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The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

MARK 10:45



Detail, Anonymous, *Christ Washing the Apostles' Feet*, Paris, c. 1250-1260

**TWENTY·NINTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 17, 2021**

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:45a.m.	Oct. 18—St. Luke, Evangelist Helen Preuss
Tuesday 8:45a.m.	Oct. 19—Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs Michael Komperda
Wednesday 8:45a.m.	Oct. 20—St. Paul of the Cross, Priest William (Bill) Reedy (30th Anniversary)
Thursday 8:45a.m.	Oct. 21—Weekday <i>Joseph Polnik</i>
Friday 8:45a.m.	Oct. 22—St. John Paul II, Pope Anthony Moffia, Sr.
Saturday 5:00p.m.	Oct. 23—St. John of Capistrano, Priest, BVM Roberto Perez/Marvin G. Jett/Int. Dave Napientek Family
Sunday 8:30 a.m. 10:30a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Oct. 24—Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Marian & Peter Kurasz/John Kuta Edward & Josephine Hajouck Spanish Mass—The People of St. Alexander Parish

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — My servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear (Isaiah 53:10-11).

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help (Hebrews 4:14-16).

Gospel — Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all (Mark 10:35-45 [42-45]). 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: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59

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Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon. 10/18:

RCIA	Fr. Tuan Room	7:00pm
Prayer Blanket Ministry	Gathering Space	7:00pm

Tues. 10/19:

Spanish Ministry-Marian Hour	Barrett Room	6:30pm
Fishers of Men	Maguire Room	6:30pm
Parish Council	Sister's Room	7:00pm

Thurs. 10/21:

Rental-Men's Volleyball	Hall/Gym	7:00pm
Knights of Columbus	Fr. Tuan Room	7:00pm

Sun. 10/24:

Faith Formation—K-5th grades	Hall/Gym	9:00am
Faith Formation—6-8th grades	Hall/Gym	4:30pm



October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. To learn more about the Catholic Response, visit the U.S. Bishop's website for their Pastoral Letter, "When I call for Help". If you, a family member or friend needs help now, contact the **National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233 (24 hours)**, 800-787-3224 (TTY), www.thehotline.org. If you are in immediate danger, call 911.



Reconciliation

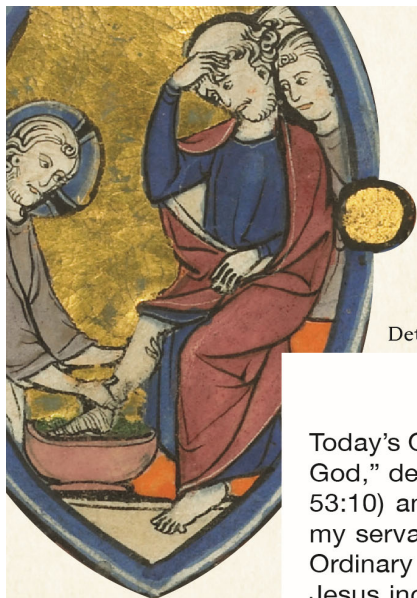
St. Alexander:

Tuesdays from 5:00—6:00pm
or by appointment

St. John the Apostle:

Mondays from 5:00—6:00pm
or by appointment

Gospel Reflection



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CONTINUALLY LEARNING FROM JESUS

Today's Old Testament selection, from Isaiah's "Fourth Song of the Suffering Servant of God," describes God's Servant as one who "gives his life as an offering for sin" (Isaiah 53:10) and celebrates the mighty power of that self-offering: "through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear" (53:11). As always during Ordinary Time, this Old Testament reading prepares us for today's longer form Gospel. Jesus incarnates the redemptive suffering that Isaiah foresaw in the offering of God's Servant, as well as the covenantal restoration that the Servant's sacrifice achieved. The reading from Hebrews confirms our finding peace in continually learning from Jesus, whatever our deepest flaws and trials: for Jesus, our "great high priest" (Hebrews 4:14) is not "unable to sympathize with our weaknesses," for Jesus was "tested in every way" that we are (4:15).

MISUNDERSTANDING JESUS

Throughout this part of Ordinary Time, Mark's Gospel tracks the disciples' progressive misunderstanding about Jesus' mission and the nature of discipleship. We heard Jesus make two predictions about his Passion on Sundays in September, and just before today's Gospel episode, Jesus informed the Twelve: "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and hand him over to the Gentiles who will mock him, spit upon him, scourge him, and put him to death, but after three days he will rise" (Mark 10:33-34). Despite Jesus' three predictions and his definition of "glory" and "power" as serving others in humility, James and John still imagine Jesus as bound for a glorious earthly messiahship. How moving that Jesus, rather than scolding James and John as he had previously rebuked Peter, instead begins teaching them patiently, "You do not know what you are asking" (10:38).

