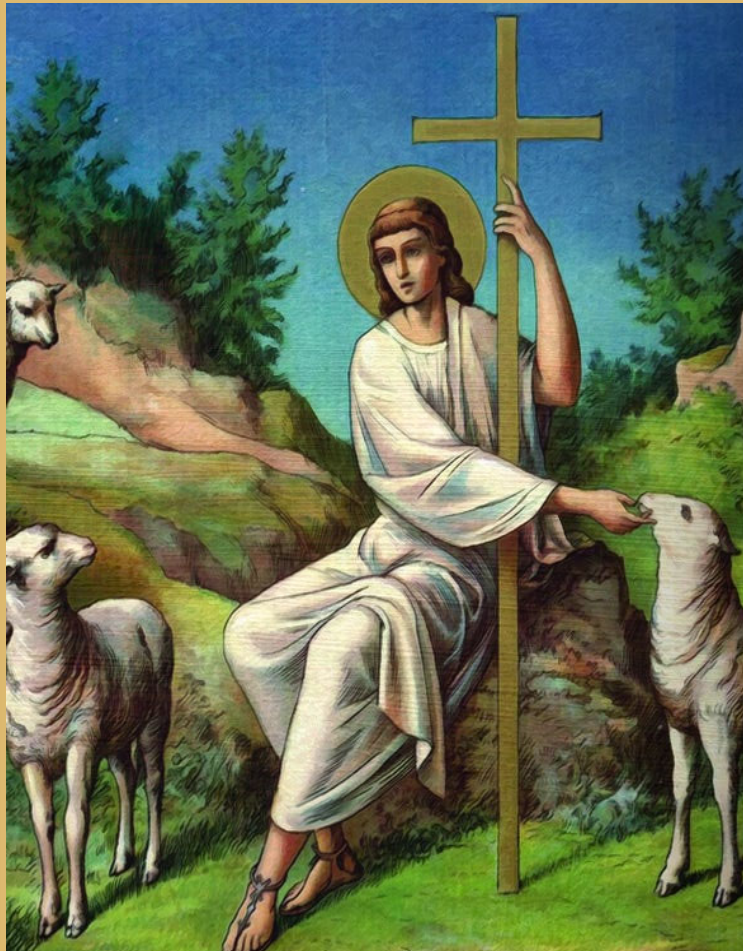


St. Alexander Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

The Palos Catholic



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the good shepherd,
and I know mine and mine
know me, just as the
Father knows me and I
know the Father; and I will
lay down my life for the
sheep.” - Jn 10:14-15

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St. Alexander Parish Administration Directory

Parish Administrative Center

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

Phone: 708-448-4861

Fax: 708-448-0039

Pastor: Rev. Martin Michniewicz ext. 227

Associate Pastor: Rev. Colm Mitchell ext. 223

Deacons: Jim Horton, Michael Ciciura, Fran Pendergast

Director Parish Home & Health Ministry: Jim Horton ext. 232

Operations Manager: Paula Somers ext. 233

Director of Music: Matthew Berardi ext. 224

Youth Minister: Tyler Ried—708- 448-6624

Athletic Director Michael Kennedy

Parish E-Mail: alchurch1@comcast.net

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

St. Alexander School

7025 W. 126th S. 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

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

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,

We refer to our Lord Jesus Christ as the Bread of Life, Christ the King, The Prince of Peace, Christ Our Savior, Lamb of God, and many other titles. One of the beautiful terms we use when we refer to Jesus is The Good Shepherd. What a loving, caring, and nurturing term for Jesus as we realize He is always watching and protecting, we, His sheep. We are never lost when we follow The Good Shepherd. Jesus shepherds us out of love, and not out of duty, like a hired hand.

The difference between The Good Shepherd and the hired hand is the difference between life and death. Unlike a hired hand who only works for pay and would run away at the first sign of difficulty, Jesus is a Good Shepherd who willingly lays down his life for his sheep. The Good Shepherd draws the sheep near to him. They belong to him—not as a possession that can be discarded, but as precious ones who are assured that they can rely on His care and protection. The sheep owe their very lives to the Shepherd. Without him, they will be scattered and left on their own in what is often a dangerous world.

