

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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St. Alexis is a community blessed by God with a diversity of cultures and languages. Celebrating that richness, we reach out to all, inviting them to gather at the table of the Lord as One People. In openness to the Gospel, we form ourselves as stewards of the Lord's gifts to create a community of faith that is unifying, supporting and nurturing.

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OFFICE HOURS / HORAS DE OFICINA
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Saturday & Sunday / Sab y Dom: CLOSED
Monday - Thursday / Lun - Jue: 9 am - 3 pm
Friday/Vie: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISAS
Saturday 4:00 pm | Sábado 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:30 am | Domingo 8:00 am y 11:00 am

DAILY MASSES / MISAS DIARIAS:
7:30 am (English/ Tuesday & Thursday)
9:00 am (Español/ Miercoles y Viernes)

CONFESSIONS/CONFESIONES:
Thursday/ Jueves: 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
or by appointment (call the office)
o por cita (llame a la oficina)

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT /
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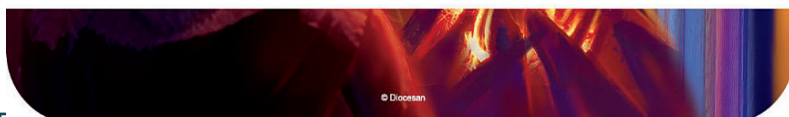
CHURCH/IGLESIA: Thursday / Jueves
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CHAPEL/CAPILLA: Monday & Friday / Lunes y Viernes
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



SOME WHO ARE LAST
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FIRST**
AND SOME WHO ARE FIRST
**WILL BE
LAST**

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Y LOS QUE AHORA SON LOS PRIMEROS
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**Sunday Offertory from
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Envelopes (116).....\$ 1,742.00
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Gracias por su apoyo continuo!

CMAA PLEDGE REPORT FOR ST.ALEXIS PARISH

Monthly pledge payments for CMAA pledges should be made in the next few days. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

PARISH GOAL: \$29,300

AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$23,804

AMOUNT PAID: \$20,950

REMAINING BALANCE: \$2,854 DONOR COUNT:208

• SACRAMENT PROCEDURES •

BAPTISMS / BAUTIZOS:
Primer Sabado 10:00 am (Español)
Last Saturday 10:00 am (English)

WEDDINGS / BODAS-Griselda
Arrangements for weddings should be made 6 months in advance.

Los preparativos para bodas deben ser agendados con 6 meses de anticipación.

PASTORAL SERVICES / SERVICIOS PASTORALES

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION FOR THE SICK / MINISTERIO DE
COMMUNION PARA LOS ENFERMOS-Carmen

FUNERALS / FUNERALES –Sonia
XV-Griselda

Call the Rectory to Schedule!
Llame a la Oficina!

• READINGS FOR THE WEEK •

Scripture Readings
For the Week of August 24, 2025

Sunday	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30
Monday	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday	1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Monica 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 24:42-51
Friday	Memorial of the Passion of John the Baptist 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mk 6:17-29
Saturday	1 Thes 4:9-11, Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE

Anyone with reason to believe that a child has been abused or is being abused should report their suspicions to civil authorities.

Contact: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services: 1-800-25ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) or the local police.

The **Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator** is available to help victims /survivors of child sexual abuse by a cleric, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church.

The **Victim Assistance Coordinator** will report to Bishop Hicks and coordinate efforts of pastoral support and outreach to assist in the healing process.

The **Victim Assistance Coordinator** can also assist in making a report to civil authorities.

Contact the **Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator** at 815-263-6467.

REPORTANDO ABUSO SEXUAL

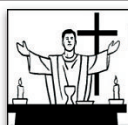
Cualquier persona que tenga razones para creer que un niño o niña ha sido abusado o está siendo abusado debe reportar sus sospechas inmediatamente a las autoridades civiles. Contactarse con el Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias de Illinois: 1-800-25ABUSE (1-800-252-2873) o la policía local.

La **Oficina del Coordinador de Asistencia Para Víctimas** de la Diócesis de Joliet está disponible para ayudar a víctimas /sobrevivientes que han sufrido abuso sexual por parte de miembros del clero, empleados o voluntarios de la iglesia católica.

La **Oficina del Coordinador de Asistencia Para Víctimas** informará al obispo Hicks de lo sucedido y coordinará esfuerzos de apoyo pastoral y de divulgación para ayudar a las víctimas en el proceso de sanación.