SELF-EXAMINATION

Knowing that Jesus' throne of glory is also a "throne of grace," from which Jesus bestows "mercy and grace for timely help" (Hebrews 4:16), today's Gospel suggests sincere self-examination: How do we approach Jesus and make our requests? What do we ask for: what Jesus wants us to do or, like James and John today, do we demand "whatever we want" from Jesus? Does the world in which we live and work focus our hearts on glory to the right and power on the left? Or does "the cup we drink," "the baptism" we've received inspire us to gladly become servants of all, like the Jesus who has made us his disciples? Do we also avoid imitating the "indignant ten" other Apostles who rebuked James and John? Or are we also quick to see the errors of others and rash in passing judgment on them? How do we live in response to Jesus who gave his life "as a ransom for many"?

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 53:10-11
Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22
Hebrews 4:14-16
Mark 10:35-45 [42-45]

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PARISH NEWS

Christmas Card Project

Again this year, our parish is collecting **SIGNED**, Christmas Cards for *Companions Journeying Together*. Incarcerated people are isolated. A simple card lets them know they are not forgotten. Please sign one or more cards, **first name only**. Add a message, something uplifting and expressing compassion but please don't be preachy. Please do not use stickers, glue, or paste on envelopes. Use cards which represent a diverse population. Do not send cards which talk about Novenas and/or Masses. Stamps are always appreciated. **Please return cards to the Parish Office by Thurs. Oct. 28 @ Noon.**



**Questions? Please contact:
Pat Ivanauski**

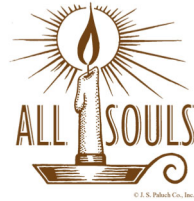
From the USCCB: A Dark Day in America

Last Friday, the House of Representatives voted to pass the most radical abortion bill ever, H.R. 3755. Among other extreme actions, the so-called Women's Health Protection Act would:

- Allow abortion on demand nationwide throughout every stage of pregnancy
- Ban pro-life laws in every state and local government
- Force Americans to support abortions with their tax dollars
- Likely eliminate conscience protections for doctors

Please contact your Representative today -- either to express gratitude for voting against the bill or to express strong, but respectful, disagreement for voting for it, while urging him or her to reconsider support for this radical bill. Additionally, it is likely that the Senate will also vote on this bill in the very near future. Please also contact your two Senators, Dick Durkin and Tammy Duckworth to strongly urge them to oppose the Senate version of this bill when it comes up for a vote.

<https://www.usccb.org/news/2021/us-bishops-pro-life-chairman-responds-house-vote-bill-imposes-radical-abortion-demand>



Feast of All Souls Mass Tuesday, November 2 8:00pm

St. Alexander will observe the **Feast of All Souls on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at a 8:00pm Mass.** During the Mass, you will be invited to pray in memory of your loved one (who has died after Oct. 2020) as his/her name is read aloud. The Easter Candle, symbolizing the Risen Christ, and present at each Funeral Mass, will be lighted in memory of all of the deceased loved ones who have gone ahead to New Life with the Risen Lord.

You are also invited to bring a small framed photograph of your deceased family member and to place it on the **"Table of Remembrance"** in the Gathering Space. Please write your name and phone number on the back of the photo and plan to remove the photo by November 22.

If you wish to have the name of someone who has died since October 31, 2020 included, please complete the form below and return to the Parish Office by Monday, October 25 @ NOON. If you would also like the person's name included in the October 31 bulletin, please return the form Monday, October 25 @ NOON.

*Please wear a mask at the All Souls Mass.
Thank you.*

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All Souls Mass and Bulletin

<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Month</u>
_____	_____
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Faith Formation News and Parish/Diocesan News

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



Do you want to experience the Mass up close?

We need you for Altar Serving!

Serving at the Altar helps increase your faith and builds a unique relationship between you and Jesus Christ.

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Training will be provided.

Contact the Parish Office: 630-833-7730



We are in need of **Ushers** at all Masses. Ushers have the following responsibilities:

1. Ask people to bring up the gifts.
2. Direct people during Communion
3. Hand out bulletins after Mass
4. Collect the money out of the collection box.