No sheep with any sense would wander off and leave the fold. The Shepherd provides food and safety. Away from the fold, the sheep risks death in the jaws of wolves or starvation in the desert. Jesus is The Good Shepherd and invites us to be good sheep. Jesus has experienced the best and the worst of all that life has in store. He has known the simple joys and deep disappointments of life; he has known temptation, anxiety, and fatigue. Jesus walks ahead of us, leading the way. We may be tempted to wander away, lured by the temporary pleasures and tempted by the illusion of something better over the horizon. In the noise of daily life, surrounded by messages that compete with God and God's ways, it is easy to become distracted from what is important and lasting. Jesus, our Good Shepherd, invites us to be good sheep who are so close to him that we hear and recognize his voice. As good sheep, we are called to follow the voice of the Shepherd, trusting that he will guide us to the best pasture, where we can thrive.

Please remember our school children will continue to ask for your support for this year's Raider Run/Walk to be held on Thursday evening, May 9th. All proceeds of this event will benefit our school technology department. St. Alexander School has one of the best computer/tech departments in the Archdiocese of Chicago which enables us to better instruct our children. With technology constantly changing this fundraiser is vital to keeping our equipment and systems up to date.

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



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:

- Dan Dunne**, husband of Helen
- Nikolas Hutto**, son of Jeffrey
- Robert Westphal**, husband of Stephanie



Caleb Vincent Martinovich, son of Mark & Sarah, was baptized on Sunday, April 14, 2024 by Deacon Mike Ciciura.

We welcome him into the family of the church and offer his parents our prayers and good wishes.

MASS TIMES WHILE OUT OF TOWN

Free apps available: Catholic Mass Times Church Directory and Mass Times for Travel. Or visit mass-times.org and findaparish.com.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK
April 22-28, 2024

- Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/
Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/
Mk 16:15-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/
Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Jn 14:7-14
- Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32
(26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION



Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, "I know my own and my own know me," and "I lay down my life for the sheep." Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us.

— Father John Muir

Today's Readings: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18



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:

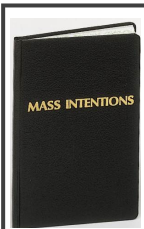
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| Maggie Campbell | Lisa Krisik |
| Carole Holding | Eileen Long |
| Thomas Wrenn | Glenda Deckard |
| Carm Fagan | Mike & Aggie Sweeney |
| Mary Ellen Schwaller | |

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.



**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!



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.

WORD OF LIFE

“Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, ‘God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end’ (Spe salvi 31).”

—USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities



**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-SAFE (7233)
- Illinois DV Helpline: 1-877-TOENDDV (1-877-863-6338)
- Crisis Center for South Suburbia: 1-708-429-SAFE (7233)

1 in 15 children are exposed to domestic violence each year.
90% of these children are eyewitnesses to violence.

Children exposed to domestic violence are at an increased risk of being abused or neglected.

APRIL IS NATIONAL
CHILD ABUSE
PREVENTION MONTH

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Saturday, April 27th

5:00 PM— Sharon Mundo, Maureen Balich, Joan DeVito

Sunday, April 28th

7:30 AM— Mary Dombrowski, Susan Chillmon, Karen McNeal

9:30 AM— Mary Foskett, Melissa Duckett, Wendy Loftus

11:30 AM— Jim & Pat Fisher, Val Thoma

6:00 PM— Michael Collins, Sharon Ayres, Merrill Jurgens



READERS

Saturday, April 27th

5:00 PM— Bill Rogers

Sunday, April 28th

7:30 AM— Paula Somers

9:30 AM— Debbie Myron

11:30 AM— Ryan Alberts

6:00 PM— Johanna Jurgens, Bob Ayres



Episodes of violence directed at the mother expand to include attacks on her child or children.

www.childadvocates.net



Children are physically hurt or threatened as a way of punishing or controlling a victim.

