St. Alexander Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2020

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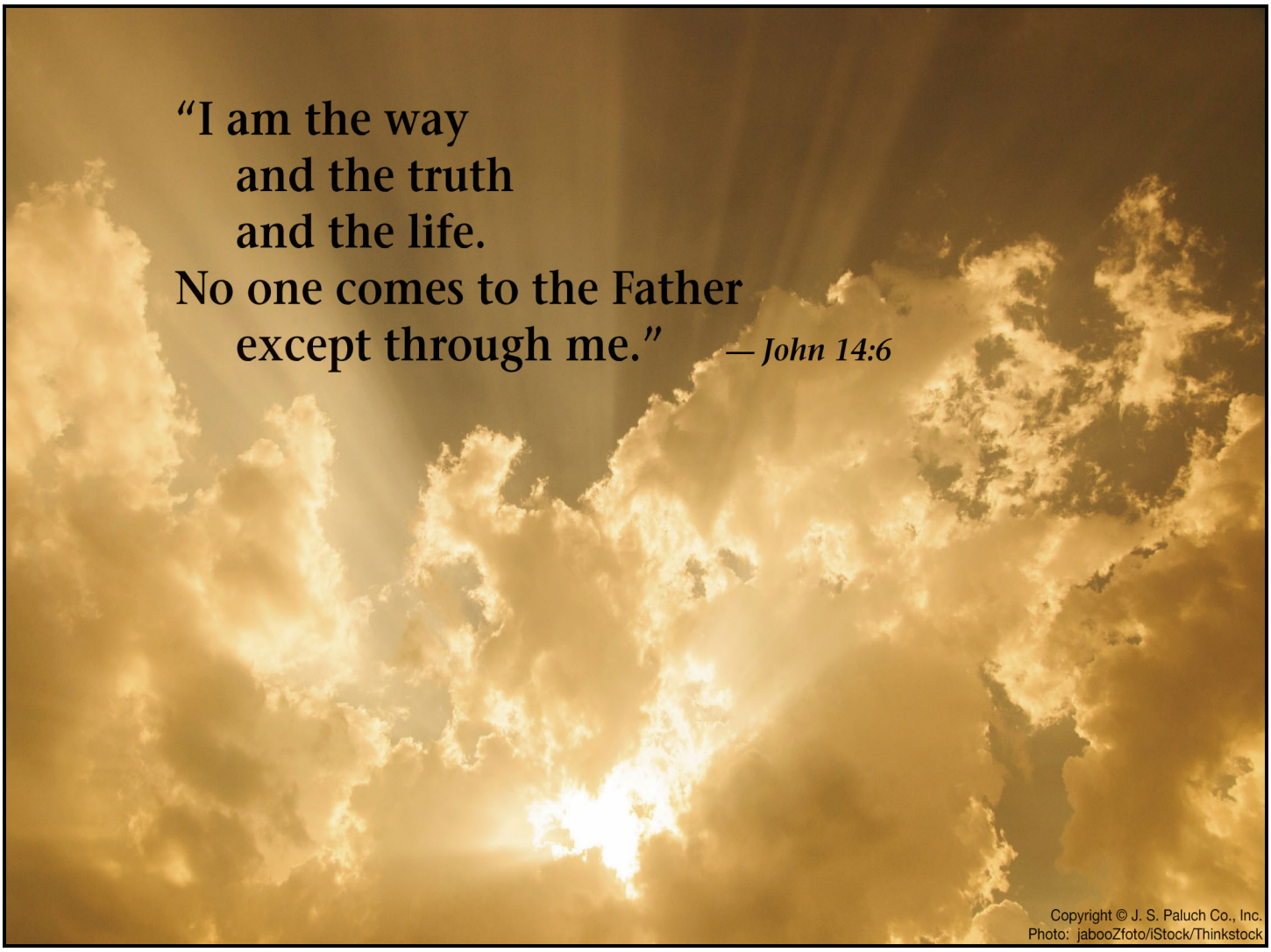

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St. Alexander Parish Administration Directory

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Associate Pastor: …… Rev. Patrick O'Neill ext. 223
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Operations Manager: …….. Paula Somers ext. 233
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Parish Center & Parish Athletic Director:
…… Cathy Sullivan - 361-2626
Youth Minister: ……..…… Tyler Ried - 448-6624
Counseling Center: …… 448-4861 ext.310
Director: ……. Sr. Claire Marie Czerwiec, SSND, LCPC

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St. Alexander on the Web: ..…… www.stalexanderpalos.org