El **Coordinador de Asistencia Para Víctimas** también puede ayudarle a hacer un reporte a las autoridades civiles.

Para más información póngase en contacto con La **Oficina del Coordinador de Asistencia Para Víctimas** de la Diócesis de Joliet al número 815-263-6467.



**Intenciones para
las Misas de
la semana**



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Parish Calendar

Look for monthly calendar events at:
www.stalexiparish.org/calendar

Monday, August 25

7:30 am People of the Parish

Tuesday, August 26

7:30 am †Rosario & Eleuterio Gumban by Ann&Totong
†Gerald Seiden by Rojas Family

Wednesday, August 27

9:00 am Los Feligreses de La Parroquia

Thursday, August 28

7:30 am People of the Parish

Friday, August 29

9:00 am Los Feligreses de La Parroquia

Saturday, August 30

4:00 pm †Millie Cummings by Pillis-Lakomy Family
6:00 pm †Luis Ocaña de Araceli
Accion de Gracias a Filiberta Arista

Sunday, August 31

8:00 am †Arturo Diaz de Familia Nava-Diaz
Accion de Gracias Cumpleaños Rosy Rivera de toda su Familia
9:30 am People of the Parish
11:00 am Los Feligreses de La Parroquia

Monday

7:30 am Communion Service
6:30 pm Grupo de Oración

Tuesday

7:30am English Mass

Wednesday

9:00 am Misa En Español
7:00 pm Grupo de Mamas, Grupo de Jóvenes,
Coro Español y Ingles, RCIA,
Grupo Familia Fe y Esperanza

Thursday

7:30 am English Mass
7:00 pm Adoration/Adoracion/ Confessions

Friday

9:00 am Misa en Español

Saturday

4:00 pm English Mass
6:00 pm Misa en Español

Sunday

8:00 am Misa en Español
9am-11am Grupo Alpha
9:30 am English Mass
11:00 am Misa en Español

PRAY FOR THE SICK / OREMOS POR LOS ENFERMOS



Fr. William Conway

In Loving Memory of: Descansa En Paz:



**Benita Hernandez,
Hipolito Hernandez,
Sonia L. Pivaral**

We welcome the children recently baptized:



**Le damos la bienvenida a los recién
bautizados:**

**Arian Salas, Jayden Solis,
Pablo Johnathan Dia-Bartek,
Legend Leo Vasquez Alva**

We pray for this couple as they look forward to their
wedding day:

Oremos por esta pareja mientras esperan con
ansias el día de su boda:



**Sandy Delgado y
Mauricio Galvez**

*Twenty-first Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Looking Good*

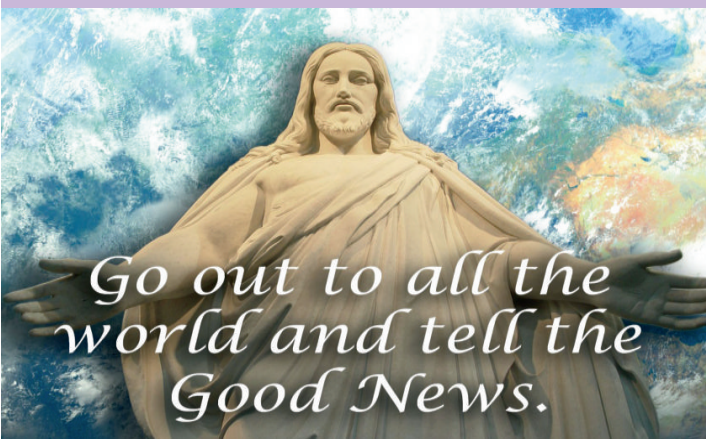
Don't you love it when the underdog wins? When the Cardinals beat the Yankees for the championship or the Blues beat the Redwings, or the Rams beat anyone? Even when I watch a game with no St. Louis teams playing, I still like to root for the underdog. That is what I like about today's Gospel: the last will be first and the first will be last.

Some say that Jesus was referring to the Jews, God's chosen people, whom Jesus called first to be his disciples. When they rejected him, the call went out to the Gentiles, who became followers. Or perhaps in Jesus' time, he was talking about the leaders of the Jews, the scribes and Pharisees. These refused to follow Jesus, while ordinary Jews who did not feel threatened by Jesus' teaching became disciples.

