

# Saint Alexander Catholic Church

## Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time—October 31, 2021

*If we have died with Christ, we believe we shall also live with him.*  
Romans 6:8



**We pray for all those who have died in the past year and for their loved ones.  
Feast of All Souls Mass will be held Tuesday, November 2, 2021 @ 8:00pm.**

<b>Oct. 2020</b>	Mary Lou	Dunning	<b>March</b>	Grace	Malatesta	<b>August</b>	Barbara	Murray
<b>November 2020</b>	Dominick	Giuliano	<b>2021</b>	John	Sidor	<b>2021</b>	Noreen	Aukst
	Helen	Saxton		Susan	Gruber	<b>Sept.</b>	Altha	Grider
	Jason	Sax		Wayne	Keally	<b>2021</b>	Carol	Sitowski
<b>Dec. 2020</b>	Ron	Strum		George	Nevens		Yolanda	Gentile
	Sue Ann	Carter	<b>April 2021</b>	Marie	Seiwert		Joseph	Gilbert
	Carol	Colpo		Rachael	Gill		Carlos Maximo	Sedeno
<b>January 2021</b>	Patricia	Meder	<b>May 2021</b>	Robert	Castellano		Michael	Komperda
	Kathleen	Maloney		Elizabeth	Mangini		John R.	Cappiello
	Ione	Fremgen	<b>June 2021</b>	Filipe De Jesus	Moreno		Ken	Olsen
	John	Murphy		Marie	Johnson		Jean	Renken
	Rich	Kemp	<b>July 2021</b>	Marcia	Jarecki	<b>October</b>	Ronald	Kocolowski
<b>February 2021</b>	Louise	Dickens		Rosemary	Paulin	<b>2021</b>	Robert	Chandler
	Nick	DeMarco		Henry	Link		Henry	Kurzawski
	Margaret	Loftus		Ray	Panek		Sam	Licari
	Kathleen	Kehoe					Marie	Demke

**No month given for the following:** Felix Loigunas/Irene Salgado/Dianey Vetancur/Zenón Pérez Torres/Guillermina Irma M./Rigoberto Pérez Ruiz/Lorenzo Morales/Lorenzo Catarpino/Jacinta/Maria Soledad de Aro/Felipe Moreno/Juan Viera/Natalia Salas/Luisa Gomez/Marcela Nunez/Paula Fanseca/Juana Fonseca/Audres Fonseca/Alicia Flores/Jose Hilario Tafolla Futierrez/Buena Ventura Palencia/Maria Envigue Lopez Benitez/Cesar Hernandez/Margarita Rodriguez/Konrad Mark Miltko/Matthew Aung/J. Schlatt/Anguel Aguinaga

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Nov. 1—All Saints Day</b> Stephen Chandl Family Deceased
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:45a.m. <b>8:00pm</b>	<b>Nov. 2—The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed</b> Joyce Maxes/All Souls in Purgatory Cathern Gallanagh
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Nov. 3—St. Martin de Porres, Religious</b> Martin Callaghan
<b>Thursday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Nov. 4—St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop</b> Josephine Marosites Family Deceased
<b>Friday</b> 8:45a.m.	<b>Nov. 5—Weekday</b> Roberto Perez
<b>Saturday</b> 5:00p.m.	<b>Nov. 6—Weekday</b> Richard Falash (1st Anniversary)/Ralph, Sr. & Carmella DeRose/Louis Herenandez (1st Anniversary)/Janet Maher
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 a.m.  10:30a.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>Nov. 7—Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> George Kudrna/Danny Kudrna/Evelyn & Larry Lindahl/Eleanor Incrocci/Bob Chandler/Reinelia Leiva Mary Polnik Spanish Mass—The People of St. Alexander Parish

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The LORD, the God of your fathers, will give you a land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 6:2-6).

