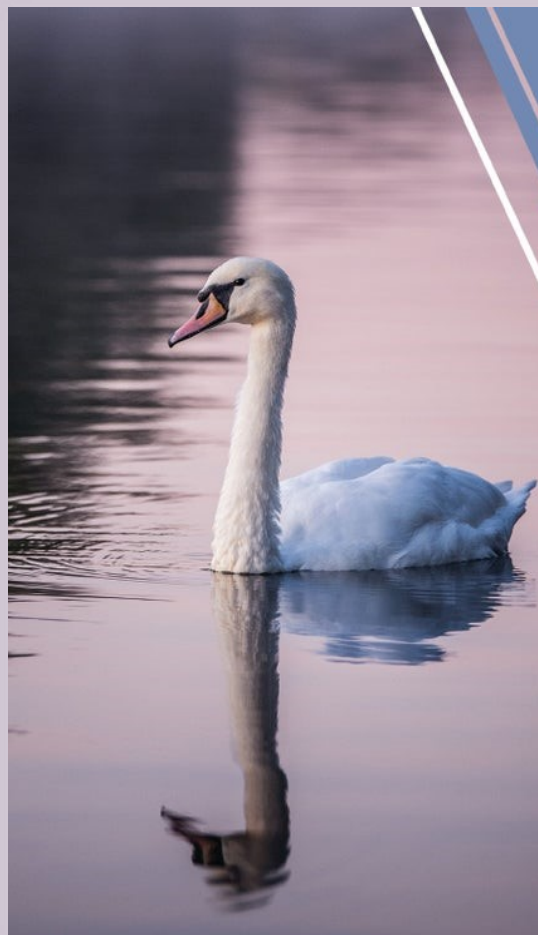


St. Alexander Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

The Palos Catholic



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

[Jesus said to his disciples:]
“The Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my
name, will teach you everything
and remind you of all that I told
you. Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.”
- Jn 14:26-27a

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St. Alexander Parish Administration Directory

Parish Administrative Center

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St. Alexander School

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

Phone: 708-448-0408 Fax: 708-448-5947

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School Web: www.stalexanderschool.com
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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 would like to wish everyone a Happy Memorial Day. Wherever you are this day, please pray for all of our veterans, especially those who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. Also on this day remember all of our loved ones who are now with the Resurrected Christ in the Eternal Kingdom of Heaven. Our Memorial Day Mass will be held Monday, May 26th at 8:30AM.

In today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we see the early church dealing with the situation of how necessary it is for the newly baptized Gentiles to follow the Mosaic practices such as circumcision for the men, the eating of meats sacrificed to idols, unlawful marriage, and other issues. The early church decided to choose representatives to meet and discuss these controversial topics. They met in peace and decided that the Gentiles would not have to follow all the Jewish laws but only several. They did not want to place undue burdens on them and decided that they should live in the freedom of the children of God. These decisions were reached through discussion and compromise, but it was the Holy Spirit who was behind it. This is often how the Holy Spirit acts, through normal human interaction.

As we celebrate Memorial Day and the brave American soldiers, citizens, and people from other countries who have died in war or have suffered injury and loss of property we can only imagine how much of this death and suffering could have been avoided if they would have followed the example of the early church. Leaders of countries and people sitting down having conversations, compromising, and having a healthy dialogue. Just imagine how human history would be different if people would have let the Holy Spirit guide them before dropping bombs on each other. War is still taking place all over the world today. Let us pray for peace and that people will some day come to their senses and be guided by the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and the apostles.

This year's Annual Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 7th. Usually we hold the picnic in June but I and the staff thought it would be best to hold it in September when a lot of families are through with summer vacations, a long Labor Day weekend, and PBO baseball playoffs are over. More details about the picnic will be forthcoming in the future.

God Bless,
Father Marty

A Prayer for "Renew My Church"

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us. In every age and in our own time, you call to us and say: Renew My Church.

Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us

*to hear you clearly
to listen to each other attentively
to imagine our future boldly
to discern your direction wisely
to persevere in your holy will courageously*

*to stay together in charity
to surrender our own plans readily
to embrace the greater good
to hand on your gifts to future generations*

May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the saints.