In a way, you can understand why the leaders rejected Jesus. They made a nice living out of the offerings made by ordinary Jews. As long as they could decide who could enter the temple, they had a nice income flow. They were smart enough to include the poor, by asking them for smaller offerings. And who could argue with them? They worked for God. How dare Jesus say that they would be cast out, while people from the rest of the world would enter the Kingdom of God!

And how about us? Remember that the Gospel was not written for non-believers. Are we threatened by Jesus' message? Just as the scribes and Pharisees considered themselves important in God's eyes because of their office, do we consider ourselves "saved" because we call ourselves Christians? Do we respect all people, or just the ones we like? Are we generous to the poor, or just to our friends? Do we give good example to the people we work with? Do we follow our conscience or do we follow the crowd?

Entry into the Kingdom of God is not a fashion statement. We don't get there by looking good. We are invited by Jesus to be last on earth so we can be first in the Kingdom.



*Vigésimo Primer Domingo del
Tiempo Ordinario
Lucir bien*

Yankees por el campeonato, o los Blues a los Red Wings, o los Rams a cualquiera? Incluso cuando veo un partido donde no juega un equipo de St. Louis, me gusta apoyar al que no es favorito. Eso es lo que me gusta del Evangelio de hoy: los últimos serán los primeros y los primeros serán los últimos.

Algunos dicen que Jesús se refería a los judíos, el pueblo elegido de Dios, a quienes llamó primero para ser sus discípulos. Cuando lo rechazaron, el llamado se extendió a los gentiles, quienes se convirtieron en seguidores. O quizás, en tiempos de Jesús, se refería a los líderes judíos, los escribas y fariseos. Estos se negaron a seguir a Jesús, mientras que los judíos comunes que no se sentían amenazados por sus enseñanzas se convirtieron en discípulos.

En cierto modo, se puede entender por qué los líderes rechazaron a Jesús. Se ganaban bien la vida con las ofrendas de los judíos comunes. Mientras podían decidir quién entraba al templo, tenían un buen flujo de ingresos. Fueron lo suficientemente inteligentes como para incluir a los pobres, pidiéndoles ofrendas más pequeñas. ¿Y quién podía discutir con ellos? Trabajaban para Dios. ¿Cómo se atrevía Jesús a decir que serían expulsados, mientras que personas del resto del mundo entrarían en el Reino de Dios!

¿Y nosotros? ¿Nos sentimos amenazados por el mensaje de Jesús? Así como los escribas y fariseos se consideraban importantes a los ojos de Dios por su oficio, ¿nos consideramos "salvos" porque nos llamamos cristianos? ¿Respetamos a todos o solo a los que nos caen bien? ¿Somos generosos con los pobres o solo con nuestros amigos? ¿Damos buen ejemplo a quienes trabajan con nosotros? ¿Seguimos nuestra conciencia o seguimos a la multitud?

Entrar en el Reino de Dios no es una moda. No llegamos allí por lucir bien. Jesús nos invita a ser los últimos en la tierra para poder ser los primeros en el Reino.



A REFLECTION FROM....

Rev. Jesus Oliveros**Lord, save me**

The other day in Mass, we reflected on the Gospel of Mt 14:22-36 in which Jesus tried to walk on the water but he began to sink.

To me, this Gospel passage is multi-layered. We learn not only about Jesus' divine power, but also about the importance of calling out to God. We learn of the interplay between faith and doubt, as well as the compassionate presence of God among His people.

Today's Gospel passage presents Peter in all his fragility: "He was overcome with fear, and he began to sink, and he cried out..." In truth, while the Gospel never glosses over the defects of this beloved apostle, these verses do not fail to highlight Peter's passionate courage and the simplicity with which he recognizes his helplessness. Surely, sometime later, while remembering Jesus' hand holding his in the water, Peter might have recited this line from Psalm 18(17): **"He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of the mighty waters."**

In asking to walk on water, Peter was not seeking power like that of Jesus, but rather he simply wanted to accompany and follow Him despite the obvious risk. We should take note of Peter's determination because, after all, we too may collapse when we face difficult situations.

Brothers and sisters, the image that dominates in this Gospel passage is the hand of Jesus reaching out to the panicking Peter. Certainly, Christians have been called throughout the ages to extend the merciful hand of Jesus to sustain, to accompany, to care for others in His Name. However, only by recognizing our fragilities and our inabilities can we fulfill this mission...