**Psalm** — I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

**Second Reading** — Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him (Hebrews 7:23-28).

**Gospel** — To love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12:28b-34).

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

**Tuesday:** Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

**Wednesday:** Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33

**Thursday:** Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10

**Friday:** Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8  
**Saturday:** Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15

**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Mon. 11/1:</b> Scout Troop #199	Hall/Gym	6:45pm
<b>Tues. 11/2:</b> Faith Formation Youth Bible Study Spanish Ministry-Marian Hour Fishers of Men	Fr. Tuan Room Barrett Room Maguire Room	6:00pm 6:30pm 6:30pm
<b>Wed. 11/3:</b> Rental-Men's Volleyball Spanish Choir practice	Hall/Gym Church	7:00pm 7:00pm
<b>Thurs. 11/4:</b> Mittens for Mary Rental-St. Pius Basketball Knights of Columbus Cub Scout Pack #122 Parent Mtg. CCW Board Meeting	Fr. Tuan Room Hall/Gym Fr. Tuan Room Barrett Room Gathering Space	9:30am 5:00pm 6:30pm 6:30pm 6:30pm
<b>Sat. 11/6:</b> Knights set up for Breakfast	Hall/Gym	6:00pm
<b>Sun. 11/7:</b> Knights drive-up Breakfast FF 2nd grade classes FF 6th grade classes	Hall/Gym Fr. Tuan Room Barrett Room	7:30am 9:00am 4:00pm

**Domestic Violence Awareness Month**  
OCTOBER 2021



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:

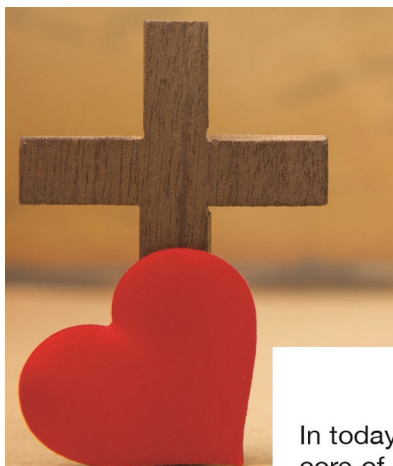
Tuesdays from 5:00—6:00pm  
or by appointment

### St. John the Apostle:

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



## Gospel Reflection



**YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD  
WITH ALL YOUR HEART,  
WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, WITH ALL YOUR MIND,  
AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.**

Mark 12:30

### THE CORE OF GOD'S COVENANT

In today's First Reading, from Deuteronomy, we hear the great summary of the very core of God's covenant with Israel, its title taken from its opening word, the *Shema* ("Hear!"). The *Shema* is at once a doctrinal summary of Israel's faith and the personal/corporate prayer of Israel's sons and daughters. To this day, devout Jews inscribe the *Shema* on parchment and enclose it in the *mezuzah* that adorns the doorways of so many Jewish homes. The residents kiss the *mezuzah*, and thus the Word of God, upon entering their homes and when going forth from them into a world that often acknowledges neither God nor the covenant. Recited several times daily, Deuteronomy's "formula" comes alive as a vivid reminder to devout Jews that their personal relationship with God is both source and safeguard of their public identity as members of God's chosen people.

### EDITING THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Today's Gospel shows Jesus as fully part of Israel's covenant tradition: he responds to the scribe's question by proclaiming Deuteronomy's *Shema* which both of them would have revered and recited since childhood: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength" (Deuteronomy 6:4-5). But note the "editorial changes" both Jesus and the scribe make to the *Shema*. To Deuteronomy's heart, the Biblical seat of the will and affections, and soul, the deepest part of the human person, and strength, encompassing both physical ability and material treasure, Jesus adds "with all your mind," a phrase the scribe changes to "with all your understanding" (Mark 12:30, 33). Perhaps Mark, the author of today's Gospel, wanted to consecrate to the kingdom's service the philosophical reflection and intellectual exploration so valued by the Greco-Roman world—and our world—in which the Gospel would be preached.

