent Weekday Int. Dolores Schmidt
Wednesday 8:45a.m.	Nov. 30—St. Andrew the Apostle People of St. Alexander Parish
Thursday 8:45a.m.	Dec. 1—Advent Weekday People of St. Alexander Parish
Friday 8:45a.m.	Dec. 2—Advent Weekday People of St. Alexander Parish
Saturday 5:00p.m.	Dec. 3—St. Francis Xavier, Priest Braun & Liss Families/Ralph & Carmella DeRose/ Marvin G. Jett. Int. Cynthia Brown/Arthur Simms, Sr./ Georgene Oplawski
Sunday 8:30 a.m. 10:30a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Dec. 4—Second Sunday of Advent Joe Gilles/Chuck Knudtson Nicole Zabel Spanish Mass—People of St. Alexander Parish

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the peoples shall stream

Psalm — We will rejoice as we go up to the Lord's house (Psalm 122).

Second Reading — It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

Gospel — Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Facilities Schedule

Mon. 11/28:		
Rental—ICPREP	Hall/Gym	3:30pm
RCIA	Fr. Tuan Room	6:00pm
Tues. 11/29:		
Rental-Lions Volleyball	Hall/Gym	6:00pm
Music-Children's Choir	Church	6:00pm
Music Ministry-Chancel Choir	Church	7:00pm
Wed. 11/30:		
Rental-ICPREP	Hall/Gym	3:30pm
Rental-Lions Volleyball	Hall/Gym	6:00pm
Faith Form. Sacrament Catchup	Library	6:00pm
Musich-Joystirs	Maguire	6:45pm
Music-Witness Choir	Church	7:00pm
Bible Study-What We Believe	Fr. Tuan Rm	7:00pm
Music-Spanish Choir	Library	7:00pm
Thurs. 12/1:		
Mittens for Mary Knitting Group	Sister's Room	9:30am
CCW Board Meeting	Sister's Room	6:30pm
Knights of Columbus	Fr. Tuan Room	7:00pm
Sun. 12/4:		
Faith Formation	Multiple Rooms	9:00am
Music Ministry Luncheon	Gathering Space	1:00pm
Hospitality	Gathering Space	After 6pm Mass



Reconciliation

St. Alexander:

Tuesdays from 5:00—6:00pm
Saturdays from 4:00—4:45pm
or by appointment 630-833-7730.

St. John the Apostle:

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

Gospel Reflection

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PREPARE

Have you ever been caught off guard? The first Sundays of Advent often have an ominous quality to them. Jesus reminds his listeners today about how many people who lived at the same time as Noah were caught off guard when the deluge came. Of course, we can end up being complete nervous wrecks if we spend each day in paranoia, looking for signs of impending doom. A healthy readiness is called for, one that keeps us alert so we can find signs of God’s reign—soon to be made manifest in Jesus—around us. In the coming days of holiday sensate bombardment and hours that fill up with busyness, this readiness can also serve to keep us focused on the coming gift of the Messiah, God’s Anointed. Now is the time to take stock, to evaluate life, to make changes where necessary, preparing for God’s holy reign to come.

ON EDGE

There are numerous photographs of people who sleep on mountainside ledges, who carelessly dangle their feet into the space of geological chasms, and of course there’s the iconic photograph of workers eating their lunch on a beam of the under-construction Chrysler building in New York. Some people seem attracted to these precarious, stomach-churning locations; many of us are not. More of us have had the experience of beginning a new stage in life, with the excitement and occasional stomach-churning newness of a moment that can put us a bit on edge. Advent—its first couple of Sundays in particular—has a similar role in the passage of time that we call the liturgical year. It’s unlikely that the First Sunday of Advent makes many stomachs churn, but perhaps more would if we truly took it seriously that we are to make ourselves ready for the coming of the reign of God at any moment.

WALK IN THE LIGHT

When we encounter the daily news, it can seem as though Isaiah’s prophecy of swords turned into plowshares is running in reverse, making despair seem wiser than hopefulness. This is where Advent as the brink of God’s reign comes into play. Advent can be a time for each of us to de-weaponize, even in the smallest of ways, the world around us. Advent’s days offer a chance to look for opportunities to make the world a bit more hopeful for others. As we head through Advent, the elevated focus we have when we are standing at those new moments, those new stages of life, can help us tune out the despair, so we might open our ears and hearts to Jesus. This way, we can turn our backs on gloom, and accept Isaiah’s invitation to walk in the light of the Lord: Jesus Christ, the Word-made-Flesh!

TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 2:1–5
Psalm 122:1–2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Romans 13:11–14
Matthew 24:37–44

Parish/Diocesan News



As we all know, Advent is coming. Due to the change in season, this also means there are a few changes in music. You will notice that starting on the first week of Advent (Nov. 27) we will not sing Gloria and start to sing the **"Holy, Holy, Holy"** and **"Lamb of God"** in Latin. This means we will sing **"Sanctus"** and **"Agnus Dei."** Both are found in the ritual song book #377 and #384.