Indeed, "Lord, save me" is the sincere cry of every Christian who needs Jesus's hand to lift them up to live and stand strong. In response, Jesus will reassure us by saying, "Take courage. . .do not be afraid."

A REFLECTION FROM....*Rev. Jesus Oliveros***Señor, sálvame**

El otro día en la Misa, reflexionamos sobre el Evangelio de Mt 14,22-36 en el que Jesús intentó caminar sobre el agua pero comenzó a hundirse.

Para mí, este pasaje del Evangelio tiene varias capas. Aprendemos no solo sobre el poder divino de Jesús, sino también sobre la importancia de llamar a Dios. Aprendemos de la interacción entre la fe y la duda, así como de la presencia compasiva de Dios entre su pueblo.

El pasaje evangélico de hoy presenta a Pedro en toda su fragilidad: "Se apoderó del miedo, y comenzó a hundirse, y gritó..." En verdad, aunque el Evangelio nunca pasa por alto los defectos de este amado apóstol, estos versículos no dejan de resaltar el coraje apasionado de Pedro y la sencillez con la que reconoce su impotencia. Seguramente, algún tiempo después, mientras recordaba la mano de Jesús sosteniendo la suya en el agua, Pedro podría haber recitado esta línea del Salmo 18 (17): **"Bajó de lo alto y me agarró; me sacó de las aguas impetuosas."**

Al pedir caminar sobre el agua, Pedro no buscaba el poder como el de Jesús, sino que simplemente quería acompañarlo y seguirlo a pesar del riesgo evidente. Debemos tomar nota de la determinación de Pedro porque, después de todo, también nosotros podemos colapsar cuando enfrentamos situaciones difíciles.

Hermanos y hermanas, la imagen que domina en este pasaje del Evangelio es la mano de Jesús que se acerca al aterrorizado Pedro. Ciertamente, los cristianos han sido llamados a lo largo de los siglos a extender la mano misericordiosa de Jesús para sostener, acompañar, cuidar a los demás en Su Nombre. Sin embargo, solo reconociendo nuestras fragilidades e incapacidades podemos cumplir esta misión...

De hecho, "Señor, sálvame" es el grito sincero de todo cristiano que necesita la mano de Jesús para levantarlo para vivir y mantenerse fuerte. En respuesta, Jesús nos tranquilizará diciendo: "Ánimo. . . no tengas miedo".



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For more information, call us at 815-246-2080
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Tuesday, August 26, 2025
Shotgun Start: 9:00am
Cog Hill Golf and Country Club
12294 Archer Ave
Lemont, IL 60439

2025 GOLF & REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration:

Single Goller: \$175
Foursome: \$700
Corporate Foursome: \$1,000

Golf Registration Includes:

- 18 holes of golf with cart at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club
- Lunch at the Turn
- Drinks on the course
- Cocktail hour and buffet dinner
- On-course contests with prizes

Cocktail Hour and Dinner Only: \$75

Schedule:

7:30 am:
Registration, Driving Range
9:00 am:
Shotgun Start
2:00 pm:
Cocktails, Dinner and Program

To Register:

To purchase tickets, visit
<https://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org/swing/>
or call 815-724-1140.

To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, contact Tony Brandolino at 815-724-1102 or tbrandolino@cc-doj.org.

For more information about the event, contact Derek Schultz at 815-724-1160 or dschultz@cc-doj.org.



“THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT.”

“EL SEÑOR ES MI PASTOR, NADA ME FALTARÁ.”

Dear Community partners,



Calling All DACA Recipients

DACA recipients will lose their eligibility for Marketplace and Basic Health Program (BHP) coverage on August 25, 2025. This is a significant change that impacts access to affordable healthcare.

Access DuPage can help! We understand this news may be concerning, and we are here to support you.

If you or someone you know is a DACA recipient, please click [here](#) for a list of intake agents who can discuss available options.

The DuPage Health Coalition office is open to the public Monday – Thursday (no appointments necessary) 8:00 a.m. a 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. a 4:00 p.m. Our address is [845 E. Geneva Rd. Carol Stream, IL 60188](#). Feel free to share this important information as you deem appropriate.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Joel Jara
Community Relationships Manager
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