If you would like to volunteer, please call the Parish Office at 630-833-7730.

Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS!

to the following who received Sacraments on Saturday, October 9 at the 5:00pm Mass.

Left to right: Pat Tretina –Sponsor
Sydney Anderson -rec'd 1st Communion and Confirmation
Laura Thon-rec'd Confirmation, Mary Thon-sponsor



**WORLD
MISSION
SUNDAY
OCTOBER 24**

World Mission Sunday, our annual celebration of the Church's global missions, will take place on October 24 this year. This collection serves as a worldwide effort to provide for the strengthening of more than 1,000 local churches in Asia and Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Through the work of these churches and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love, mercy, and peace.

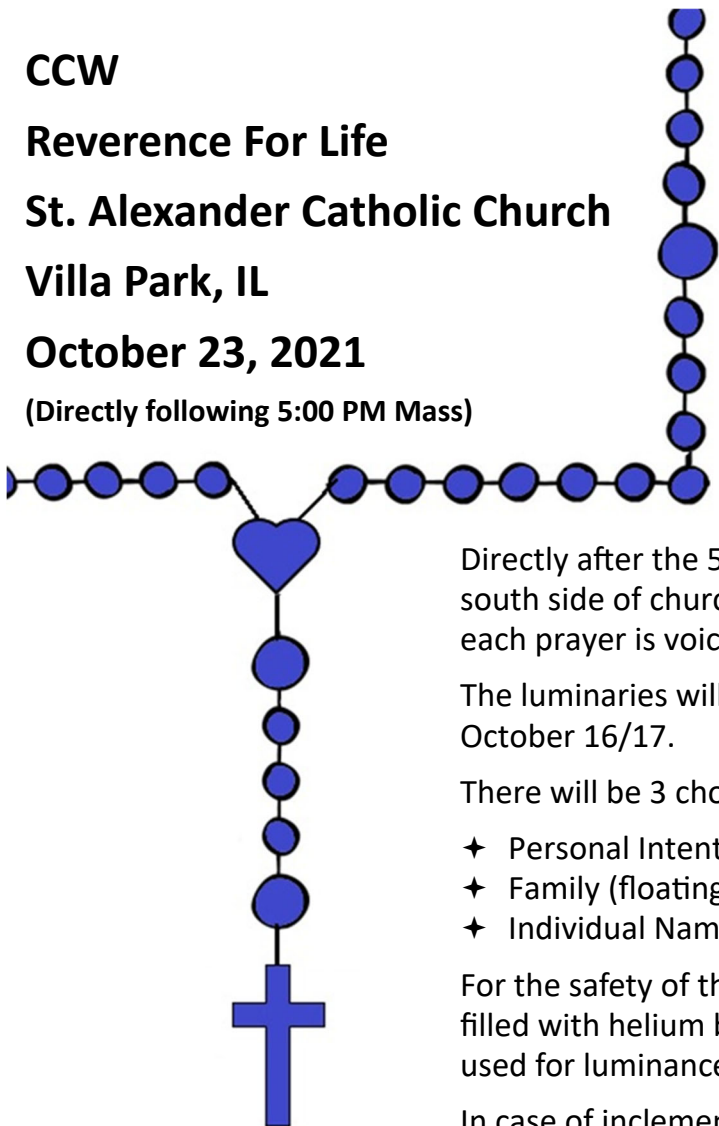
PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS

**CCW
Reverence For Life
St. Alexander Catholic Church
Villa Park, IL**

October 23, 2021

(Directly following 5:00 PM Mass)

Due to the necessary cancellations of the CCW's Mother's Day and Father's Day events, we will be combining these events with Reverence for Life and sponsoring a Living Rosary in the month of October.



Directly after the 5 pm Mass on October 23rd we will gather on the south side of church around a large rosary and pray together. As each prayer is voiced, a memorial luminary will be lit.

The luminaries will be sold at Masses on the weekend of October 16/17.

There will be 3 choices of luminaries sold:

- ✦ Personal Intention (floating) \$30.00
- ✦ Family (floating) \$25.00
- ✦ Individual Name (ground) \$5.00

For the safety of the neighborhood, the floating luminaries will be filled with helium balloons and only battery tealight candles will be used for luminance.

In case of inclement weather, we will gather in the Hall (gym).

Special Intention Floating Luminary \$30 (example: persons, reason, circumstance, etc.)

