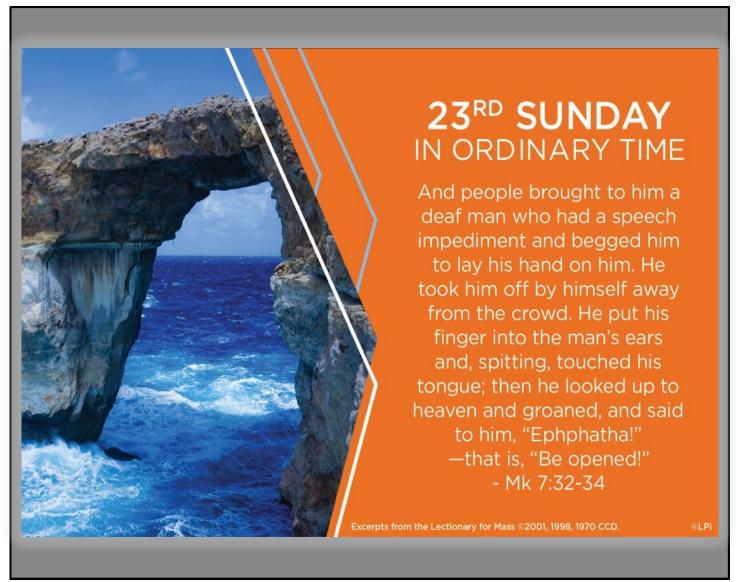
# St. Alexander Church

Iwenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time The Palos Catholic
September 8, 2024



### St. Alexander Parish Administration Directory

#### **Parish Administrative Center**

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

Phone: 708-448-4861 Fax: 708-448-0039

Associate Pastor:	Rev. Martin Michniewicz ext. 227 Rev. Colm Mitchell ext. 223 Michael Ciciura, Fran Pendergast alth Ministry: Jim Horton ext. 232 Paula Somers ext. 233 Matthew Berardi ext. 224 Tyler Ried—708- 448-6624 Michael Kennedy alchurch1@comcast.net
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#### St. Alexander School

7025 W. 126th St., Palos Heights, IL 60463 Phone: 708-448-0408 Fax: 708-448-5947

Principal: Sharon O'Toole
Administrative Assistant: Mary Ann Pellicore
School Web: www.stalexanderschool.com
School E-Mail: info@stalexanderschool.com

#### **Religious Education Office**

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

Phone: 708-448-6624

Coordinator of Religious Education: Tyler Ried Religious Ed. E-Mail: tried@archchicago.org
Knights of Columbus: 708-448-4861 ext. 400
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

#### **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 - Fr. Martin Michniewicz 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: 8:30 AM Saturday Morning: 8:00 AM First Saturday Devotions after 8:00 AM Mass Holy Day: 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM

#### **Evening of Healing Prayer** and Eucharistic Adoration

On the 1st Saturday of the month 4:30 PM - Recitation of the Rosary 5:00 PM - Regular Vigil Mass for Sunday 5:45 PM - Eucharistic Adoration for one hour of quiet prayer

#### 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.

Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, we remember that twenty-three years ago our great nation was attacked by terrorists. Many fine Americans lost their lives as the twin towers were destroyed, the Pentagon damaged, and another plane crashed in Pennsylvania. America was attacked by cowardly fanatics because we stand for liberty, justice, freedom, equality, freedom of religion, democracy, and many more human rights. As a nation we continue to mourn the loss of loved ones who perished that day including those responders who sacrificed their lives attempting to save others. Let us keep in our prayers those who died and those families and friends who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Let us also pray for those in the military, police, firemen and all who work to protect this great nation. We must continue to pray for peace in the world and an end to terrorism. May we hope and pray that the United States will continue to be a beacon of light to the world bringing the love of Christ to all that long for peace and unity.

Please remember our St. Alexander Athletic Association Golf Outing will be held on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at Waters Edge Golf Club. Spread the word to your family and friends and try to put a four-some together. Turn to page twelve for more information on the outing and how to register.