### KNOWING AND DOING

Jesus makes a further change to Israel's *Shema*: to the Deuteronomy text Jesus adds Leviticus 19:18: "you shall love your neighbor as yourself." For Jesus, these commandments cannot be separated. The scribe, delighted at Jesus' answer, goes on to indicate that he has grasped one of the central tenets of Jesus' kingdom: ritual worship and practical charity toward one's neighbor are twin expressions of love for God. This insight places the scribe "not far from the kingdom of God," says Jesus (Mark 12:34). But is "not far" close enough? For the scribe, as for the rich would-be disciple from a few Sundays ago, as for each of us, it is one thing to know what we ought to do and quite another actually to do it. So, then: what about us? How do we live out, in daily practice, the covenant whose words we know so well, but whose deeds we so often find a challenge?

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Deuteronomy 6:2-6 31:7-9  
Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 12:28b-34

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 31, 2021

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## PARISH NEWS

### 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.



### St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanksgiving is right around the corner! **St. Vincent De Paul** will again be providing a Thanksgiving turkey and groceries to those in need. We will **NOT** be collecting groceries or turkeys as we have done in the past. Instead, we are purchasing complete Dinner Baskets from the Illinois Food Bank thru Catholic Charities. You will find an envelope for St. Vincent de Paul November's envelope packet. You can also donate **ONLINE** at:

[www.stalexanderparish.churchgiving.com](http://www.stalexanderparish.churchgiving.com)

These donations will help us purchase these Baskets, and continue our work thru the end of the year. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.



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

**Chloe Kristina**, daughter of David and Lauren Zell, nee Tucker

**Samantha Rose**, daughter of Kevin and Lindsey Steder, nee Rakosnik

**Daniel Alfredo**, son of Alfredo and Melissa Lopez, nee Ortega



### 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*)

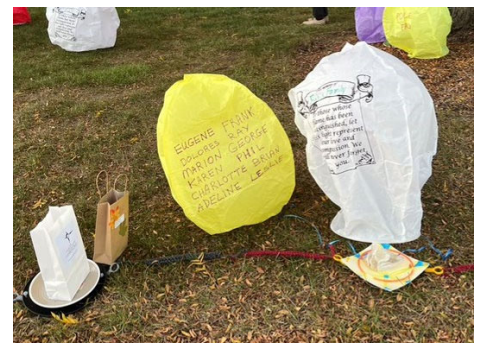
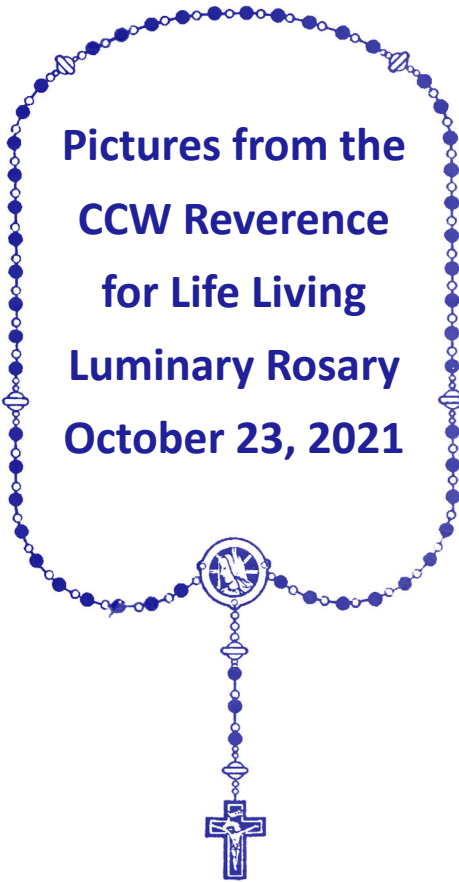


**THANK YOU** for your generous help for the Pope's Missions for World Mission Sunday. Thank you for celebrating our unity as a human family and supporting the life-giving presence of missionaries among the suffering poor. We collected **\$1,372** for World Mission day.



# Faith Formation News and Parish/Diocesan News

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





## PARISH/DIOCESAN NEWS

**ALL SAINTS DAY is Monday, November 1, 2021.**

This year, since it falls on a Monday, it is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have our daily Mass at 8:45am but no evening Mass.



The Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Invite you to the *Fall Gathering*

### An Evening of Kindness

All Women of the Joliet Diocese and Friends are invited to join us for **Chili, Cornbread, Cupcakes and Kind Conversations** On Wednesday, November 10th Gather at 5:30pm at The Blanchette Catholic Center 16555 Weber Road in Crest Hill, IL The gathering will be over by 8:00pm

A variety of delicious chilis will be offered along with corn muffins, crispy salad and delicious cupcakes as we celebrate gathering together again!

A \$10 per person donation\* is requested: Please mail your check (payable to JDCCW) to: **JDCCW Evening of Kindness Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403**

Please include the name (s) of those attending, your Parish and a contact email and phone number along with your check\*.

**Reservations required by: November 4th or before.**



## BREAKFAST

**SUNDAY, November 7, 2021  
7:30AM—11:30AM  
St. Alexander Hall**

- You get a to-go container full of pancakes, sausage and eggs.
- As always our money raised will go directly back to our community needs. We will also be collecting money for the intellectually disabled.
- Thank you all for your continued support.



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### A FAMILY EVENT

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 5, 2021  
2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
3:30 pm in the church**



**JOHN ANGOTTI  
ADVENT CHRISTMAS CONCERT  
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# PRAYER INTENTIONS



## November 2021 Prayer for Vocations

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

1. Br. Kevin Coffey OSB, Br. Charles Hlava OSB, Br. Guy Jelinek OSB
2. **Matthew Napoli, Joseph O'Donnell, Stephen Petrouske, (Deacon Candidates)**
3. Sr. Carlene Howell OSF, Sr. Rosemary Huzl OSF
4. Fr. R. William Sullivan O.S.A., Fr. Richard Young, O.S.A.
5. Fr. John D. Sullivan, Fr. Joseph J. Tapella
6. Sr. Brigid Jacobs OSF, Sr. Carol Jender OSF, Sr. MaryAnn, Jerkofsky OSF
7. Sr. Elaine Kerscher OSF, Sr. Martha Kienzler 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, Garcey DiBella, Walter Dittmer, Matt Doyle, Barb Doyle, Prinda Fabis, Clara Fiedler 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)

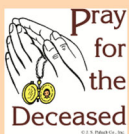


## Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph" from Dec. 8, 2020 to Dec. 8, 2021

### 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

**Sam Licari, Marie Demke and  
For those who died from COVID-19**

# STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection: 10/24/2021.....	\$4,299
Online Giving (WeShare) 10/19/21—10/25/21	\$2,302
Weekly Goal.....	\$8,530
YTD Actual Sunday Coll .....	\$147,489
YTD Goal Sunday Coll—51 weeks.....	\$435,000
Major Maintenance 10/24/2021.....	\$72
Online Giving (WeShare) 10/19/21—10/25/21	\$35

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



**PLEDGE REPORT: Oct. 24, 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.

<b>Parish Goal:</b>	<b>\$42,100</b>
<b>Amount Pledged:</b>	<b>\$44,830</b>
<b>Amount Paid:</b>	<b>\$44,031</b>
<b>Remaining Balance:</b>	<b>\$799</b>
<b>Donor Count</b>	<b>221</b>
<b>Rebate</b>	<b>\$1,352</b>

*Thank you for your continued support.*

## Ambit Energy Fundraiser

October Check from Ambit	\$131.00
2021 Total:	\$1,716.50
Total Raised Since 2009:	\$23,000.25
Families Participating:	52
Accounts (Gas and Electricity):	88

**Thank you Jonell Stetz for participating since October 26, 2009!**  
 Support St. Alexander Church by paying 1% less for gas to Nicor and 3% less for electricity to ComEd!  
 Call Kathy Gilroy (630) 202-3836 to enroll.

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

[ ] New Parishioner                      [ ] New Address  
 [ ] New Phone Number



**Parish Center:** 630.833.7730  
**Fax Number:** 630.833.3127  
**Office Hours:**  
 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  
**Music Coordinator:** Alexia Garcia  
**Office Administrator:** Sue D’Alessandro  
**Parish Registrar:** Rita Matthews  
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