

St. Alexander Church

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 23, 2025

The Palos Catholic



7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." - Lk 6:38

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St. Alexander Parish Administration Directory

Parish Administrative Center

7025 W. 126th St., Palos Heights, IL 60463

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Pastor: Rev. Martin Michniewicz ext. 227

Associate Pastor: Rev. Colm Mitchell ext. 223

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St. Alexander School

7025 W. 126th St., Palos Heights, IL 60463

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Religious Education Office

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Spreading the Holy Fire

Celebrating Christ Risen from the Dead through the 7 Sacraments

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

BAPTISM

Celebration of Entrance into Christ's Church

You should be a registered parishioner of St. Alexander, or willing to register and join our Faith Community. Relatives of St. Alexander parishioners are also welcome.

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 first Tuesday 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

Sharon O'Toole - School 448-0408

The Archdiocese also offers classes for adults wishing to receive Confirmation. **Adult Confirmation Contact -**

Fr. Martin Michniewicz 448-4861

OCIA *Celebration of the Order 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 (OCIC) and teens (OCIT).

OCIA/OCIC/OCIT contact - Fr. Martin Michniewicz 448-4861

EUCCHARIST

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: 8:30 AM

Saturday Morning: 8:00 AM

First Saturday Devotions after 8:00 AM Mass

Holy Day: 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM

Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

On the 1st Wednesday of the month
6:00-7:00PM in the Church

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 after the 5:00 PM Mass

RECONCILIATION

Celebration of God's Forgiveness through Personal Confession

Saturday Morning: 8:30 AM (until all are heard)

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 or Fr Colm Mitchell 708-448-4861

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

Fr. Colm Mitchell 448-4861 ext. 223

Archdiocese of Chicago Vocation Director:

Rev. Timothy Monahan 312-534-8298



FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

I do apologize that this week's bulletin article will be very similar to last week's article. That is due to the importance of the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. Hopefully you all found the time to read the brochure that was in last week's parish bulletin. If you recall the brochure included a short letter from Cardinal Cupich reminding us the importance of "Together we bring hope". It also explained how the monies collected from this campaign serves the many needs of the Archdiocese of Chicago. I'm sure you all prayed this week over how generous you can be as you pledge today at Masses on Commitment Sunday for the campaign. Please remember that each parish in the archdiocese must run this campaign and has a set goal of how much they should raise. I thank you for all you have given in the past to the Appeal and let us pray we once again as a parish meet our goal.

This campaign helps to fund many agencies in the Archdiocese of Chicago. As I have stated in the past, many times we here at St. Alexander parish have needed the expertise of the people who minister in these departments. For example, quite often I have called the Office of Divine Worship when I have had questions regarding liturgy. I also have needed the services of the office of real estate and the lawyers the archdiocese employs when we have sold properties and have other questions of legality. These are just a few examples of how this campaign affects our parish.

As I remind our generous parishioners every year it was through the Annual Catholic Appeal and your generosity that we eliminated our \$3.5 million debt we had in 2010. The Appeal matched every dollar we raised and were made solvent. We all know there are other parishes presently in need and your generosity to this campaign will hopefully help them in their times of struggle. We at St. Alexander do not stand alone, we are part of the Archdiocese of Chicago which represents collectively The Body of Christ.

Congratulations to our St. Alexander's eighth grade school, Religious Education Program, and Polish school children who received the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation this past Wednesday, February 19th. Let us keep these young adults in our prayers as they continue their journey as young Christian soldiers. May they always realize that they are to use these gifts from the Holy Spirit and they are the future leaders of the Roman Catholic Church.

As I write this article on Tuesday, February 18th our Holy Father Pope Francis is still in the hospital recovering from various illnesses. Let us pray that he is soon cured of his ailments and returns to his ministry guiding the faithful.

