

# St. Alexander Catholic Church

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## Thirtieth **SUNDAY** in Ordinary Time

**October 24, 2021**

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Although they go forth weeping,  
carrying the seed to be sown,  
they shall come back rejoicing,  
carrying their sheaves.

Psalm 126:6

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Oct. 25—Weekday</b> Intention of Fr. David Dillon
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Oct. 26—Weekday</b> Jean & Rocco Claps
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Oct. 27—Weekday</b> Rose Becuar
<b>Thursday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Oct. 28—Saints Simon &amp; Jude Apostles</b> Joseph Oswald Family Deceased
<b>Friday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Oct. 29—Weekday</b> Therese Lasecke/Richard Milliron
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00p.m.	<b>Oct. 30—Weekday</b> Int. Ramona Rood/Tom & Anne Jones/Nathan Copeland/ Jackie Kwiecinski/Angela Koller
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 a.m. 10:30a.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>Oct. 31—Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Joyce Maxse George Albert Spanish Mass—The People of St. Alexander Parish

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I will lead the people to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble (Jeremiah 31:7-9).

**Psalm** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

**Second Reading** — It was not Christ who glorified himself, but rather the one who said to him: You are my son: this day I have begotten you (Hebrews 5:1-6).

**Gospel** — Immediately the blind man received his sight and followed Jesus on the way (Mark 10:46-52).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17

**Tuesday:** Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21

**Wednesday:** Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30

**Thursday:** Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

**Friday:** Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11

**Sunday:** Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Mon. 10/25:</b> Scout Troop #199 RCIA	Hall/Gym Fr. Tuan Room	6:45pm 7:00pm
<b>Tues. 10/26:</b> Spanish Ministry-Marian Hour Spanish Ministry-Marriage Enrich. Fishers of Men	Barrett Room Fr. Tuan Room Maguire Room	6:30pm 6:30pm 6:30pm
<b>Thurs. 10/28:</b> Cub Scout Pack #122 Wedding Rehearsal Rental-Men's Volleyball	Hall/Gym Church/GS Hall/Gym	5:30pm 7:00pm 8:00pm
<b>Fri. 10/29:</b> Wedding	Church/GS	2:30pm



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](http://www.thehotline.org). If you are in immediate danger, call 911.



## Reconciliation

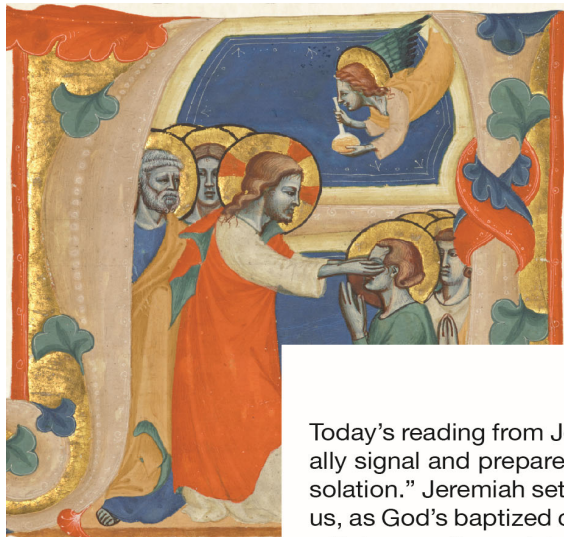
### St. Alexander:

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

### St. John the Apostle:

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

# Gospel Reflection



The blind man said, “Master, I want to see.”  
Jesus told him, “Go your way;  
your faith has saved you.”

MARK 10:51-52

Attr. Master of the Antiphony of San Giovanni Fuorcivitas,  
Initial A: Christ Wiping the Tears from the Eyes of the Saved, Florence or Pisa, Italy, c. 1330-1340

## CONSOLATION FROM GOD

Today’s reading from Jeremiah, Israel’s sorrowful and suffering prophet, whose readings usually signal and prepare us to hear Jesus’ Gospel suffering, is from Jeremiah’s “Book of Consolation.” Jeremiah sets aside traditional sorrow and instead bids God’s chosen people—and us, as God’s baptized covenant people—to celebrate the Lord’s miraculous “harvest”: “Shout with joy; exult; proclaim your praise” (Jeremiah 31:7). In this “harvest,” God declares Israel already “delivered,” while promising to transform a “remnant” (31:7) into “an immense throng,” “gathered from the ends of the world” (31:8). Though these people are still in need, Jeremiah declares their tears already gone, replaced by God’s consolation and guidance to living waters. As a fitting response, the great “Harvest Psalm” makes us, at least spiritually, former “captives,” whose joyous return feels like “dreaming” (Psalm 126:1). Then, Mark’s Gospel—again—shows the prophetic vision for the world fulfilled as Jesus heals, and we ourselves are once again challenged to live more faithfully our baptismal covenant.