View more resources at
www.domesticviolenceoutreach.org

**CHILD ABUSE
PREVENTION MONTH**



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OUTREACH
— ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO —
AWARENESS—SERVICES—PREVENTION

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

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Scott Golich - U.S. Navy | Robert Brennan - U.S. Army |
| Stephen LaPiana - U.S. Army | Scott Milcarek - U.S. Army |
| Matthew Brennan - U.S. Air Force | Charles Berglund - U.S. Marines |
| Andrew Nissen - U.S. Marines | Patrick Pratl - U.S. Navy |
| Shannon Lungaro - U.S. Navy | Andrew Cleland - U.S. Army |
| Alan Filipiak - U.S. Navy | John Hoban III - U.S. Army |
| A. Amanda Cleland - U.S. Air Force | Mark Filipiak - U.S. Marines |
| Joshua Bramlett U.S. Navy | Steven Lungaro - U.S. Navy |
| Amanda Brennan - U.S. Army | Matthew Bramlett - U.S. Navy |
| Kyle Hite - U.S. Army | David Lindstrom - National Guard |
| Gino Albergo - U.S. Army | Daniel Weakley - U.S. Navy |
| James M. Bilder - U.S. Army | Stephen Vossler - U.S. Navy |
| Nicholas Wineman - U.S. Marines | Vito Barraco - U.S. Army |
| Kate Ridsen - U.S. Navy | Ryan Grant - U.S. Army |
| Kevin Lewis - U.S. Navy | Nicholas Crot - U.S. Marines |
| Michael Lindstrom - U.S. Army | Jose Sanchez - U.S. Army |
| Ryan Graeber - U.S. Marines | Ben St. Aubin - U. S. Navy |
| Mary Kate Wetzal - U.S. Marines | Hunter Leschman - U.S. Navy |
| Chloe Van Witzenburg - U.S. Army | Cody Goldman - National Guard |
| Hanna Van Witzenburg - U.S. Army | Cameron Smentek - U.S. Army |
| Isaac & Veronika Baines - U.S. Navy | Judith Hite - U.S. Army |
| Michael D. Faloona - National Guard | Jake Soukup - U.S. Army |
| Conor Knapp - U.S. Army | |

Upcoming Youth Ministry Events

HS YM
 (8th Grade-Seniors in HS)
 Sunday Night
 7PM-9PM
 Dates
 April 7th
 April 14th
 April 21st
 April 28th
 May 5th
 May 19th

JR HIGH YM
 6TH & 7TH GRADERS
 APRIL 18TH
 MAY 9TH
 3PM-5PM

IF INTERESTED SHOW UP
 OR CONTACT
 TYLER RIED
 (309)826-2049
 TRIED@ARCHCHICAGO.ORG

Stay And Play

Come meet other families in the St. Alexander Parish Community!!!

All families are invited to attend the 9:30 AM Mass and join us for fellowship in the Gym/Parish Center after Mass from 10:30-11:30!!!

Open to all families with children newborns through 5 years old (older siblings are welcome)

Snacks and drinks will be provided!

*Apr 21st
 May 19th*

Any questions or Interested in helping Contact: Tyler Ried (309) 826-2049 (Cell) Tried@archchicago.org



ST. ALEXANDER SCHOOL HAPPENINGS



Some of our 2nd grade students attended a retreat on Saturday at St. Rita with Mrs. Jenkins. They loved it and are so excited about their first communion!





-ST. Alexander
YM

YOUTH MINISTRY PARTY!
ALL 6TH - HS STUDENTS

Where: Scene 75 in Romeoville (460 Weber Rd)
(please drop your child off at the location)

When: April 25th 6-9PM

Cost: \$25 per Student

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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.

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.

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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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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.**

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If you do not think your hearing aid is functioning properly with our “loop” system it may be because: A) Your hearing aid does not have a built-in T-coil OR B) You have to *manually* switch your hearing aid to the T-coil mode.

T-Coil Switches: If your hearing aid has a switch labeled **M-T-O** the switch should be set to the **T** position. If your hearing aid has switch labeled **M-MT** the switch should be set to the **MT** position.

Please consult your Audiologist with any questions, and to be sure that your hearing aid is equipped with a T-coil and is working properly.

If you do not have a hearing aid with tele-coil (T-coil), we have purchased four individual hearing devices, specifically programmed for our system, that can be used during our liturgies on Sunday. They will be placed in a box on the bench outside the school office. We do ask that you please clean the hearing device after Mass, with the alcohol wipes that are on the bench, before returning them to the box. Thank you and we hope this will help to enhance your liturgical experience.