Finally, just a reminder please purchase and return your tickets for this year's Annual Raffle at the parish office, the offering basket, or through the mail. Proceeds from this raffle will be of great assistance to our parish, school, RE program, and other parish ministries. The raffle will be held on Saturday, March 1st at our St. Patrick's Day Party. Please consider attending this year's party. Ticket sales so far are going slow so try to get a table together and celebrate the love we have for St. Alexander with fellow parishioners and friends.

God Bless,
Father Marty

LEGACY PLANNING Please prayerfully consider remembering our parish when you update your estate plans. These gifts help us to build a solid foundation for the Catholic formation of future generations. Prepare or update your will or trust today by contacting an attorney. For sample bequest language, contact Fr. Marty at 708-448-4861.



The following children were baptized by Deacon Fran Pendergast III on Sunday, February 16, 2025.

Ford Rowan Pomorski, son of David & Grace
Vincent Timothy Richards, son of Timothy & Claire
 Fr. Patrick O’Neill baptized **Saylor Jeanne Stanek**, daughter of Chad & Kelly, Sunday, February 16, 2025.
 We welcome them into the family of the church and offer their parents our prayers and good wishes.



PRAY FOR THOSE SOON TO BE MARRIED

III Mariclare Touhy & Michael Presbitero
 I Emily O’Keefe & Timothy Delaney



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:

Gredel Hooker, daughter of Maggie



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:

Dale Yukich Lisa Krisik
 Carole Holding Janeen Pikula
 Bob Redman

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 by noon on Friday.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



One of my favorite new singers/songwriters is Noah Kahan. I’m a little biased because, like me, he is originally from Vermont. In a fine song entitled “Stick Season,” he sings of his hope to “cancel out the darkness I inherited from dad.” This lyric articulates his painful recognition of a dark spiritual “inheritance” from his father, and his hope to be free of it. We all inherit some degree of evil from our earthly forebears. It’s easy to feel doomed to repeat their darknesses.

But we’re not so doomed, thank God. This week’s Gospel proclaims this. Whatever good or bad we received from our parents, we have a more definitive and perfect inheritance in God. Jesus commands us, “Be merciful just as your Father is merciful” (Luke 6:36). We have a perfect Father in heaven and are destined to inherit and reflect that perfect and merciful love. We have an inheritance of light, not darkness, and thus a whole new possibility of magnanimous love. Like any inheritance, this is a free gift to us.

What are we destined to repeat? Not the darkness of our earthly parents. We are destined to be a reflection of God’s life. Jesus liberates us from the inevitability of repeating whatever evils and imperfections are in our familial or cultural upbringings. It’s time to claim that perfect inheritance.

— Father John Muir

Today’s Readings: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38



READINGS FOR THE WEEK February 24-March 2, 2025

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37
 Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175/Mk 9:38-40
 Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50
 Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/Mk 10:1-12
 Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/Mk 10:13-16
 Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

MASS ANNOUNCEMENTS

If any parish ministry or organization would like to have an announcement made at Mass we ask that you please have the information to the office by noon on Friday. This allows us to compile the books we need for weekend liturgies by the end of Friday. Also, please limit announcements to one or two sentences.

WELCOME TO ST. ALEXANDER!

We extend a warm welcome to all our guests and visitors who have graced us with their presence at today's liturgy. We hope that you feel at home here; please let us know if we can be of any assistance while you are with us.

WORD OF LIFE

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished."

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities



**Society of St. Vincent de Paul & Knights of Columbus
FOOD COLLECTION**

Please donate to our ongoing food collection for St. Blase. Donations should be placed on the bench across from the SAVE room. Thank you for your generosity!

NO EXPIRED FOOD PLEASE!

Home Bound or Ill?

If you, or someone you know, are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive communion in their home, please call either Deacon Jim Horton or Deacon Fran Pendergast at 708-448-4861.



Low-Gluten Hosts

At the 9:30AM Mass an Extraordinary Minister of Communion will be available with low-gluten hosts. The Extraordinary Minister will be located at the entrance of the ramp which leads to the sanctuary on the side where the statue of our Blessed Virgin is presented.