May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace.

We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen



PRAY FOR THOSE SOON TO BE MARRIED

I Elizabeth Mata & Saul Barajas
 III Amanda Follenweider & William Lacey



Anne Elizabeth Sweeney, daughter of John & Elizabeth, was baptized by Fr. Martin Michniewicz on Saturday, May 17, 2025.

The following children were baptized by Fr. Bart Winters on Saturday May 17, 2025.

Beau Thomas Mallder, son of Timothy & Elizabeth

Blake Joseph Mallder, son of Joseph & Amy

On Sunday, May 18, 2025 the following children were baptized by Fr. Martin Michniewicz.

James Robert Robles, son of Nicolas & Kaitlyn

Ava Elizabeth Yerkes, daughter of Matthew & Kelly

Rose Grace Zackavec, daughter of Daniel & Zoya

We welcome them into the family of the church and offer their parents our prayers and good wishes.

Contact the parish office at 708-448-4861 if you would like a Mass intention for 2025 or 2026.



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
 Carole Holding
 James Dugan
 Dan McNamas
 Shauna Regan

Lisa Krisik
 Bob Redman
 Elaine Krisik
 Jennifer Aparo
 Molly Flynn

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.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GRACE

O glorious Mother of God, Our Lady of Grace, hear my humble prayers, seeking your maternal intercession in obtaining from the Heart of Jesus, your Divine Son, all the graces and favors necessary for my spiritual and temporal welfare, and for the special needs I now place before you. (Here mention your intentions.)

O Heavenly Queen, be my comfort, hope, strength and consolation as, through God's goodness and mercy, I await the great day of glory. Amen.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



Jonathan Haidt's 2024 book entitled "The Anxious Generation" argues that today's kids are marked by significant increases in anxiety, as the title suggests. Smartphones, social media, economic uncertainty, the chaos of a global pandemic, fear regarding climate change, and the so-called "meaning crisis" all contribute to strikingly high levels of anxiety in young people today. I'm a bit older than this generation, but I feel it, too. The world can be too much to handle.

The Gospel this week offers a stunning solution for troubled souls. To his overwhelmed and anxious disciples, the risen Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" (John 14:27). His peace is that of the one who was overwhelmed on the cross and then conquered death by the power of his divinity, his bond of love with the Father. He offers us this unshakeable peace.

Of course, mental illness does not magically disappear because of the risen Jesus. But he does walk with us and offer us his peace in the midst of our suffering. The peace the world gives is not like his because it is weak, uncertain, and self-generated. Jesus' peace is strong, sure, and given as a gift from God. He gives it to us amid our anxiety. Will you receive it as a gift? I hope so. He wants to fill the hearts of this generation with his peace.

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29



**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!

**Please join us every
Wednesday during May to
pray the Rosary at the Mary
statue from 6:00-7:00PM**



We will meet at the Mary statue located on the west side of the grass area in front of the old convent. Bring a lawn chair or stand, park in the lot and walk over.



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
May 26-June 1, 2025**

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20
Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
Saturday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56
Sunday: Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53



**IN HONOR OF
MEMORIAL DAY
Monday, May 26th**
Mass will be celebrated
on Monday at 8:30 AM
The Parish Administrative
Office will be closed

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Saturday, May 31st

5:00 PM— Maureen Balich, Rosemary Dziuba, Sharon Mundo

Sunday, June 1st

7:30 AM— Susan Murphy, Ruth Macey, Susan Chillmon

9:30 AM— Wendy Loftus, Dorothy McCloskey, Nancy Dougherty, Patti Hartig (LG)