Creation Care Corner

Carbon Pricing: A Catholic Solution for Climate?

Following in the footsteps of Pope John Paul II and Benedict XVI, Pope Francis recognizes the scientific consensus that the current problematic warming trend is mostly caused by human activity. Deforestation and burning fossil fuels are major contributors. While some have wrongly turned climate change into a political issue, Pope Francis recognizes it as a social justice and a moral issue. This is because those who will suffer most from the resulting environmental damage are the poor and future generations ... who are least responsible for contributing to the problem.

Francis has called upon individuals, governments, and corporations to make changes to mitigate the problem. He met with top energy company executives who agreed to consider supporting government policies that put a price on carbon. Also in 2019, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops had issued a statement of support for legislation that is now called the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (H.R. 5744) that would price carbon emissions to encourage a faster transition to cleaner energy. It would do so in a way that minimizes economic harm to the poor and middle class. Francis himself stated “... carbon pricing is essential if humanity is to use the resources of creation wisely.”

Because human suffering will be significant if we fail to adequately address the climate problem, immediate action is required. Carbon pricing could be a part of the solution.



Neat Repeats Resale Stores are looking for volunteers!

Come and work in our stores with a boutique atmosphere. Share your compassion, talents, and time. Give five hours a week and make a difference in the lives of victims of domestic violence. Join the Neat Repeats team, develop new skills, and make a difference in your own community. All sales at Neat Repeats Resale benefit the clients served by the Crisis Center for South Suburbia, a non-profit domestic violence agency.

For additional information, contact Michelle McCarthy (708)-429-7255 option #5 or mmccarthy@crisisctr.org


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.

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Mass Intentions For The Week

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 21, 2024

Saturday, April 20th

5:00 PM— Anna Foster
Ray Jarema
Billy Gorski
Josephine Regan
Eleanore & Ken Reilly

Sunday, April 21st

7:30 AM— Judy McCarthy
Johanna Hoban
Colleen J. Nix
Aggie Palmer
John & Mary McAleer
James McAleer
Patrick McAleer
Mary Lefebvre
9:30 AM— Sr. Regina
Joan & Dan Bagniewski
Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner, SGM
Loren Feldner, DDS
Peter & Frances Feldner
11:30 AM— For the Parishioners
John Svabek
Raymond Peckler
Martin Berquist
Joseph Donovan
Mary Kilbane
Luke Botica
6:00 PM— Healing Intention

Monday, April 22nd

8:30 AM— Alberta Cody
Colin Myron
Tom & Kathleen Walsh
Sophia Feiling
Maureen Quinn—Healing Intention

Tuesday, April 23rd (St. George & St. Adalbe)

8:30 AM— Alfreda Frullani
Rose Ann Hormanski
Maureen Quinn—Healing Intention

Wednesday, April 24th (St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen)

8:30 AM— Concetta Garry
Maureen Quinn—Healing Intention

Thursday, April 25th (St. Mark)

8:30 AM— Eilish Hogan
Maureen Quinn—Healing Intention

Friday, April 26th

8:30 AM— Lily Mulhall
Maureen Quinn—Healing Intention

Saturday, April 27th

8:00 AM— Chet & Betty—67th Anniversary Blessing

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 28, 2024

Saturday, April 27th

5:00 PM— Raymond Schwaller
Joseph Sloyan
Catherine Wells
Joseph Czurylo
Eleanor & Gustav Heinemann

Sunday, April 28th

7:30 AM— Margaret Corbgett
Henry & Sophie Budziak
Steven Gruca
Aggie Palmer
Robert Barth
9:30 AM— Chester "Chet" McGrath
Stephan "Bud" Stefan
Donna M. & Joseph A. Feldner, SGM
Loren Feldner, DDS
Robert Pikula
11:30 AM— Raymond Peckler
Joseph Maschek
Diane Cannon
Margaret Henchy
Aggie—Blessinmgs
Marty Young
Jerome Dillon
Gloria Higgins Dillon
6:00 PM— For the Parishioners



ST. ALEXANDER PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Do you know someone who needs to be remembered? Do you have a relative, friend or neighbor who needs to know someone is praying for them?

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