St. Alexander School

126th St. and 71st Ave. Palos Heights, IL 60463
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Principal: ……..…….. Cathy Biel
Assistant Principal: ……..…… Mary Dombrowski
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Religious Education Office

126th St. and 71st Ave. Palos Heights, IL 60463
Phone: 708-448-6624
Coordinator of Religious Education: ……..…… Tyler Ried
Religious Ed. E-Mail: …….. tried@archchicago.org

Knights of Columbus: …….. 448-4861 ext. 400
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Spreading the Holy Fire

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Sacraments of Initiation

BAPTISM

Celebration of Entrance into Christ's Church

You must be a registered parishioner in this parish.

At least one Godparent must be a practicing Catholic. The other must be a Christian.

Parents must register for a class on Baptism **BEFORE** your baby is baptized. Archdiocesan required classes are held once a month, usually on the 1st Monday of the month, and facilitated by trained parishioners.

Baptism contact Joan DeVito 448-4861 ext. 237

CONFIRMATION

Celebration of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

This Sacrament is normally celebrated in 8th Grade and is a 2 year program of preparation.

Confirmation Contacts:
Tyler Ried - Religious Education 448-6624
Cathy Biel - School 448-0408

The Archdiocese also offers classes for adults wishing to receive Confirmation. **Adult Confirmation Contact - Deacon Tim Keating or Deacon Jim Horton 448-4861**

RCIA *Celebration of the Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults*

This process is for adults who would like to join the Roman Catholic Church and have never been Baptized, or were Baptized in another Christian denomination. There is also a process for children (RCIC) and teens (RCIT).

RCIA/RCIC/RCIT contact - Deacon Tim Keating or Deacon Jim Horton 448-4861

EUCHARIST

Celebration of Sharing Fully at Christ's Altar of Sacrifice & Communion with Jesus and His Church

Eucharistic Liturgy (Mass)

Sunday Vigil: 5:00 PM (Saturday)
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM, & 6:00 PM
Monday through Friday: 8:15 AM
Saturday Morning: 8:00 AM
First Saturday Devotions after 8:00 AM Mass
Holy Day Vigil: 7:00 PM
Holy Day: 8:15 AM & 7:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday before the 1st Friday
9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Benediction

Evening of Prayer and Adoration

On the 1st Saturday
4:30 PM - Rosary
5:00 PM - Mass
6:00 PM - Prayers for Healing

Sacraments of Healing

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Celebration of God's Restorative Love & Forgiveness

Sacrament offers strength to the living. If someone becomes seriously ill, please call the Parish Administrative Center. Ministers of Care are available to bring Holy Communion and/or visit with the sick and homebound.

Also every 1st Saturday - 6:00 - 7:00 PM in church

RECONCILIATION

Celebration of God's Forgiveness through Personal Confession

Saturday Morning: 8:30 - 9:00 AM
Saturday Evening: after the 5:00 PM Mass
Other Times by Appointment

Sacraments of Commitment

MATRIMONY

Celebration of God's Blessings on the Loving Union between Man and Woman

Please call the Parish Administration Center at least 4 months in advance of your wedding. Pre-Cana for engaged couples is required by the Archdiocese.

Matrimony Contact:
Fr. Martin Michniewicz & Fr. Patrick O'Neill 448-4861

HOLY ORDERS

Celebration of Ordained Service to the Church

The three offices of the Sacrament of Holy Orders are bishop, priest and deacon. All three are conferred by the sacramental act called "ordination."

Priesthood Contact - Fr. Michniewicz 448-4861 ext 227
Archdiocese of Chicago Vocation Director:
Rev. Timothy Monahan 312-534-8298

FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I wish a blessed and Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers of our parish community. Let's make sure that we take time today to thank the Lord for the gift of our mothers, and thank our mothers for the gift of life. We, as a people, can take so much for granted in our everyday lives. Life is a precious gift for which we must never cease being thankful to those who gave us that gift and share their lives with us. Many people will not be sharing Mother's Day with their mothers today due to the stay-at-home quarantine. Let us make sure we make that call, drive by the house, or do whatever we can to share our love and appreciation. I am so blessed to have my mother and I would not know what I would do without her. For all those that have lost their mothers through death, my heart goes out to you, but be assured she is with the Most Holy Trinity and our Blessed Mother in the Kingdom of Heaven. Although God is always with us and is everywhere, I still enjoy the Jewish proverb: God could not be everywhere, so He created mothers.

