

St. Alexander Church

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13, 2025

The Palos Catholic



15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:30b-31, 33

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St. Alexander Parish Administration Directory

Parish Administrative Center

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

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Knight of Columbus on the Web: www.kofc14057.org

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

Fourth of July Parade





Lucas Alexander Rodriguez, son of Manny & Erin, was baptized on Saturday, June 28, 2025 by Deacon Fran Pendergast III.

The following children were baptized by Fr. Colm Mitchell on Sunday, June 29, 2025.

Peter Joseph Howard, son of Michael & Samantha
Connor James O'Leary, son of Philip & Mackenzie
 We welcome them into the family of the church and offer their parents our prayers and good wishes.



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:

August Arrigo, husband of Donna
Michael Belczak, son of Gene & Charlotte
Mary McLaughlin, mother of Finn
Charles & Susan Scholz, parents of Brian
Dale Yukich, wife of Dan

*Don't try to shine so that others will see you.
 Shine so that through you, others will see Christ.*

—Pope Francis



Prayers
 FOR HEALING

Prayers of the Faithful for the Sick

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:

Lisa Krisik Carole Holding
 Paul Lunter Laurie Walters
 Mary Egan Susan Lorden

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



I used to be a bad neighbor. I'd get wrapped up in my life and ignore those around me. Then I found sage advice from Benjamin Franklin to this effect: to be a better neighbor, ask someone to do a favor for you. It's counterintuitive, isn't it? Tell strangers that I need their help? Yuck. I'll risk looking needy. Worse, I'll be indebted to them. But I tried it, and it works like a charm. Recently I asked my neighbor Alan for a hacksaw, and Inga for an egg. They kindly obliged, and our friendship is growing.

This week we hear a scribe of the law cynically ask Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29). Like him, we prefer to keep the list of our "neighbors" as short as possible. It requires less interruption and inconvenience. But when Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, he exposes the lonely, cold-heartedness tendency of the scribe's (and our) heart. My "neighbor" is anyone I encounter who manifests a concrete need. There isn't time to require any other credential because human need opens us to the happy reciprocity which is love.

Jesus' words challenge us this week to ask a neighbor for help in some small way. How marvelous that God himself shows us how. He moves into our world and asks us to love Him with small deeds of love. Maybe that's where Ben Franklin got the idea.

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see 33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37



READINGS FOR THE WEEK July 14-20, 2025

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/
 Mt 10:34—11:1
 Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/
 Mt 11:20-24
 Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/
 Mt 11:25-27
 Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25,
 26-27/Mt 11:28-30
 Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and
 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8
 Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12,
 13-15/Mt 12:14-21
 Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/
 Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42



**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!

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.

WORD OF LIFE

“Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives.”

Read more at www.bit.ly/AdoptionLoveStory.

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“An Adoption Love Story”

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Saturday, July 19th

5:00 PM— Sharon Mundo, Rosemary Dziuba,
Mary Ceebin

Sunday, July 20th

7:30 AM— Nancy Foster, Susan Chillmon,
Ed Sobczak

9:30 AM— John Kelbowski, Patricia Karrasch,
Wendy Loftus, Mary Beth Flynn (LG)

11:30 AM— Val Thoma, Jeff & Ofelia Foreman

6:00 PM— Sharon Ayres, Michael Collins

READERS

Saturday, July 19th

5:00 PM— Linda Horton

Sunday, July 20th

7:30 AM— Mark Foster, Mary Dombrowski

9:30 AM— Rich Cruz, Debbie Myron

11:30 AM— Joan DeVito

6:00 PM— James Clark, Bob Ayres



**EXCITING NEWS FOR
THE PARISH OF
ST. ALEXANDER!**



Commencing August 21st, and every third Thursday of the month, we invite you to study the Catholic Bible, diving into both the Old and New Testaments.

We will be meeting in Room 311 of the church/school building from 2:00-3:30PM. All are welcome to join. Please bring your Bible and love of faith with you. More information to come.

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.

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.



Sacrament
of Communion

Contact the parish office if you would like to have a Mass intention for 2025 or 2026. Please note that Mass intentions are not just for the deceased but for anyone you would like to include in prayer.

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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



SUNDAY 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.



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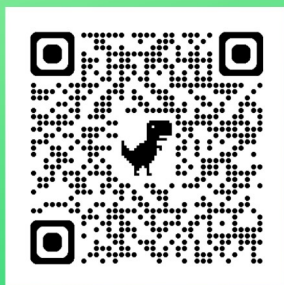
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**-Youth Ministry
(JR High/ High School)**

-Stay and Play



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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.

SAVE THE DATE!

