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Palm Sunday

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 28, 2021

When the centurion
who stood facing him
saw how he breathed
his last he said,

"Truly this man was the Son of God!"

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:45a.m.	Mar. 29—Monday of Holy Week Rick Denton
Tuesday 8:45a.m.	Mar. 30—Tuesday of Holy Week Dinorah Alvarez
Wednesday 8:45a.m.	Mar. 31—Wednesday of Holy Week Maurice & Aino Bauer
Thursday 7:00pm	April 1—Holy Thursday <i>Holy Thursday Mass @ St. John the Apostle</i>
Friday 7:00pm	April 2—Good Friday Good Friday Service—No Intentions
Saturday 8:00pm	April 3—Lenten Weekday Easter Vigil—No Intentions
Sunday 8:30 a.m.	April 4—Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord Chuck & Helen Maney/Anne & Tom Jones/Frank Rose/ Joyce Maxse
10:30 a.m.	Jerry Weir (<i>16th Anniversary</i>)
12:00 p.m.	People of St. Alexander Parish
6:00 p.m.	Spanish Mass—People of St. Alexander Parish

Please note: The 2022 Mass Book will be open the week of April 12th for your Mass Intentions.

TODAY'S READINGS

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16).
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 Mark (Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]).
 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: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 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, 15-17, 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; Mk 16:1-7
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 Mk 16:1-7 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon. 3/29/2021:		
RCIA	Fr. Tuan Room	5:00pm
Scout Troop #199	Hall/Gym	6:45pm
Tues. 3/30/2021:		
Fishers of Men & Women Prayer Group	Hall/Gym	5:00pm
Spanish Ministry-Marian Hour	Barrett Room	6:30pm

The Parish Office and meeting spaces will be **CLOSED** April 1—April 5 for Holy Week and Easter. Please join us for our Holy Week and Easter Sunday Services.

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



Please remember to sign up for both Daily and Weekend Masses by 5:00pm on

Thursday on our website: www.stalexanderparish.org.

If you don't have access to the internet, please call the Parish Office to assist @ 630-833-7730.

Thank you!

Reconciliation

St. Alexander:

Tuesdays from 5:00—6:00pm

St. John the Apostle:

Mondays from 5:00—6:00pm

Please wear a Mask.

Gospel Reflection

March 28, 2021

When the centurion who stood facing him saw how he breathed his last he said,

"Truly this man was the Son of God!"

Mark 15:39

A PREVIEW OF HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week and previews its themes and events. Today's liturgy begins with the commemoration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The Roman Missal gives three options for how this can be done, the most elaborate of which begins with the priest, ministers, and the entire assembly outside. The Gospel account of the entry is read, after which palms are blessed and distributed. Then everyone enters the church in procession, singing songs or psalms. However, the joy is temporary; the Passion narrative recounts how, after an intimate meal with his disciples a few days later, Jesus is arrested, tortured, crucified, and buried. The reading from Isaiah is one of four Suffering Servant songs, while the psalm likewise gives voice to the suffering of the innocent. The reading from Philippians affirms the Incarnation as God's embrace of the entire human situation, including suffering and death.

SUFFERING . . .

It may be Palm Sunday, but the Passion is far more prominent in today's liturgy, which invites us to follow Jesus from his triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to his crucifixion and burial. It simply overflows with the sorrow and intimacy that will be dominant themes in Holy Week.

The first reading from the book of Isaiah gives voice to the suffering of an innocent person—perhaps a prophet—or the people as a whole. The refrain for the Psalm is Jesus' cry from the cross (Mark 13:14), a cry of absolute, existential loneliness. The great kenotic (emptying) hymn in Philippians provides a stunning portrait of Jesus' ultimate emptying, simultaneously intimate and cosmological.

. . . AND INTIMACY

All four Gospels have a Passion narrative. While there is agreement on the main events—an intimate meal shared by Jesus and the disciples, betrayal by Judas, prayer in Gethsemane followed by Jesus' arrest, trial, and crucifixion—each Gospel has unique variations that give it a particular meaning or tone. In today's Gospel from Mark, Jesus is anointed by an unnamed woman in the house of Simon the leper. All the Gospels have Jesus being anointed by a woman, but only Mark puts this scene just before the Last Supper. Jesus says the anointing is preparation for his burial; it is as if the woman could see a prophet's suffering in Jesus' life and feel it in his presence. Moved by compassion, she empties her jar of expensive nard on his head, pouring out her love in a profoundly intimate act. Perhaps she will also join the women who witness the crucifixion from afar (Mark 15:40–41), after the Twelve seem to be long gone.

Palm Sunday invites us to follow Jesus through the rest of Holy Week. By moving us to feel the injustice and the suffering endured by Jesus, this week's liturgies and devotions present us with those same choices. Perhaps, like the unnamed woman, we can open ourselves to others' suffering and respond with love and compassion. Or perhaps, like the Twelve, we will be conspicuous by our absence.