After cerebrating Labor Day we realize this summer is soon coming to an end. As we enter the autumn season many of us are frustrated, angry, burned out, lonely and are experiencing many different feelings and worries. How do we deal with the stresses and strains of our lives during these difficult times? How do we deal with people who intrude upon our space and our peacefulness? What do we do when faced with chaos? Do we turn outwardly in anger or do we turn inwardly to find the peace of God? We truly need to be in touch with our feelings. We need to say we are angry, confused, bewildered, empty, or whatever. We also need to get in touch with what grounds us as a whole human being.

Centering or focusing ourselves on God is one way to find peace in the midst of turmoil. It takes a little time to get centered and focused and it takes time to get in touch with God. Let us all make sure that we take time and find the peace of God within ourselves. There are many ways to achieve this peace of God, and the best way to do this is through daily prayer, reflection, and celebrating Mass in our beautiful church.

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.



III Patricia Lyons & Danny Blake

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



# READINGS FOR THE WEEK September 9-15, 2024

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11 Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and

9b/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/

Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab,

23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/

Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/

Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/

Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35



## 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:

Tatiana Ranftl Dale Yukich
Maggie Campbell Lisa Krisik
Eileen Long Jan Klinger
Patrick Juarez James DeFranco
Carolyn Lowery Linda Bagniewski
Pat Jones

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.

#### WORD OF LIFE

"We pray to you, O Lord, that we always recognize each member of this human family as being made in your image and beloved by you, with worth and dignity."

—USCCB, "Prayer to Heal Racial Division"

#### Home Bound or III?

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.



# SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



One of the most touching YouTube videos I've ever seen is one in which a deaf woman receives new technology to heal her hearing. She hears her husband's voice for the first time — and her own, too — and bursts into tears of overwhelming joy. It must have been like an immovable wall between her and her loved ones came tumbling down.

We are all like this woman, to some degree. We believe in the presence of God's love, but we can't hear Him. We can't speak well about Him. The deaf man who can't speak properly in the Gospel today is an image of what God wants us to experience again and again. Jesus takes the man aside to a private place away from the crowd, touches his ears and tongue, and says, "Ephphata!" The man's ears are opened, and he speaks clearly. Contact with Christ has this effect on us. This experience happens to us in our baptism, almost exactly. It happens to us in the liturgy. It happens in our private prayer. It happens when we hear the voice of God in our conscience. The more we engage these privileged channels of Jesus' healing, the more we are empowered to hear and speak of the presence of God's perfect love.

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

#### WELCOME!

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.

# St. Al's Over 50 Fellowship

#### Monthly Meeting Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> Parish Lounge — 11:30AM

(use lounge doors on the south end of building)

#### Our guest speaker will be Barb Chwierut

Barb is a parishioner, a club member and a licensed Food for Life Instructor through Physicians Committee for



Responsible Medicine. She will discuss the benefits of a plant-based lifestyle in preventing or even reversing many chronic diseases.

## COMMUNION MINISTERS





#### Sunday, September 15th

7:30 AM— Nancy Foster, Ed Sobczak,

Betty Chwierut

9:30 AM— Nancy Dougherty, Carol Schuemann, Wendy Loftus

11:30 AM— Paul Šullivan, Jeff & Ofelia Foreman 6:00 PM— Michael Collins

#### **READERS**

#### Saturday, September 14th

5:00 PM— Linda Buchanan

#### Sunday, September 15th

7:30 AM— Mark Foster, Mary Dombrowski

9:30 AM— Ron Cruz, Debbie Myron

11:30 AM— Donovan/Rodriguez

6:00 PM— James Clark



#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. THEODORE GUERIN COUNCIL #14057

#### Meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 11th 7:00 PM - Parish Lounge

If you are interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, and growing in your faith, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. For membership information please call Deacon Fran Pendergast at 708-448-4861 or visit kofc14057.org for membership info.



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# & 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!** 



We're in need of Communion Ministers and Readers for Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. Volunteer as often or as little as you can. Training will be provided. If interested, please contact Joan in the parish office at 708-448-4861. Thank you!



# ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS











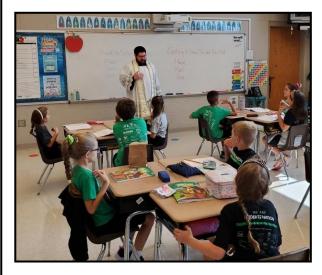
# ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



Fr. Mitchell visited each classroom to bless the students and pray for a good school year

















The Intellectual Disabilities or "Tootsie Roll" Fund Drive is one of the most recognizable activities that the Knights of Columbus do. The funds generated from this drive are used to support local programs which help people with special learning and life needs.