2025 St. Alexander Golf Outing
George Dunne National Golf Course
Oak Forest
Friday, September 5th
1:00 PM Shotgun Start
Details to follow...

**St. Al's Over 50 Fellowship**

No Monthly Meeting in July
See you on August 21st

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



SAVE THE DATE
ST. ALEXANDER ANNUAL
PARISH PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th

PRAY FOR OUR



MILITARY

St. Alexander Parish lists the names of active military of parishioners and their family members in our weekly bulletin. We keep them in our thoughts and prayers as they protect our country and freedom.

If you have a relative who is an active member in the United States Military and would like them listed in the bulletin, contact Nancy at the Parish Office, 448-4861. Please inform us if the service person listed is no longer active in the military at home or abroad.

Our Knights of Columbus Council #14057 would like to offer military families Blue Star Banners. If you would like to receive a Blue Star Banner, please call the Parish Office at 708-448-4861.

Our Members in the Military

Scott Golich - U.S. Navy
 Stephen LaPiana - U.S. Army
 Matthew Brennan - U.S. Air Force
 Andrew Nissen - U.S. Marines
 Andrew Cleland - U.S. Army
 John Hoban III - U.S. Army
 A. Amanda Cleland - U.S. Air Force
 Amanda Brennan - U.S. Army
 Kyle Hite - U.S. Army
 Gino Albergo - U.S. Army
 James M. Bilder - U.S. Army
 Nicholas Wineman - U.S. Marines
 Kate Ridsen - U.S. Navy
 Kevin Lewis - U.S. Navy
 Michael Lindstrom - U.S. Army
 Ryan Graeber - U.S. Marines
 Mary Kate Wetzel - U.S. Marines
 Chloe Van Witzenburg - U.S. Army
 Hanna Van Witzenburg - U.S. Army
 Isaac & Veronika Baines - U.S. Navy
 Michael D. Faloon - National Guard
 Conor Knapp - U.S. Army

Robert Brennan - U.S. Army
 Scott Milcarek - U.S. Army
 Charles Berglund - U.S. Marines
 Patrick Pratl - U.S. Navy
 Alan Filipiak - U.S. Navy
 Mark Filipiak - U.S. Marines
 Joshua Bramlett - U.S. Navy
 Matthew Bramlett - U.S. Navy
 David Lindstrom - National Guard
 Daniel Weakley - U.S. Navy
 Stephen Vossler - U.S. Navy
 Vito Barraco - U.S. Army
 Ryan Grant - U.S. Army
 Nicholas Crot - U.S. Marines
 Jose Sanchez - U.S. Army
 Ben St. Aubin - U.S. Navy
 Hunter Leschman - U.S. Navy
 Cody Goldman - National Guard
 Cameron Smentek - U.S. Army
 Judith Hite - U.S. Army
 Jake Soukup - U.S. Army

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) Sponsors Needed!

Qualities of an OCIA Sponsor:

- Be a model of faith, hope and love by being an active Catholic
- Comfortable relating to others
- Balanced spiritually and love for the Church

Responsibilities of an OCIA Sponsor:

- Keep regular contact with the candidate
- Encourage the candidate
- Listen to the candidate's faith story
- Sharing time and experiences in a friendly way
- Participate in at least half of the OCIA sessions
- Pray for the candidate

If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact Deacon Mike at mciciura@archchicago.org or 630-243-9342



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you curious about the Catholic Faith?

If any of these reasons apply, OCIA might
be exactly what you're looking for!

(OCIA means The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

1. You're marrying a Catholic. *(Sharing and practicing your faith together is a great foundation for married life.)*
2. You're already married to a Catholic and your children are being raised Catholic. *(It's natural to want to feel a closer bond by sharing in the sacraments with family.)*
3. Your children are learning about the Catholic faith. *(You'd like to learn more about this faith tradition, still unsure if you'd like to become a Catholic..)*
4. You've lived in a "Catholic world" all your life, so people assume you are already Catholic. *(You'd like to find out if you are closer than you think in mind and heart.)*
5. You don't know much about Catholicism, but a friend or neighbor has inspired you to learn more. ***(With no strings attached, this is a wonderful way to check things out.)***
6. You have experienced personal loss or family struggles. *(You are seeking ways to deepen your spiritual life by exploring the Catholic faith tradition.)*

You don't know why, but you feel something urging you to the Catholic Church. *(It's probably the Holy Spirit.)*

Our OCIA sessions begin in September. If you are interested in joining us, contact Fr. Marty at the parish office (708) 448-4861 or Deacon Mike at mciciura@archchicago.org

MASS TIMES WHILE OUT OF TOWN

There are free iPhone apps available that give church locations and Mass times all over the country; *Catholic Mass Times Church Directory* or *Mass Times for Travel*. Or visit the website www.masstimes.org or www.findaparish.com.