## SIGHTLESS BARTIMAEUS’ VISION

At first, Bartimaeus is not yet “on the way”—Mark’s “Gospel code” for Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem and our journey of discipleship—but at least near the way, “by the roadside” (Mark 10:46). Still only on the sidelines, Bartimaeus cries out what becomes Christianity’s “Jesus Prayer”: “Jesus, son of David, have pity (most translations, mercy) on me” (Mark 10:47-48). Sightless, Bartimaeus is nonetheless fearless: “many rebuked him, telling him to be silent” (10:48). Sightless, Bartimaeus is already insightful: “son of David” acclaims Jesus Messiah. Seen in the context of baptism and discipleship, sightless Bartimaeus’s response resembles both journey to baptism as catechumen and pilgrimage from baptism as what Pope Francis calls “missionary disciples” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, Joy of the Gospel, 119-121).

## RESPONDING LIKE BARTIMAEUS

Once healed, “illuminated” as in Baptism, Bartimaeus’ discipleship response to Jesus challenges us to examine our own. Again this week, Hebrews reminds us that Jesus is our merciful high priest. Though sinless, Jesus “is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring” (Hebrews 5:2) like all high priests. Hebrews invokes Melchizedek, whose meeting with Abraham signals the joining of God’s primeval cosmic covenant made with Noah and God’s scriptural covenant with Israel, leading to “the new and eternal covenant” sealed in Jesus’ Blood. Like Melchizedek, Jesus transcends history’s boundaries of race and nation to gather earth’s fragmented, even warring factions into the great harvest of a humanity renewed and redeemed. So our baptismal commitment and discipleship’s journey bid us become instruments of Christ’s unity and peace to all whom we encounter “on the way.”

Are we sitting still, isolated, safely on the sidelines? Or do we cry out, like Bartimaeus, for Jesus’ mercy, understanding that we are bound to extend to others, ceaselessly and unconditionally, the mercy that we ourselves need? As part of that mercy, then, are we cowed into safe, respectable silence by a world rejecting Christ’s countercultural teachings, or do we dare speak up and speak out on behalf of others?

## TODAY’S READINGS

Jeremiah 31:7-9  
Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6  
Hebrews 5:1-6  
Mark 10:46-52

THIRTIETH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 24, 2021

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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**  
**@ 630-941-8592.**

### 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

## Jesus Waits for You! Eucharistic Adoration



Come spend an hour with Jesus who is present in the Eucharist. Our lives are filled with so much noise these days. Spending some quiet time with the Lord will give you some peace.

Our Adoration Chapel in the Kennedy Center Building (130 S. Cornell Ave.) is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 3:00pm—8:00pm. If you would like to commit to one hour a week, please sign up on our website.



## THANK YOU! Fr. David Dillon

Fr. Rosenbaum and Fr. Dillon

Thank you to Fr. David Dillon who has helped St. Alexander with Reconciliation, Funerals and Daily Masses for 11 years. We are so grateful to him answering our call for Pastoral assistance over the years. We wish him the best in his retirement.



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

**Elliot Grace**, daughter of Ryan and Ryann Foley, nee Williams

**Emerson Rose**, daughter of Ryan and Ryann Foley, nee Williams



## CCW UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars to save the dates for these upcoming CCW Events!

- **Thurs. 11/18 @ 7:00pm**—Movie Night to watch “Unbreakable” (*parish event*)
- **Thurs. 12/16 @ 7:00pm**—Ornament Therapy. (*ladies only, RSVP*)