TODAY'S READINGS

Mark 11:1–10 or John 12:12–16

Isaiah 50:4–7

Psalms 22:8–9, 17–18, 19–20, 23–24

Philippians 2:6–11

Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1–39]



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Faith Formation Office

Please contact Ann Krueger at: akrueger@stalexanderparish.org

PALM SUNDAY

“So, they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, shouting, Hosanna!” --John 12:13



PASSION SUNDAY

Jesus is sentenced to death and crucified. The centurion who witnessed His death declared, “This man was the Son of God.”

Easter Triduum



Connecting the Passover and the Passion

Read the Passover: Exodus 11-12

- God wanted freedom for His people from slavery
- God sent Moses to Pharaoh to free the people
- Egyptians had many gods
 - ⇒ god of sun, river, cattle, frogs, etc.
- God sent 10 plagues to warn the Egyptians
- The plagues showed them who was really God
 - ⇒ Nile River to blood, frogs everywhere, cattle died, etc.
 - ⇒ Darkness over the land
 - ⇒ Death of the first born (worshipped first born, especially pharaoh, as a god)
- The instructions for Passover
 - ⇒ Lamb for the sacrifice
 - ⇒ One year old male lamb
 - ⇒ Without blemish, no broken bones
 - ⇒ Spread blood on door posts and lintel of every house with hyssop branch
 - ⇒ Eat the lamb with unleavened bread
 - ⇒ Ready to go to the Promised land

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Read the Passion: Matthew 26-27

- God wanted to save His people from the slavery of sin
- God sent Jesus to free His people
- People of every time period have chosen others things as “gods” instead of loving God
- He sent a Savior to us
- Jesus turned water into wine at the Wedding feast of Cana, and then wine into blood at the Last Supper
- Sky was dark on Good Friday from noon – 3pm
- Jesus was God’s Son.
- Jesus was in Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover
 - ⇒ Jesus was called the lamb of God
 - ⇒ Young and without sin, bones not broken
 - ⇒ His Blood stained the vertical and horizontal beams of the cross, given wine to drink on a hyssop branch
 - ⇒ We eat the Lamb when we receive the Eucharist, the Body of Christ
 - ⇒ We are welcomed into the Promised land – Heaven because of His Sacrifice.

PARISH NEWS



GOOD FRIDAY WALK

“Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus”

A self-guided Stations of the Cross with a theme of Peace and Social Justice.

This is a wonderful event for families.

Start at the St. Alexander Hall for curbside pick up of your printed guide and pre-packaged take-home containers of soup. Pick up any time between 9:30am—11:30am on Friday, April 2, 2021.

Questions, please contact the Parish Office @ 630-833-7730.

Thank you!!

Blessing of the Easter Baskets

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



Holy Saturday, April 3

11:00 a.m.

St. Alexander Hall

Please wear a mask and practice social distance. Thank you.



ADORATION In the Church

Thru March 31st.

Mon. & Wed.

5:00—7:00pm

Tues., 3:00—

4:30pm

Thurs. & Friday

3:00—5:00pm

Enter through the West doors, please wear a mask and sign in.

Thank you!



Stations of the Cross
will be every Friday during
Lent @ 7:00pm.

Please use the West Doors,
wear a mask and sign in.

We also have Spanish Stations of the Cross on
Thursdays during Lent @ 7:30pm



2021 HOLY WEEK & EASTER LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Register for Masses on our website: stalexanderparish.org

Palm Sunday @ St. Alexander Church:

Saturday, March 27 @ 5:00pm

Sunday, March 28 @ 8:30am, 10:30am

and in Spanish @ 6:00pm

Holy Thursday, April 1 @ St. John the Apostle:

Bilingual Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 7:00pm

Register on the St. John Website: stjohnvillpark.org

St. John will have Drive-Up Adoration until 11pm.

St. Alexander will not be open for Eucharistic Adoration.

Good Friday, April 2 @ St. Alexander:

Self-Guided Good Friday Walk:

9:30-11:30am @ St. Alexander Hall

Bilingual Living Commemoration of the

Lord's Passion 7:00pm @ St. Alexander

Holy Saturday, April 3 @ St. Alexander:

Blessing of the Food Baskets: 11:00am

in the Hall/Gym @ St. Alexander

Bilingual Easter Vigil Service & Mass

will begin 8:00pm @ St. Alexander

Easter Sunday, April 4 @ St. Alexander Church:

Mass will be celebrated @ 8:30am,

10:30am, 12:00pm and in Spanish @ 6:00pm

PARISH/DEANERY/DICOSEAN NEWS



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

As a parish community,
"WE WELCOME YOU."