Catholic Charities Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide (LOSS)

You don't have to grieve alone...please join us

The LOSS support group meets in person monthly on the 4th Tuesday at 7:00 PM, Marist High School, 4200 W. 115th Street in Chicago. (Please enter at the Main Entrance with the flagpole. The meeting is held in the conference Room inside the Main Office.)



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




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.

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SOUTHSIDE SUMMER FESTIVAL

Presented by Marist

On Saturday, July 19th, Marist High School will host its fourth annual Southside Summer Festival, featuring live performances from the Poi Dog Pondering, Red Pop Fury, and Michael Gablicki. Located at Marist Stadium, Southside Summer Festival will feature food from Barraco's, refreshments, and a good time for all.

Tickets are now on sale, and can be purchased by visiting www.marist.net/southside-summer-festival/. Open to ages 21 and above, tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. VIP tickets are \$150, and include light food and drinks. All money raised will go towards providing financial aid for incoming and current students.

For more information, please visit
www.marist.net/southside-summer-festival/

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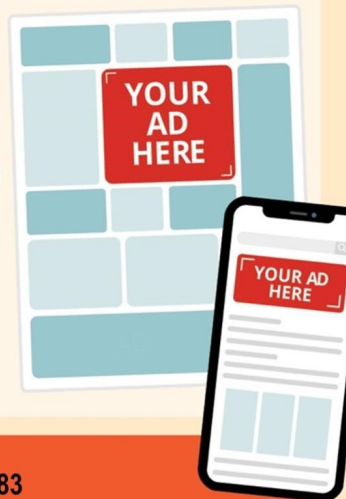
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Mass Intentions For The Week



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 13, 2025

Saturday, July 12th

5:00 PM— Robert Cruz
Jennifer Aparo
Charles Vorderer

Sunday, July 13th

7:30 AM— Macey Family
Aggie Palmer
Chet & Thomas Chwierut
Colleen J. Nix
Irene Brajner
Paul Domico
Elizabeth King
Robert Barth
Brendan Barth—Special Intention

9:30 AM— Raymond & Marion Hunt
Irene Pajda
Teri Piechocki
Martin Hurson
Bunny Rivoli
Dr. Nilda Laygo-Salud
Kirstina Kaczmark
Don & Mary Tadda

11:30 AM— Bronislawa & Stanislaw Kopec
Anelia & Ludwik Karwaczka
Art & Lorraine Wittbrodt
Wilson Family
Richard Hallstein—6th Anniversary

6:00 PM— For the Parishioners

Monday, July 14th (St. Kateri Tekakwitha)

8:30 AM— Chet & Thomas Chwierut
Colleen J. Nix
Betty Jean Conroy
Peter "Paul" Domico
Ann Marie & David Vasil—35th Anniv.

Tuesday, July 15th (St. Bonaventure)

8:30 AM— Patrick Murphy
Colleen J. Nix
Bo Restaino
Mary Kate Graf
Jennifer Aparo

Wednesday, July 16th (Our Lady of Mount Carmel)

8:30 AM— Dorothy Janik
William "Bill" Brett
Colleen J. Nix
Eric & Susan Zempich

Thursday, July 17th

8:30 AM— Irene Foster
Hennie Lewandowski
Colleen J. Nix
Cindy Prendergast
Mary Fredericks

Friday, July 18th (St. Camillus de Lellis)

8:30 AM— Brian Mitchell
Colleen J. Nix
Joseph T. & Virginia M. Feldner
Fred Hames
The Krupinski Family—Healing Intention

Saturday, July 19th

8:00 AM— Bill Somers
Colleen J. Nix
Chet & Thomas Chwierut

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 20, 2025

Saturday, July 19th

5:00 PM— Leona Laska
Jennifer Aparo
Thomas Linnane
Maureen Chiara Mannarelli
Dale Yukich

Sunday, July 20th

7:30 AM— Aggie Palmer
Tom & Chet Chwierut
Brian Cadore
John R. (Jack) Howard
Colleen J. Nix
Linda Barcelona
Judy McCarthy
Irene Brajner
Vincent & Mary Hoban

9:30 AM— Raymond & Marion Hunt
Catherine Greaney
Helen Jablonski—10th Anniversary
Thomas & Gerry Krull
Carmen Tuazon
Paul Domico
Tom Wysocki
Don & Mary Tadda

11:30 AM— Arlene, Robert Jr., & Jill Sypniewski
Helen Carroll
Ed Obiala
Patricia Ann O'Connell
Bill McNicholas
Dave Dykstra

6:00 PM— For the Parishioners
Rapacz Family—Special Intention

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.