The Knights will be collecting on local street corners the weekend of September 13, 14, and 15, 2024. But, you can also donate online using this QR code. Just point the camera of your smart phone to the code to open up our donation web page.



You can also use your computer. Just open up your web browser and type the address: www.kofc14057.org/id

#### ABOUT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Founded in 1882 by a parish priest in Connecticut, the Knights of Columbus now has 2.1 million members worldwide with nearly 17 thousand local councils. Last year alone, more than 92 thousand men joined in one of the best years of growth in a century.

Last year, Knights spent more than 47 million hours serving and sacrificing for the sake of others, and set a new record for charitable giving. All told, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$190 million to those in need. After 14 years the Coats for Kids program has reached the million coat milestone. The Knights provided over one million dollars in disaster relief last year, responding to each crisis with immediate action.

St. Theodore Guerin Council 14057 of the Knights of Columbus was established at St. Alexander Church in Palos Heights in 2006.

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# PRAY FOR OUR

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.

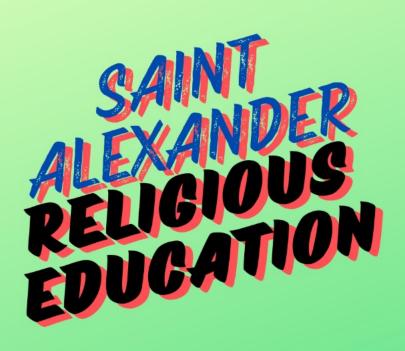
If you have a relative who is an active member in the United States Military and would like them listed in the bulletin, contact Nancy at the Parish Office, 448-4861. Please inform us if the service person listed is no longer active in the military at home or abroad.

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 Shannon Lungaro - U.S. Navy Alan Filipiak - U.S. Navy A. Amanda Cleland - U.S. Air Force Joshua Bramlett U.S. Navy 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 Risden - U.S. Navy Kevin Lewis - U.S. Navv 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. Faloona - National Guard Jake Soukup - U.S. Army 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 Andrew Cleland - U.S. Army John Hoban III - U.S. Army Mark Filipiak - U.S. Marines Steven Lungaro - 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



# Register now!!!

CLASSES START SEPT 16TH MONDAYS 5:30-7:00 PM GRADES: KINDERGARTEN - 8TH

CONTACT: TYLER RIED (708) 448-6624 (OFFICE) TRIED@ARCHCHICAGO.ORG

# St. Alexander Athletic Association Presents The 2024 St. Alexander Golf Outing

Water's Edge Golf Club Friday, September 20th, 2024

> 1pm shotgun start \$175.00 per player

All pertinent information including: reservations and payment for golf, please visit the website https://birdease.com/Raiders or use QR Code below

Sponsorship Opportunities also available via website



Includes: 18 holes of golf, lunch at the turn, unlimited beverages on the course, 2-hour open bar and pizza after golf



For more information, please contact:

Joe Livigni: LivigniJoe1@gmail.com (708) 296-2175

Brian Enright: BEnright4@yahoo.com (773) 398-4656

Phone #: \_\_\_

## St. Alexander 8<sup>th</sup> Grade MUM Sale



We are excited to announce we will be selling MUMS again this year! They come in 9 inch pot with full 16-18 inch blooms. Order now to guarantee the color you want. Please return your forms with cash or check to the school office or the Parish Center. Order forms are available in the Narthex of church or in the school E-Envelope.

Orders will be due by September 20<sup>th</sup>. Pre-ordered Flowers will be available for pick-up Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:00 pm or Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 –9:00 am. We will also have cash and carry flowers available in the church parking lot Monday September 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9:00am

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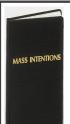


## SUNDAY SALE HOURS 10:15-11:30AM

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.

#### 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.



#### MASS INTENTIONS

Please visit, or call, the parish office if you would like to have a Mass intention for 2024 or 2025. 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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#### Find Support At Our Caregiver Resource Center

Untrained, informal family caregivers usually get the job unexpectedly. Caregivers of all ages are appointed the role by family or friends for a myriad of reasons: medical emergencies, sudden onset of a chronic illness, unanticipated issues related to aging or other scenarios.

