

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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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

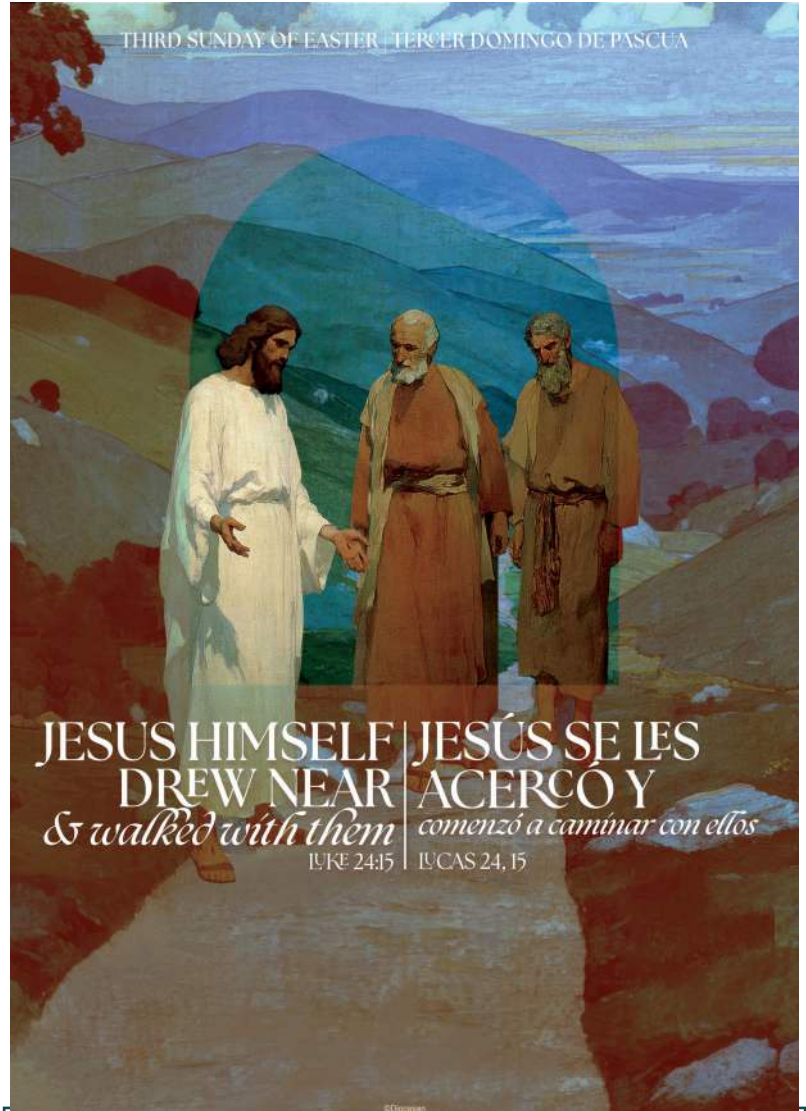
DAILY MASSES / MISAS DIARIAS:
7:30 am (English/ Tuesday & Thursday)
9:00 am (Español/ Miercoles y Viernes)

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

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CHURCH/IGLESIA: Thursday / Jueves
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

CHAPEL/CAPILLA: Monday & Friday / Lunes y Viernes
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



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**Sunday Offertory from
April 12, 2026**



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CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

Year-End Contribution letters are available upon request. Please stop by or call the parish office to request your copy. Thank you for your generosity towards St. Alexis Parish.

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• 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.

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 FUNERALS / FUNERALES –Sonia
 XV-Griselda
 Call the Rectory to Schedule!
 Llame a la Oficina!

• READINGS FOR THE WEEK •

**Scripture Readings
 For the Week of April 19, 2026**

Sunday	Third Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35
Monday	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday	Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a; 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday	Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

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 informara al obispo Hicks de lo sucedido y coordinara 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.



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

Monday, April 20
 7:30 am People of the Parish

Tuesday, April 21
 7:30 am †Marv Halladay

Wednesday, April 22
 9:00 am Cumpleaños Jema Talavera de Familia Talavera

Thursday, April 23
 7:30 am People of the Parish

Friday, April 24
 9:00 am Los Feligreses de La Parroquia

Saturday, April 25
 4:00 pm People of the Parish
 6:00 pm Los Feligreses de La Parroquia

Sunday, April 26
 8:00 am †Agapita Torres Vargas de Familia Valles
 9:30 am People of the Parish
 11:00 am †Senorina Berrum de Familia Martinez-Berrum
 †Maria de Jesus Vetancourt de su Hija Bricia

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 en Español y Ingles, RCIA, Grupo Familia y Fe y Esperanza

Thursday
 7:30 am English Mass
 7:00 pm Adoration/Adoración /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**




**In Loving Memory of:
 Descansa En Paz:**

*Frances White
 Judith Muñoz*




We welcome the children recently baptized:
Les damos la bienvenida a los recién bautizados:



We pray for this couple as they look forward to their wedding day:
 Oramos por esta pareja mientras esperan con ansias el día de su boda:

Juan M. Garcia y Maria Y. Lopez



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER EMMAUS AMAZEMENT

TERCER DOMINGO DE PASCUA EL ASOMBRO DE EMAÚS

Today's Gospel has some surprises for the disciples going to Emmaus. The first is that Luke tells us Jesus appeared to them, "but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him" (Luke 24:16). Now I don't think Jesus was wearing glasses like Clark Kent. More likely, they were prevented by their lack of faith. They knew that Jesus had died, so this man who looked familiar couldn't be him. All they had heard was that Jesus' body was missing from the tomb. Luke says they were debating, as if they couldn't decide what to believe.