**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 NEWS

<b>ST. ALEXANDER FINANCIAL REPORT</b>				
<b>Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2021</b>				
<b>Statement of Revenues &amp; Expenses</b>				
	<b>Actual</b>			<b>Next Year Budget</b>
	<b>Church</b>	<b>Rel Ed</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Revenue:</b>				
Sunday Collections	\$ 430,420		\$ 430,420	\$ 435,000
Other Collections	58,075		58,075	63,000
Fundraisers	2,052	-	2,052	1,500
Tuition, Fees and Endowment	-	17,329	17,329	17,000
Other Unrestricted Revenue	50,637		50,637	67,200
Rental Income	21,643		21,643	14,400
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 562,826</b>	<b>\$ 17,329</b>	<b>\$ 580,155</b>	<b>\$ 598,100</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Salaries & Wages	\$ 225,506	\$ 45,660	\$ 271,166	\$ 290,518
Fringe Benefits	59,719	7,695	67,414	81,694
Repairs & Maintenance	12,477	-	12,477	9,050
Services	37,110	6,589	43,699	48,290
Materials & Supplies	47,101	3,653	50,754	59,575
Insurance	29,970	7,493	37,463	37,465
Utilities	63,247	19,949	83,196	76,032
Curriculum Expenses		5,035	5,035	4,275
Diocesan Expenditures	36,474	-	36,474	37,916
Other Operating Expenses	3,203	700	3,903	4,685
Capital Expenditures	-	-	-	13,600
Loan - Interest	-	-	-	
Subsidies to Other Parishes	16,000		16,000	21,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 530,808</b>	<b>\$ 96,773</b>	<b>\$ 627,581</b>	<b>\$ 684,100</b>
<b>Net Revenue - Expenses</b>				
Parish Investment To RE Education	\$ (79,444)		\$ -	\$ (74,000)
RE Education Transfer from Parish		\$ 79,444		\$ 74,000
<b>Operating Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (47,426)</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ (47,426)</b>	<b>\$ (86,000)</b>
<b>Restricted Donations/Expenditures</b>			<b>Additional Information - June 30, 2021</b>	
<b>Major Maintenance - Site Improvements</b>				
Donations	\$ 31,988		Inland Bank Accounts	\$ 44,159
Expenditures	25,237		Diocese Of Joliet Savings	154,624
<b>Cares Act - PPP loan</b>				
Loan Forgiveness	49,632		School Endowment	27,832
<b>Adoration</b>				
Donations	2,788		Accounts Payable	26,328
Expenditures	2,717			
<b>Flowers</b>				
Donations	1,950		<b>Restricted Fund Balance:</b>	
Expenditures	2,841		Major Maintenance	89,281
			Adoration	17,772
<b>Restricted Funds Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 55,562</b>			
<b>Total Surplus Operating &amp; Restricted</b>	<b>\$ 8,135</b>			

# PRAYER INTENTIONS



## October 2021 Prayer for Vocations

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

- 25. Fr. Maciej Stelmach, Fr. Daniel F. Stempora
- 26. Dcns. Thomas Ross, Michael Ruddle, Kevin Ryan, Terry Safko, Thomas Sagenbrecht, Luis Saltigerald
- 27. Sr. Verence Girmscheid OSF, Sr. Mary Jane Griffin OSF, Sr. Mary Ann Hamer, OSF
- 28. Seminarian Samuel Bergmann**
- 29. Fr. Gerald Nicholas O.S.A., Fr. John Ohner O.S.A, Fr. John Sotak O.S.A.
- 30. Fr. Jason Stone, Fr. Jeffery Stoneberg
- 31. Sr. Bernadine Hasse OSF, Sr. Jacqueline Hirsch OSF, Sr. Barbarine Houdek OSF

## 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.  
 Ben and Collette on the birth of their daughter Eleanor Jane.  
 Anthony & Beth on the birth of their daughter Iris Aveline.  
 Susan on the birth of her sons Levi William & Lincoln James.

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

### 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.

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

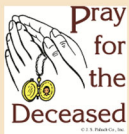
We continue to pray for all the names listed on our online prayer page for the sick. Please visit our website : [www.stalexanderparish.org](http://www.stalexanderparish.org)



## 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

**Bob Chandler, Hank Kurzawski, Ronald Kocolowski, Joan Hosek, Lorraine Kolabassa, Henry Albert Link and For those who died from COVID-19**

# STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection: 10/17/2021.....	\$6,183
Online Giving (WeShare) 10/12/21—10/18/21	\$1,982
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,530
YTD Actual Sunday Coll .....	\$140,888
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—51 weeks.....	\$435,000
Major Maintenance 10/17/2021.....	\$103
Online Giving (WeShare) 10/12/21—10/18/21	\$20

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



## PLEDGE REPORT: Oct. 17, 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:	\$43,816
Remaining Balance:	\$964
Donor Count	221
Rebate	\$1,201

*Thank you for your continued support.*

## DONATE ONLINE TODAY!

### It's Simple, Safe & Convenient

Use your cell phone camera and place over the QR code below. You will be brought to the St. Alexander online giving home page where first time users can create a donation or returning users can log into their account to set up additional collections. **It's that easy!**



# 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.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] New Parishioner

[ ] New Address

[ ] New Phone Number



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**Fax Number:** 630.833.3127  
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 Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 Noon  
 1:00 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.  
 Friday 9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.  
**Church Website:** www.stalexanderparish.org  
**Parish e-mail:** office@stalexanderparish.org  
**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.  
 (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.*  
 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month @ 1:00 p.m.  
**Spanish Baptisms:**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> 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  
**Permanent Deacons:**  
 John Boyle, Emeritus/Christopher Cochran/Julio Jimenez  
 James Krueger/Matthew Tretina  
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**Parish Registrar:** Rita Matthews  
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