Also note that we will sing **"Save us Savior of the world, for by your cross and resurrection you have set us free"** during the memorial acclamation. As we prepare for Christmas and the celebration of the birth of our Lord, we will plan music to help us prepare our hearts to be a manger for baby Jesus.

7 Hours of Confession

When was the last time you received Reconciliation?

You are invited to prepare your heart and soul for Christmas.

The priests of the 16 parishes of Eastern DuPage County will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Healing of Sin.

**Saturday, December 17,
from 9am until 4pm**

There will be select times when the Sacrament will be offered in both Polish and Spanish.

All Catholics are invited to receive God's grace.

Please come to Visitation Church
779 S York St, Elmhurst, IL/630 834-6700

Advent Prayer

Come, Lord Jesus.

O God, you are great indeed.
Look upon us and reveal your glory,
promised to Abraham and sent to us
through David and his lineage.

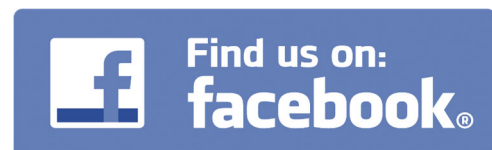
Send us the warmth of your love, the light of
your Word, the vision of your wisdom,
and the comfort of your people.
Open our hearts in welcome and grant us your salvation.
Fill our minds with watchful hope
and let us see your kindness.

Give us new life, the promise and joy of salvation.
May the glory of your Son dwell in our land forever.

We pray: Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

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Faith Enrichment follow us on:



Saint Alexander Villa Park Illinois



You are all invited for hospitality and fellowship!!! Parish Council will host hospitality 4 times a month at one of the Masses, unless there is something else going on..

Here is the schedule:

1st Weekend: 6:00pm Spanish Mass
2nd Weekend: 5:00pm Mass
3rd Weekend: 8:30am Mass
4th Weekend: 10:30am Mass

Faith Formation/Parish/Diocesan News

Director Faith Formation: Kathy Halloran—stasfaithform.dre@gmail.com



"Save the Date"

**December 11 Breakfast with Jesus/
Virgen de Guadalupe.
Parish Event in the Hall**

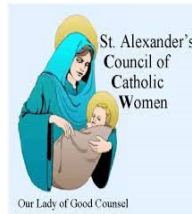
Doors Open: 8:30 am
Opening Prayer: 8:40 am
Breakfast and Crafts: 8:45 am - 9:45 am
Nativity Play: 9:45 am - 10:15 am
Closing Prayer and Mass: 10:15 am

Save the Date **Thursday
December 15,
2022**

Did you know that St. Alexander's Council of Catholic Women has been in existence for 100 years? In honor of this occasion, our December Meeting program will feature

"Celebrating the Women of Christmas along with Christmas Tea"

Watch future bulletins for more information.



The Council of Catholic Women acts through its members to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. CCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church & society in the modern world.



Food Pantry Donations

St. Alexander Parish recently received a very nice and complimentary thank you note from the Outreach House, formerly the Lombard/Villa Park Food Pantry, thanking us for the food contributions that the parish is making. Outreach House tracks the number of bags of groceries that we donate.

Outreach House is now located at 805 S. Main Street, Lombard, IL. It serves 180-200 families every week. We have 9 dedicated volunteers who take the parish food donations to Outreach House every week.

Food donations should be placed in the bin by the west entrance to the church. Please feel welcome to call **Bob Baker at 630-408-0728** if you have any questions. Thank you and God Bless you for your continued support of the ministry.



It is in Baptism that one is welcomed into a community of faith.

As a parish community,

"WE WELCOME YOU."

Colson James, son of Richard & Dana Ranieri, nee Allen

Elaine Elizabeth, daughter of Michael & Kelly Steder, nee Hannon

Parish/Diocesan News



The Giving Tree Ministry is incredibly grateful to all our parishioners at St. Alexander. Thank you so much for your generous contributions. There will be a drop box in the Gathering Space on November 26/27 and then again on December 3/4 for your gifts. Please place the gift cards in an envelope with the family number and recipient's name on the envelope. Additional Jewel, target, and Walmart gift cards will be accepted if you were unable to use the "Sign Up Genius" to make your contribution.

Please contact Betty Martin @ 630-346-0177 or Barbara Colby @ 630-725-8426.

A state-wide effort to Fast & Pray on Fridays for our State of Illinois. This initiative was started by a group of Catholics from the Joliet Diocese in response to the reversal of Roe v Wade. Their goal is to reach every Catholic parish throughout the six dioceses in our state.

FAST and PRAY for



"But this kind is not cast out but by prayer and fasting." Mt 17:21

Heavenly Father, You have given us great hope by gifting us with the reversal of Roe v. Wade. Bless the State of ILLINOIS with good and holy leaders to guide and place us on the right path. We offer You our prayers and fasting in thanksgiving and for this intention.

PRAY & FAST every Friday for the CONVERSION of ILLINOIS.

(Clip out this prayer & keep as a reminder)



Catholic Singles Weekend

Anyone is welcome to contact Jeanean Strickland, parishioner, at sjeanean1@gmail.com with any questions about this weekend.