The Caregiver Resource Center (CRC) at Pathlights can help. It links caregivers to training and education opportunities, emotional and financial support and resources to improve their lives and the lives of those they are caring for — all free of charge and many services are for people at all income and asset levels

The Center offers:

Respite that gives caregivers a break from their day-to-day duties for self-care.

Nutritious meals delivered to the home for older adults who are unable to manage meal preparation and those with limited or no access to food.

Information and assistance regarding availability and eligibility requirements of government programs and support; TCARE assessments to identify areas causing distress and recommend personalized interventions like respite and support groups to prevent burnout); and one-on-one individualized conversations to discuss challenges related to caregiving.

Support groups such as our new "Early-Stage Memory Loss" support group beginning in June; "Stress-Busting Program for Family Caregivers" for caregivers of those experiencing memory loss; "Grandparents and Other Relatives Raising Children" and Memory Cafes, monthly meet ups for people experiencing memory loss and their caregivers to engage with others in similar situations and participate in music, art therapy and other special programs.



## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

Saturday, September 7th

5:00 PM— Rosemary McGee

Nancy Tarka Dolores Gorski Lori Czech

Eleanore & Ken Reilly Joseph Rathnau Family Raymond Peckler

Sunday, September 8th

7:30 AM— Joe Macey

Aggie Palmer Jack Maher

Thomas Chwierut Catherine Hoban

9:30 AM— Brian Cadore

Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner, SGM

Loren Feldner, DDS Margaret Cunningham Raymond & Marion Hunt

11:30 AM— For the Parishioners

John Svabek

John Svapek

Art & Lorraine Wittbrodt

Barbara Chirollo

Michael & Carol Kelnosky—50th Wedding

6:00 PM— Special Intention

Anniversary

Monday, September 9th (St. Peter Claver)

8:30 AM— Tom & Kathleen Walsh

Joseph G. Olsewski

Colleen J. Nix

Tuesday, September 10th

8:30 AM— Michael Hanley

Mary Kate Graff

Colleen J. Nix

Joseph Rathnau

Wednesday, September 11th

8:30 AM— Jean DeVito John Lahey

Colleen J. Nix

Thursday, September 12th (The Most Holy Name

8:30 AM— Colleen J. Nix of Mary)

Chester A. Dybowski

John Pusateri—11th Anniversary

Lori Czech

Joseph Rathnau

Friday, September 13th (St. John Chrysostom)

8:30 AM— Daniel Dunne

James Donovan

Colleen J. Nix

Saturday, September 14th (The Exaltation of the Holy

8:00 AM— Colleen J. Nix Cross)

Irene Stachnic—12th Anniversary

3:00 PM— Wedding: Patricia Lyons & Danny Blake

## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

Saturday, September 14th

5:00 PM— Francis Pendergast Jr.

James Schrier

Cynthia Best

Elaine Marie Cotton

Raymond Peckler

Sunday, September 15th

11:30

7:30 AM— Judy McCarthy

Poor Souls in Purgatory

Aggie Palmer Colleen J. Nix Thomas Chwierut

Johanna Hoban

Kurt Kucan

9:30 AM— Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner, SGM

Loren Feldner, DDS Richard Antkiewicz Dan Bagniewski Peter & Francis Feldner

Marion & Raymond Hunt
AM— Thomas & Dorothy Kozlowski—62nd Anniv.

Marie Hohmer Allie Thoma Patrick Hanlon

6:00 PM— For the Parishioners

#### Thanksgiving after Mass Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary

O Mary, Virgin and Mother most holy, behold, I have received your most dear Son, whom you conceived in your immaculate womb, brought forth, nursed and embraced most tenderly.

Behold him at whose sight you used to rejoice and be filled with all delight: him, whom, humbly and lovingly, once again I present and offer him to you to be clasped in your arms, to be loved

by your heart, and to be offered up to the Most Holy Trinity

as the supreme worship of adoration, for your own honor and glory and

for my needs and for those of the whole world.

I ask you therefore, most loving Mother:

entreat for me the forgiveness of all my sin and, in abundant measure, the grace of serving him in the future more faithfully,

and at last, final grace, so that with you I may praise him

for all the ages of ages.

Amen.