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Saturday, March 1st

5:00 PM— Rosemary Dziuba, Terry Horvath, Sharon Mundo

Sunday, March 2nd

7:30 AM— Steve Lukasik, Nancy Foster, Ruth Macey
9:30 AM— Marybeth Flynn, Nancy Dougherty, Dorothy McCloskey, Wendy Loftus (LG)
11:30 AM— Jeff & Ofelia Foreman, Mike Kearney
6:00 PM— Michael Collins, Sharon Ayres, Merrill Jurgens



READERS

Saturday, March 1st

5:00 PM— Bill Rogers, Linda Buchanan

Sunday, March 2nd

7:30 AM— Mark Foster
9:30 AM— Rich Cruz, Debbie Myron
11:30 AM— Joan DeVito
6:00 PM— Johanna Jurgens, Bob Ayres



YOU'RE INVITED!

St. Alexander Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

**Saturday, March 1st—9:00 AM
in the SAVE Room**

Meetings usually last an hour. Items are made in our homes, and then we gather at our meeting to wrap and label them. We meet once every two months and share the joy of our gifts and prayers with many people in need in our parish and elsewhere.

If you want to see what we are all about, come out and join us. For more information please call Rosemary at 708-293-8884.



ST. ALEXANDER PARISH
INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE

Saint PATRICK'S DAY



SATURDAY
MARCH

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IN ST. AL'S
GYM

6:00 PM-11:00PM

*Tickets are \$35 each
Dinner will be served and Cash Bar
will be available*

Featuring music from
THE PONYBOYS

*Tickets will be sold after masses or
checks/money can be sent to
the school office.*

Grand raffle winners will be announced!



DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE
SATURDAY APRIL 5TH 2025



Princess Ball

Save the Date
Princess/Formal Dress Attire Suggested

SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025

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ANNUAL ST. ALEXANDER RAIDER
RUN

Running to raise funds
for new school technology.

ST. ALEXANDER ANNUAL PARISH & SCHOOL

GRAND RAFFLE

\$20 RAFFLE TICKET

GRAND PRIZE \$5,000
1ST PRIZE \$2,500
2ND PRIZE \$ 500

\$50 RAFFLE TICKET

GRAND PRIZE \$15,000
1ST PRIZE \$ 7,500
2ND PRIZE \$ 1,500


TICKETS WILL BE DRAWN ON MARCH 1st
WINNERS WILL BE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE







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1 in 3 teens will experience physical, sexual, or emotional abuse from someone they're in a relationship with before they become an adult.
www.loveisrespect.org

 **TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**


DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
AWARENESS - SERVICES - PREVENTION
www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 

Together we bring hope

2025 Annual Catholic Appeal



I invite you to spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal materials you should have received in your bulletin or in the mail. The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection, it is a pledged commitment to make a gift over time. Your pledge can be made payable in installments.

Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the Appeal and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services and to extend a world-wide hand of help through Catholic Relief Services. It is our way to affirm the theme of this year's Appeal: *Together we bring hope.*

If you received a pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. This year, we also encourage you to make their Annual Catholic Appeal gifts online at annualcatholicappeal.com



ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



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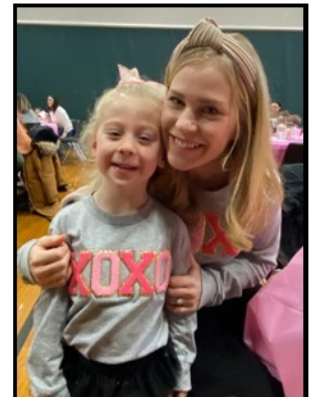
The Knights of Columbus present medals to the Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee Winners (top photo) and the Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Contest Winners at a recent all school mass.



ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



HAPPY.
Valentine's
Day

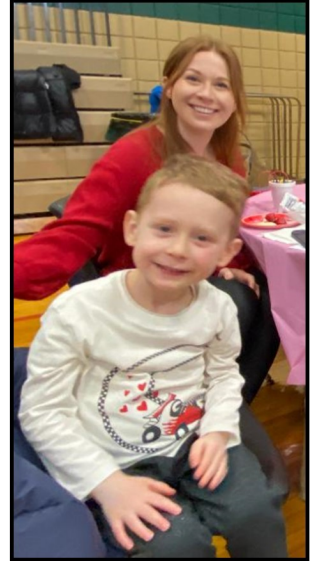




ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



PreK students celebrated Valentine's Day with a special tea for Mom and Me!





January 21, 2025

The Women's Centers

of Greater Chicagoland

Changing Fear to Faith, Helping Women, Saving Babies

Rev. Martin Michniewicz
St. Alexander Catholic Church
7025 W. 126th St.
Palos Heights, IL 60463

Dear Father Michniewicz,

We would like to express our gratitude to you, the families and staff of St. Alexander Parish for participating in the 2024 Baby Bottle Project for The Women's Center. The total collected in this year's campaign came to **\$5,528.76**. This is a fantastic effort and we are truly grateful for everyone's generosity.

The Baby Bottle Project is our primary fundraiser. Because of your continued support we are able to provide women with counseling, material goods assistance, pregnancy testing, ultrasounds and more. For over 40 years, all our services have been *free of charge!*

To date, The Women's Center has saved over 41,000 babies and this has been made possible because we have been blessed with the support of so many wonderful souls like you and everyone involved from St. Alexander. Thanks to you, we will continue in our efforts to promote a culture of life.

Hopefully, with your prayers and assistance, we will see an end to abortion in our lifetime!

God bless you.

Sincerely,

Lowell Wallace
Project Manager

National Advisory Board

Patricia Pitkus Bainbridge, M.A.
Diocese of Rockford

Cristov Dosev
Managing General Partner
Mardoc Properties, LP

The Most Reverend
Rene H. Grocida, D.D.
Bishop Emeritus
Diocese of Corpus Christi, Texas

Richard J. Guzior
President & Founder
Richards Building Supply Company

Fr. Rocky Hoffman
Executive Director
Relevant Radio

The Most Reverend
Joseph N. Perry
Auxiliary Bishop, Vicariate VI
Archdiocese of Chicago

Dr. David Reardon, Ph.D.
Director
Elliot Institute

Conrad Wojnar
Founder

Robert C. Lawler, M.D.
Medical Director

Kelly Conmey
Executive Director

In Memoriam:

Father John A. Hardon, S.J.
Founder, Inter Mirifica

Karen Malec
President
Coalition on Abortion/Breast Cancer

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9:30AM on WGN-TV Channel 9

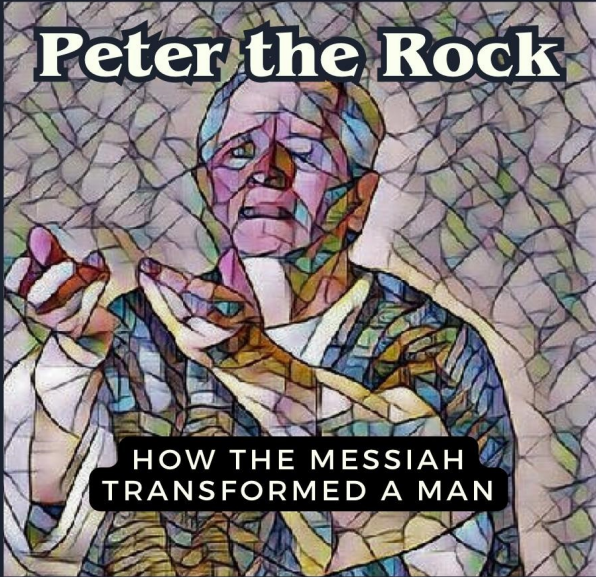


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If you would like to make a one-time electronic donation, please scan this bar code.