December 2

8:30-10:00pm

Taste of Latin dance

Beginning classes in salsa, bachata, and merengue followed by open dance

2246 N. Western Ave. Chicago IL

<https://www.danceacademyofsalsa.com/>

December 3

8:30am – 11:30am Regnum Christi Retreat

Everest Academy, Lemont, IL

Retreat includes:

- ✦ Mass
- ✦ Directed Meditation by a Legionary of Christ priest
- ✦ Sacrament of Reconciliation
- ✦ Practical Talk
- ✦ Rosary
- ✦ Eucharistic Adoration

<https://rcchicago.com/monthly-mornings-of-reflection/>

December 4

8:00 am Mass Our Lady of Hope Catholic Mission

9711 W. Devon Ave

Rosemont, IL 60018

Phone: (847) 825-HOPE25

<https://www.olhchurchrosemont.com/>

Sightseeing Options:

Architectural boat tour

<https://shorelinesightseeing.com>

Ice Skating: Millennium Park

<https://millenniumparkfoundation.org>

12:00 pm Bears vs Packers game TBD

Prayer Intentions



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

- 28. Fr. Philip Timko O.S.B., Fr. David Turner O.S.B., Fr. Kenneth Zigmund O.S.B.
- 29. **Saul Garcia, Reyes Gonzalez, John Jensen, Charles Scott Parks (2025 Deacon Candidates)**
- 30. Sr. Albert Marie Papersh OSF, Sr. Maria Pesavento OSF, Sr. Phyllis Pitz OSF
- 1. Br. Augustine Mallak OSB, Br. Gregory Perron OSB, Br. Richard Poro OSB
- 2. Rodney Sindac, David Stanton (Deacon Candidates) and **Deacon Mark Ranieri**
- 3. Sr. Geraldine Podobnik OSF, Sr. Lois Prebil OSF, Sr. Margaret (Peggy) Quinn OSF
- 4. Bishop Daniel Conlon



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.

Gunnar Andersen, Rita Angelopoulos, Bob Brunton, Michael Castino, Dcn. Lou Coson, Phil Coleman, Sister Julia Davies, Elivra Deporte, Maureen Donovan, Barb & Matt Doyle, Timothy Erlenbaugh, Blair Fetenhal, Dennis Finegan, Joe Frank, Gary Froenewold, Gene & Joy Gassensmith, Frank Gill, Julie Guth, Joan Hayes, Sarah Hoff, Sue Jansen, Lynn Jones, Joe Killgallon, Colleen Lane, Dr. Eugene McArdle, Ted McAvaney, Sue Mecklenburg, Peter Maney, Kay Marnell, Hannah Medow, Karen Mocarski, Georgene Oplawski, Jim Rohrich, Barb Soundheim Rita Spearman, Ruben Stortzum, Susan Strickland, Jude Suffin, Gina Szyska, Bob Valasquez, and Kevin Wallace

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

James Tellone, Nicole Zabel, Josephine (Saporito) Santisi, Greg Pasieka, Carl Cesarone

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

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Eucharistic Adoration



The Adoration Chapel is open:
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:00pm—8:00pm.
The Chapel is located in the Kennedy Center building

Rosebud Program

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



CONGRATULATIONS!

Laura and Josh on the birth of their daughter, Rosalie Nancy.
Paul and Alexa on the birth of their daughter, Maria Louisa.

George & Patricia due 12/2022 Kristen & Taylor due 3/2023

Special Intentions for:

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

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



Vocations Cross (3rd Sunday of the Month @ 10:30 Mass)

Recognizing the importance of praying for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life, the Council of Catholic Women (CCW) is asking one family a month to pick up the Vocations Cross at Mass and pray for an increase of vocations that month.

If you are interested, please contact Judy Emerson @ 630-620-1425 to sign up for the Vocations Cross.

Stewardship

Due to an early bulletin deadline, donations could not be reported at this time.

Thank you for your support of St. Alexander Parish!

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.



PLEDGE REPORT: Nov. 20, 2022

Thank you to all those who have made pledges. Please continue to make your **2022 CMAA** pledge payments . **Once** we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use.

Parish Goal:	\$46,300
Amount Pledged:	\$46,449
Amount Paid:	\$43,318
Remaining Balance:	\$3,131
Donor Count	216

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.

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New Phone Number



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Parish Center: 630.833.7730
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 Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 Noon
 1:00 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.
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Bulletin e-mail: bulletin@stalexanderparish.org
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. (Eng/Span)
 Saturday 4:00 p.m. — 4:45p.m.

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:
 Rev. Brian Henden/Rev. Nhan Van Tran SVD/
 Rev. David Medow/Rev. Johnus Cherunilath
Permanent Deacons:
 John Boyle, Emeritus/Christopher Cochran/
 Julio Jimenez/James Krueger/Mark Ranieri, Jr./
 Matthew Tretina
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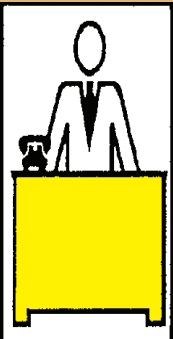


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