James Thomas, son of William and Christine Ryan, nee Delvalle

Vivian Jane, daughter of Daniel and Maureen Doty, nee Ryan



Join Bill Conroy and many other men and women in saying the Rosary for peace and health in our nation, every **Tuesday** evening, @ 5:00pm in the Hall/Gym.

Please wear a mask, socially distance and sign in.

CCW Prayer Blanket News

Due to COVID, the Prayer Blanket Ministry has not been meeting to make blankets.

However, they have been meeting on Mondays, VIA ZOOM, @ 7:00pm to pray the Rosary for those who need prayers.

If you would like to join them or request prayers, please contact the ministry @

stasprayerblanket@gmail.com

Thank you and God Bless.



Frances and John Schweih's Catholic Education Scholarship

2021-2022 School Year

This scholarship will be awarded to a member of a St. Alexander Parish family annually in the amount of \$1,000. Families interested need to fill out an application, as well as apply for aid at the Diocese of Joliet through FACTS Management (<https://factsmtg.com/>). Applications for the Fran and John Schweih's Catholic Education Scholarship are available through the Parish Office or on our website www.stalexanderparish.org. **DEADLINE: Please return completed applications to the Parish Office or emailed to office@stalexanderparish.org no later than April 6, 2021.**



Catholic Conference
of Illinois

Stop the Repeal of Parental Notice of Abortion!

Illinois House Bill 1797 & Senate Bill 2190 seek to dismantle current law requiring an adult family member be notified when a minor girl seeks an abortion.

Our Illinois bishops have written a letter to Catholics across Illinois, urging them to contact their state lawmakers and tell them to vote "no" on HB 1797 and SB 2190.

**Read the letter and email or call
your state lawmakers
by visiting**

www.ilcatholic.org

CASSEROLE SCHEDULE 2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Frozen Casserole Picked Up</u>	<u>Casserole Tin Dropped Off</u>
4/13/21	Florentine Ravioli	Shepherd's Pie
5/11/21	Shepherd's Pie	Texas Hash
6/8/21	Texas Hash	Beans and Burgers
7/13/21	Beans and Burgers	Chicken and Broccoli
8/10/21	Chicken and Broccoli	Florentine Ravioli
9/14/21	Florentine Ravioli	Beans and Burgers

PRAYER INTENTIONS



Prayer for Vocations

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

- 29. Sr. Paulina Hernandez, Sr. Catalina Perez, Sr. Monica Rocha MSCGpe
- 30. Seminarian Steven Widlowski
- 31. Seminarian Dcn. John Ronaldo Abulag
- 1. Seminarian Aron Minix
- 2. Seminarian Christina Sinclair
- 3. Brs. Philip Johnson, Leo Jones, David Kuebler, Joseph Martin FSC
- 4. Dcns. Armando Jaquez, Anthony Leazzo, Alex Markiso

Rosebud Program

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



CONGRATULATIONS!

Jenna & Zach on the birth of their son Brooks David

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Erica and Nick due 3/21. | Matt and Danielle due 6/21. |
| Angelo & Meaghan due 3/21. | Anthony & Beth due in 9/21. |
| Joe & Joselyn due 4/21. | Susan due in 9/21. |

Special Intentions for:

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| 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.

PLEASE PRAY for 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.

- Ed Driskell, Frank Rajase, Tom Criscione, Andy, Terry Baugh, Lorane Myers, Maggie Gannon, Maria Cruz, Jim Erlenbaugh, Kimmy Dikker, Corinne Principe, Keith Lapointe, Matt & Julie Guth, Lisa Krandal, Jacob St. Louis, Peter Parish, Sue Connelly, Matt Doyle, Bob Chandler, P.J. O’Connor, Karen Soukup, Eda Jett, Patricia Hendrickson, John Jarecki, Sue Duchek, Maureen Donovan and Jenny McQuillan, David Tracy, Frank Gill, Mark Boutin, Clare Stralko, Bob Baker, Kathryn Rothfahn, Noreen Aukst, Judith Hummert, Bernard (Gene) Niewoehner, John Zydek Walter Dittmer, Mary Ellen Erlenbaugh, Michael Haywood and all those sick from COVID-19

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 Those who died from COVID-19.

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Thank you to everyone who has already pledged a gift to the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Every gift, large or small, brings us closer to our parish's 2021 CMAA goal of \$42,000.

If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support the CMAA. If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish.

Our pastor recently mailed a pledge envelope to everyone in our parish. Please either return it, or the pledge card you received from the diocese, in the mail. You may also make a secure gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949.

“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.

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 Friday 9:00 a.m. — 1:00 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.
 Sunday: 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (*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
(Closed due to COVID until further notice)
Adoration in the church on Mon. & Wed. from 5—7pm., Tues. 3-4:30pm, Thurs. & Fri 3:00-5:00pm.
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 Fr. Danny Soriano/Fr. Johnus

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