Scroll down to "One -Time Gifts" and enter the amount and type of payment. It's that simple!



ST. ALEXANDER CHURCH
MISSION NIGHT
MARCH 25, 2025
7:00 pm

SUNDAY SAVE SALES 10:15-11:30AM

SAVE orders may also be brought to the Parish Administrative Center. Orders dropped off by 5:00PM on Wednesday are available for pick-up Thursday after Noon at the PAC. They may also be picked up during sale hours in the SAVE room on Sunday.

Prayer to Begin the Day

Lord God, may everything we do begin with your inspiration and continue with your help, so that all of our work today will bring us closer to you. Guide us in our work today, that we may do it not for ourselves alone, but for the common good of all. We ask this in your name. Amen

Our families need our prayers!

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Mass Intentions For The Week



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Saturday, February 22nd

5:00 PM— David Hickey
Joseph Sloyan
Catherine Wells
Joseph Rathnau Family
Raymond Schwaller
Eleanore & Ken Reilly

Sunday, February 23rd

7:30 AM— Aggie Palmer
Thomas Chwierut
Chet Chwierut
Colleen J. Nix
Judy McCarthy
Steven Plescher
9:30 AM— Raymond & Marion Hunt
Kevin Reynolds
Jim Foskett
William & Helen Brett
Matthew O'Brien
Michael Loftus
11:30 AM— Roberta Cartwright
James Ireton
Janice Yager
6:00 PM— For the Parishioners

Monday, February 24th

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix
Joseph Strain
Daniel Lamplot
Dr. Terry Wall
Leonard Fredericks
Walter Chmielewski

Tuesday, February 25th

8:30 AM— James Hayes
Anthony Rathnau Jr.
Colleen J. Nix
Msgr. John Vitha—31st Anniversary

Wednesday, February 26th

8:30 AM— James O'Malley
Rosemary Beran
Colleen J. Nix
Gladys Doolan

Thursday, February 27th (St. Gregory of Narek)

8:30 AM— Evelyn Blaney
Neal DiVincenzo
Eleanore Reilly—2nd Anniversary
Joseph Rathnau
Colleen J. Nix
Steven P. Follenweider

Friday, February 28th

8:30 AM— John Foster
Colleen J. Nix
Margaret Corbett
Thomas Lahey
Dr. Terry Wall

Saturday, March 1st

8:00 AM— John Janik
Susan M. Pesenko
Thomas Chwierut
Chet Chwierut
Colleen J. Nix
Don Tadda
Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tom, Margaret, Pauline & Tommy Macey
2:00 PM— Wedding: Mariclare Touhy &
Michael Presbitero

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME MARCH 2, 2025

Saturday, March 1st

5:00 PM— Matthew O'Brien
Dr. Terry Wall
Richard & Melissa Mundo

Sunday, March 2nd

7:30 AM— Aggie Palmer
Thomas Chwierut
Chet Chwierut
Vincent & Mary Hoban
Matthew Murphy
Colleen J. Nix
Czerwinski Family—Healing Intention
9:30 AM— Raymond & Marion Hunt
Kevin Reynolds
Jim Foskett
Dr. Terry Wall
William (Boleslaw) Zarod
Mary E. Boyce
Lynn Schnierle
11:30 AM— John Joseph O'Connell
Helen T. Brett
Paul Ireton
Marie Hohmer
Mary E. Boyle
6:00 PM— For the Parishioners

Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary

O most blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of tenderness and mercy,
I, an unworthy sinner,
fly to you with all the affection of my heart
and I beseech your motherly love,
that, as you stood by your most dear Son,
while he hung on the Cross,
so in your kindness,
you may be pleased to stand by me, a poor sinner,
and all Priests who today are offering the Sacrifice
here and throughout the entire holy Church,
so that with your gracious help
we may offer a worthy and acceptable oblation
in the sight of the most high and undivided Trinity.
Amen.