11:30 AM— Paul Sullivan, Jeff & Ofelia Foreman

6:00 PM— Merrill Jurgens, Mike Collins

READERS

Saturday, May 31st

5:00 PM— Linda Horton, Linda Buchanan

Sunday, June 1st

7:30 AM— Mary Dombrowski

9:30 AM— Rich Cruz

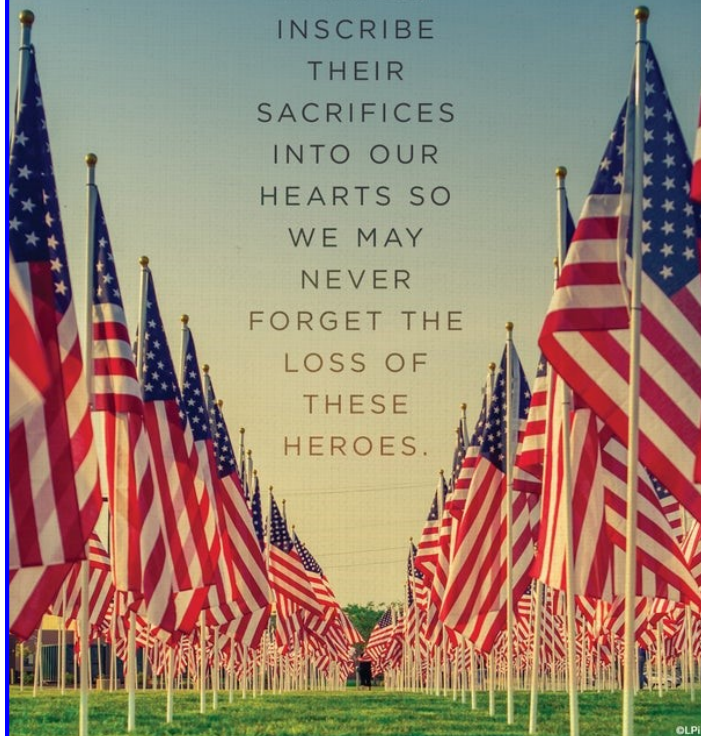
11:30 AM— Joan DeVito

6:00 PM— Johanna Jurgens



MEMORIAL DAY

HEAVENLY
FATHER,
INSCRIBE
THEIR
SACRIFICES
INTO OUR
HEARTS SO
WE MAY
NEVER
FORGET THE
LOSS OF
THESE
HEROES.



WORD OF LIFE

"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

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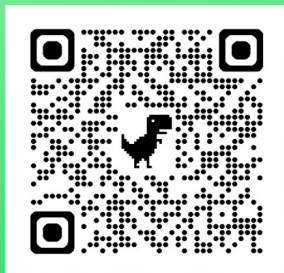
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(JR High/ High School)**

-Stay and Play



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SUNDAY SALE HOURS 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.



E-Giving Made Easy

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!

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Faith Direct also offers you personalized offertory cards to replace your envelopes for the collection basket. **To cancel your monthly envelopes, please notify the parish office at 708-448-4861. This is not done automatically when signing up for electronic giving.**

Please visit www.faithdirect.net to enroll securely online. Or, download the Faith Direct app onto your smartphone. Our parish code is **IL910**.



ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



Planting seeds is an excellent hands-on activity that allows children to experience the growth of a plant and connect it to God's creation of plants.

PreK 4 is learning about God's Creations, such as rainbows. We celebrated God's wonderful gifts by wearing the colors of the rainbow.



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.

MERCY HOME SUNDAY MASS
9:30AM on WGN-TV Channel 9

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PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE ST. ALEXANDER ATHLETIC BOARD

**Congratulations to the newest members of the
St. Alexander Athletic Board for the 2025-2026
school year!**

**Secretary: Annie Doody
Treasurer: Danielle Mayer
Golf Coordinator: Mike Horvatic**

**Thank you to all who applied for your interest in
helping to keep our athletic program strong!**

**We are still seeking applicants for the
Girl's Flag Football Coordinator position.
If interested, please contact Andrew Gwost at
andrewgwost@gmail.com.**



May is Mental Health Awareness Month

St. Michael's Mental Health Awareness Ministry's Monthly Prayer Gathering on Wednesday, May 28 at 7:00pm, we will meet for our with a shortened Rosary to allow time for our very special guest speaker, Fr. Geoffrey Andama.



St. Alexander Class of 1975 50 Year Reunion

The St Alexander's Class of 1975 is planning their 50 year reunion and is looking for members of their graduating class. Please request to join their Facebook Group: St. Alexander's Class of 1975 or send an email to Kathy Lombard Byars at stalsclassof75@gmail.com to be put on the invite list.