It is also on this Mother's Day that we remember May is the month we honor the Mother of our Savior, The Blessed Virgin Mary. Let us all be united as Catholics today and say a prayer thanking Mary for her help and for being the mother of us all. Below are several quotations I have come across which remind me of the special place Mary holds in both our Church and hearts.

Finally, many of you have probably heard that the governor of Illinois is considering opening up churches once again. Currently the bishops in the archdiocese are looking at possible ways to make this happen, but NO decisions have been made in regards to any particulars. Thus as I write this article, all churches in the archdiocese remain closed. As more information comes forward and decisions are made I will keep you informed. In the meantime, let's pray for a cure for the virus, all those who have been infected, and those who have died. Please remember to keep safe and to pray for each other at St. Alexander and for all humanity.

God Bless,
Father Marty

Upon these titles, Mary Mother of God, and Mary the Mother of Mankind, the whole practice of the Catholic's devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary is built.

—Archbishop Goodwin

I fully grant that devotion towards the Blessed Virgin has increased among Catholics with the progress of centuries; I do not allow that the doctrine concerning her has undergone a growth for I believe that it has been in substance one and the same from the beginning.

—Cardinal Newman

If you ever feel distressed during your day, call upon our Lady. Just say this simple prayer: 'Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.' I must admit this prayer has never failed me.

—Blessed Mother Teresa

In the case of Mary, everything is related to Christ and everything depends on Him. It was because of the part she was to play in the life of Christ that the Father chose her from all eternity as the mother full of grace and adorned her with gifts of the spirit granted to no other.

—Pope Paul VI

The Catholic Charities Mother's Day collection has been postponed until August 30th. Please save your envelopes to use at that time.

With Sympathy

We ask you to remember and pray for the souls of the faithful departed. May they forever rest in the Lord's peace. We especially pray for:

David Dykstra, husband of Patricia
Patricia Harty, mother of Kathleen
Bart Johnson, husband of Therese
Mark Sasnow, brother of Donna

WORD OF LIFE

"O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties."

—USCCB Secretariat of Pr0-Life Activities

Prayers of the Faithful for the Sick

Prayers FOR HEALING

As the faith family of St. Alexander, we unite with one another to pray for those who need healing of their body, mind or spirit. Confident that God hears the voices of those who trust in the Lord Jesus, we join in prayer for:

Baby Edie Ryan
Mike Garetto Sr.
Josh Haberkorn
Susan Vopicka
Eric Davidson
Jo Ekberg
John D. Baron
Rebecca Follenweider
Tom Grady
Van Wittekind
Kevin Macey
Monsignor Lonnie Urban
Baby Adilynn Jeanine Kurse

If you or anyone in your family would like to be added to our *Prayers of the Faithful for the Sick* please contact the Parish Administrative Office at 708-448-4861.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Roman Catholics in the United States spend a good deal of time speaking of "vocation" and the manner in which each of us discerns our vocation for life. In today's apostolic letter, however, Peter gives us the "cornerstone" of our vocation, the description of what each of us is called to first and foremost by our baptism. He describes our vocation as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of [God's] own, so that you may announce the praises" of Christ, who called us out of darkness into light (1 Peter 2:9). All of us, no matter what path our life's vocation may take us down, have been chosen by God, made holy, and anointed as priests in the high priesthood of Christ through baptism. All of this, so that we may announce the praises of Christ. Vocation is given for proclamation at home, in the work-place—wherever life takes us—in service, in word, and in sacrament.

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Today's Readings: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

The Month of Mary

The Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to a certain devotion. In May, it is the Blessed Virgin Mary.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
May 11-17, 2020

Monday:	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

The cancellation of Mass has lead to a significant loss of our parish income. This places our operations and our ministries at risk. Your generous weekly offerings are needed—*and appreciated*—more than ever. You can mail your envelopes or sign up to give electronically with Faith Direct.

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ST. ALEXANDER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MINISTRY

The mission of the Domestic Violence Ministry of St. Alexander Parish is to raise awareness of domestic violence in our parish; to promote the development and delivery of services in our community; and to advocate for the prevention of domestic violence through education and parish activities.

If you need help contact:

- **National DV Hotline: 1-800-799-7233**
- **Illinois DV Helpline: 1-877-863-6338**
- **Crisis Center for South Suburbia: 1-708-429-7233**

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Prayer For A Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced
Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors
Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home
Remember those who must choose between
preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for
our children when their schools close,
Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips
Remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money
in the tumult of the economic market
Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home
Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country,
Let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically
wrap our arms around each other,
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace
of God to our neighbors.