In Memory of: _____

Family Floating Luminary \$25 (parents, in-laws, aunts, uncles, children who are living or deceased)

In Memory of: Family Name: _____

Individual Intentions—Ground Luminaries: \$5 per name

In Memory of: _____

PRAYER INTENTIONS



October 2021 Prayer for Vocations

Remember these religious men and women from the Diocese of Joliet in your daily prayers .

- 18. Fr. Richard Smith, Fr. Danilo Soriano
- 19. Sr. Laura Filipas OSF, Sr. Rosemary Fonck OSF
- 20. Dcns. John Rex, John Ripoll, David Ritter, Timothy Roberts, Peter Robinson, Peter Rooney
- 21. Sr. Sharone Frederick OSF, Sr. Ann Freiburg OSF
- 22. Fr. Robert Schoenstene, Fr. James Schwab
- 23. Fr. Dennis Spies, Fr. John Sponder
- 24. Fr. Robert Basler O.S.A., Fr. Thomas Osborne, O.S.A., Fr. Anthony Pizzo O.S.A.

Rosebud Program

"Please pray for the following who have requested prayers of CCW's Rosebud Program."



CONGRATULATIONS!

Alexia & Jorge on the birth of their son Camilo.
Anthony & Beth on the birth of their daughter Iris Aveline.
Susan on the birth of her sons Levi William & Lincoln James.

Collette & Ben due in 10/21. Lindsay & Dan due in 12/21.
Tricia & Cameron due in 10/21. Lily & Tim due in 12/21.
Kelly & Jeremy due in 11/21.

Special Intentions for:

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

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



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.

Saul Ayala, Emily Bertucci, Charles Brown, Bob Chandler, Garcey DiBella, Walter Dittmer, Matt Doyle, Prinda Fabis, Pat Ivanauski, Joy and Gene Gassensmith, Frank Gill, Marge Green, Judy (McArdle) Heikes, Armon McArdle, Nick Jones, Diane Knudtson, Chrissy Kulinski, Ray Orsolini, Hailey Wilson Peyer, Jerry Riley, Jon Riley, James Rohrich, Gary Spearman, Gerry Spearman Allan Sterwalt, Karen Soukup, Linda Toaddy, Judy Travnicek, Marie Demke, Barb Doyle, Clare Stralko, Peter Maney, Emil Ciardullo, Bob Connell 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



Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph" from Dec. 8, 2020 to Dec. 8, 2021

Prayer to Saint Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church

O GLORIOUS St. Joseph, you were chosen by God to be the reputed father of Jesus, the most pure Spouse of Mary, ever Virgin, and Head of the Holy Family. You have been chosen by Christ's Vicar as the heavenly Patron and Protector of the Church founded by Christ. Therefore, with the greatest confidence I implore your powerful assistance for the whole Church Militant. Protect, in a special manner, with true fatherly love, the Sovereign Pontiff and all the bishops and priests in communion with the See of Peter. Be the protector of all who labor for souls amid the trials and tribulations of this life; and grant that all the nations of the earth may submit with docility to that Church out of which there is no salvation. Dearest St. Joseph, accept the offering I now make of myself to you. I dedicated myself to your service, that you may ever be my Father, my Protector and my Guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me great purity of heart and a fervent love for the interior life. Grant that, after your example, all my action may be directed to the greater glory of God, in union with the divine Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and your own paternal heart. Finally, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death. Amen.



Our Faithfully Departed

Yolanda Gentile, Joseph Barry Gilbert, Joseph & Maria Aranda and For those who died from COVID-19

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection: 10/11/2021.....	\$5,838
Online Giving (WeShare) 10/5/21—10/11/21	\$3,927
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,530
YTD Actual Sunday Coll	\$132,123
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—51 weeks.....	\$435,000
Major Maintenance 10/10/2021.....	\$263
Online Giving (WeShare) 10/5/21—10/11/21	\$80

Thank you for your continued financial support of St. Alexander!



PLEDGE REPORT: Oct. 10, 2021

Please continue to make your **2021 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:	\$42,100
Amount Pledged:	\$44,780
Amount Paid:	\$43,631
Remaining Balance:	\$1,149
Donor Count	221
Rebate	\$1,072

Thank you for your continued support.

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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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[] New Parishioner

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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 @ 1:00 p.m.
Spanish Baptisms:
 3rd Sunday of the month @ 1:00 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. David Dillon/Rev. Nhan Van Tran SVD/
 Rev. David Medow/Rev. Tan Nguyen SVD/
 Rev. Danny Soriano/Rev. Johnus

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