Palos Heights Farmers Market
Wednesdays 8am-1pm
May 7-October 8
No Market on July 2
12217 S. Harlem Ave

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.

Moving Forward In Hope

Join us for an evening of
Prayer, Connection & Hope
Sponsored by the Archdiocese Commission on Mental Illness

Moving Forward in Hope is a monthly series of prayer, connection, and hope.

Our goal is to create a safe place for those living with or those caring for someone with mental health concerns to come together to pray and share with one another.

Connection is paramount to mental health and well-being. These virtual meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Moving Forward In Hope
Tuesday, May 27th, 2025
7-8pm via Zoom

Please reach out to
Deacon Tom Lambert at
olmcinfo2@aol.com to register

Forgiveness

Why?

When?

Who?

How?

A Seminar at Gaelic Park

Friday,
June 6, 2025
5 p.m.

Tickets: \$5.00
Appetizers served
Cash bar

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"Forgiveness is the cure that heals the poisons of resentment."
Pope Francis

Join us for an evening of stories, insights, and discussion, with a bit of Irish humor, on seeking forgiveness from others, granting it to ourselves, and offering it when reconciliation is not possible.

Presenters:

Father Michael Foley

Vicar of Priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago

Jessica Loftus, Ph.D.

Psychologist and Career Counselor

Ashley Fazekas, MA, LCPC, CCTP-II

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor

Mass Intentions For The Week



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 25, 2025

Saturday, May 24th

5:00 PM— Tommy Grady—2nd Anniversary
Joseph Rathnau Family
William E. Lewandowski Jr.

Sunday, May 25th

7:30 AM— Claire Narel
Aggie Palmer
Thomas Chwierut
Chet Chwierut
Colleen J. Nix
Bert Collins

9:30 AM— Dan Dunne
Raymond & Marion Hunt
Kevin Reynolds Sr.
Walter Chmielewski
Janeen Feldner Pikula
Andy Klimkiewicz—2nd Anniversary
Annie Broderick—Special Intention

11:30 AM— Lottie Czurylo
Kitty Giblin
Arlene, Robert & Jill Sypniewski
Bert Collins
Helen Carroll

6:00 PM— For the Parishioners
William Blazek

Monday, May 26th (St. Philip Neri)

8:30 AM— James O'Malley
Colleen J. Nix
Don Tadda
Walter Tadda
James Lamoureux

Tuesday, May 27th (St. Augustine of Canterbury)

8:30 AM— Chet & Elizabeth Chwierut
Colleen J. Nix
Darin VanWitzenburg
Joseph Rathnau
Jennifer Aparo

Wednesday, May 28th

8:30 AM— Dorothy Ludack—4th Anniversary
Colleen J. Nix
Kathleen R. Casey
Frances Peterson
Raymon Durkin
Ed Dombrowski

Thursday, May 29th (St. Paul VI, Pope)

8:30 AM— O'Malley—Anniversary Blessing
Colleen J. Nix
Florence C. Jastrzebowski
Joseph Rathnau
Joseph DiSomma
Paul Macey—Healing Intention
John Morrissey

Friday, May 30th

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix
Janet Beaucare
James Nix—Birthday Blessing
Michelle Pavlica & Andrew Jackiw—
Wedding Blessing

Saturday, May 31st (The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

8:00 AM— Colleen J. Nix
Evelyn & Walter Dorsch
Fr. Charles Huegelmeyer, MM—10th Ann.
Chet & Thomas Chwierut

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD JUNE 1, 2025

Saturday, May 31st

5:00 PM— Joseph Sloyan
Catherine Wells
Michael Walsh
Raymond Schwaller

Sunday, June 1st

7:30 AM— Aggie Palmer
Thomas Chwierut
Chet Chwierut
Vincent & Mary Hoban
Colleen J. Nix
Irene Brajner
Albert Collins

9:30 AM— John Janik
Fr. Edward Cronin
Raymond & Marion Hunt
Thomas Krull
Joan Barry
Lazaro Quizon
Katie Conroy
Don & Mary Tadda

11:30 AM— Edward L. Dorgin
John Polaski
Mike Sweeney
Helen Carroll

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.