Amen.

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ST. ALEXANDER PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION OPEN FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

St. Alexander Preschool provides an academic experience aligned with The Office of Catholic Schools Early Childhood Development. The preschool environment promotes a child's growth intellectually, spiritually, physically and socially. The curriculum of the program consists of language, reading readiness skills, math awareness, awareness of God and Christian values, art and music movement, exploration skills, creative play, fine and gross motor skills.

Full Day Option (4-Year Olds)
8:00AM-2:40PM

Half Day Options (3 & 4 Year Olds)
Morning class meets 8:00-11:00AM
Afternoon class meets 11:40AM-2:40PM

Two, three, four, and five day options are available for full and half day students. Extended Day Programs are available for before and after school care.

Children must be 3 or 4 years of age by September 1, 2020 to register. Call Mrs. Martino with questions at 708-448-0408 or visit www.stalexanderschool.com.

ST. ALEXANDER—A BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

St. Alexander School is accepting registrations for the 2020-2021 school year. We offer:

- A faculty and staff who model true Christianity
- Preschool programs for 3 and 4 year olds, including 4 year old full day
- Kindergarten classes are available as half day or full day
- Extended day care is provided before and after school
- Academic support as well as professional counseling is available
- Curriculum includes foreign language, art, gym, music, computer classes and STEM lab
- Daily religion classes and participation in liturgies teach Catholic values
- Extracurricular and enrichment activities are available to all students
- Hot lunch program offers nutritious meal choices

We are happy to provide private tours of our Blue Ribbon school and share with the families the exceptional education and experience provided at St. Alexander School. For additional information about what St. Alexander has to offer you family, please contact the school at 708-448-0408 or visit our website at www.stalexanderschool.com.

Mass Intentions For The Week

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 10, 2020

Saturday, May 9th
5:00 PM— Patrick Murphy
Jacob Dylan Hudy
Ronald Antos
Ursula Snelius
Tricia Dolph

Sunday, May 10th
7:30 AM— Michael & Maureen Coughlin
Charles & Grace Nowak
Claire Narel
Catherine Hoban
William & Sylvia Edeus
Joseph Macey
Josephine Data
Mary K. Laski
Norma Burke
9:30 AM— Dolores T. Hart
Michael Hanley
Nora McDonough
Teresita Skiba
Donna Marie & Joseph A. Feldner, SGM
Dr. Loren Feldner
Margaret (Meg) Feldner
Dorothy Siroky
Bryan Zolfo (8th Anniversary)
Concetta Garry
Norma Burke
Kevin Reynolds Jr.
Helen Jablonski
Fran Dybisz
Bernice Wasniewski
Joan Yerkes
Marilyn Sutley
Joan Bagniewski
Erika Frelander
Lynn Kavanaugh
11:30 AM— Helen Bilina
Dr. John Meyer
Elizabeth Case
Norma Burke
Mary Ellen Mulcrone
6:00 PM— For the Parishioners
Rosemary Diamond
Frances Dolan

Monday, May 11th
8:15 AM— Ann Boyle

Tuesday, May 12th *(Ss. Nereus and Achilleus & Pancras)*
8:15 AM— Mary Kate Graf
Marie Shilt

Wednesday, May 13th *(Our Lady of Fatima)*
8:15 AM— Maciasz Family
Robert E. Gallagher (13th Anniversary)

Thursday, May 14th *(St. Matthias)*
8:15 AM— Sophie Myslinski

Friday, May 15th *(St. Isidore the Farmer)*
8:15 AM— Edward Wollenberg (70th Anniversary)
Steve Weber

Saturday, May 16th
8:00 AM— Healing Intention

SIXTH SUNDAY IOF EASTER
MAY 17, 2020

Saturday, May 16th
5:00 PM— For the Parishioners
Patrick Murphy
Clarence Mallen
Mary LeFebvre
Special Intention—Eric Ebel

Sunday, May 17th
7:30 AM— Johanna Hoban
Joseph Macey
Michael & Maureen Coughlin
Charles & Grace Nowak
9:30 AM— Brian Cadore
Casey Lens
Healing Intention—Anne Biskoski
Donna Marie & Joseph A. Feldner, SGM
Dr. Loren Feldner
Lorie Hartig
Gerald Barry
Kevin Reynolds Jr.
11:30 AM— Francis J. & Verle Clair
Ed & Betty Richert
Berry Yocum
6:00 PM— Claire Roddewig

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