That leads to the second point. No, they were not surprised that the "stranger" could quote Scripture. Most Jewish men were familiar with the scriptures, but they were amazed at how Jesus explained them. Even the disciples had not thought of them as predicting Jesus' suffering and death. Yet they seem to know the truth of what Jesus was saying. Their hearts were burning with the fire of the Holy Spirit, who helped them to understand the new meaning of Scripture. Their story can help us, too.

If you find you are not always able to see Jesus in the people or events of your life, you may need to stretch your faith. One way to do that is to discuss it with others. The two disciples were stretching their faith as they discussed what they had heard. Even better, debate it with someone who doesn't believe. (Remember to keep it friendly.) You may not convince them to change, but your faith will grow as you learn to express it. Another way to stretch your faith is to read and pray over the scriptures. Ask what God is trying to tell you in them. The disciples on the way to Emmaus began to see how Jesus fulfilled the promises found there. Passages that may have been mysterious before began to become clear when applied to Jesus.

Ask God to help you see Jesus in other people. Receive Jesus in Communion as often as you can (at least once a week). Trust him and expect to see Jesus both in the people around you and in the changes that come into your life. The more you look for Jesus, the easier it is to see him.

El Evangelio de hoy presenta algunas sorpresas para los discípulos que iban a Emaús. La primera es que Lucas nos dice que Jesús se les apareció, "pero los ojos de los dos discípulos estaban velados y no lo reconocieron" (Lucas 24,16). No creo que Jesús llevara lentes como Clark Kent. Lo más probable es que su falta de fe les impidiera reconocerlo. Sabían que Jesús había muerto, así que este hombre de aspecto familiar no podía ser él. Solo habían oído que el cuerpo de Jesús no estaba en la tumba. Lucas dice que estaban discutiendo, como si no pudieran decidir qué creer.

Esto nos lleva al segundo punto. No, no les sorprendió que el "desconocido" pudiera citar las Escrituras. La mayoría de los hombres judíos conocían las Escrituras, pero les asombró la forma en que Jesús las explicaba. Ni siquiera los discípulos habían pensado que predijeran el sufrimiento y la muerte de Jesús. Sin embargo, parecían comprender la verdad de lo que Jesús decía. Sus corazones ardían con el fuego del Espíritu Santo, que les ayudó a comprender el nuevo significado de las Escrituras. Su historia también puede ayudarnos a nosotros.

Si a veces te resulta difícil ver a Jesús en las personas o en los acontecimientos de tu vida, quizás necesites fortalecer tu fe. Una manera de hacerlo es hablarlo con otros. Los dos discípulos fortalecieron su fe al hablar de lo que habían oído. Mejor aún, debate con alguien que no cree (recuerda hacerlo de forma amigable). Puede que no lo convencas de cambiar de opinión, pero tu fe crecerá a medida que aprendas a expresarla. Otra manera de fortalecer tu fe es leer y orar con las Escrituras. Pregúntale a Dios qué intenta decirte a través de ellas. Los discípulos camino a Emaús comenzaron a ver cómo Jesús cumplía las promesas que allí se encontraban. Pasajes que antes les resultaban misteriosos comenzaron a aclararse al aplicarlos a Jesús.

Pídele a Dios que te ayude a ver a Jesús en otras personas. Recibe a Jesús en la Comunión tan a menudo como puedas (al menos una vez por semana). Confía en él y espera ver a Jesús tanto en las personas que te rodean como en los cambios que ocurren en tu vida. Cuanto más busques a Jesús, más fácil te será verlo.





A REFLECTION FROM....

REV. JESUS OLIVEROS

“If You Will, You Can Make Me Clean”

In one of the daily Masses, I reflected on the gospel of Luke 5:12-16. This gospel tells us about an afflicted leper.

This gospel passage presents a man afflicted with leprosy, a disease that—in the time of Jesus—not only destroyed the body but also completely excluded the person from religious, social, and family life. **Lepers** were considered to be unclean, which warranted their being separated from people and from worship. Certainly, this passage speaks to us not only of physical healing, but of salvation, restoration, and communion.

Interestingly, leprosy can help us understand the reality of sin. This is *not* because every illness is sin. The reason is the circumstances surrounding this particular disease and sin itself. Both conditions wound the person interiorly and break our relationship with God and with others. Both conditions isolate us and slowly destroy us.

This text reminds us that sin is not simply the breaking of a rule, but rather a deep wound to communion. Just as leprosy forced its victims to live outside of society in that time period, sin distances us from God and from the community then and now.

The leper in today’s Gospel approaches Jesus with a beautiful attitude. **He kneels and begs Jesus. He does not demand or claim rights. He says: “Lord, if You will, You can make me clean.”**

Here we see authentic and mature faith. The leper acknowledges the power of Jesus. He abandons himself to the Lord’s will. He trusts more in God’s love than in his own strength. Definitely, these actions are true prayer: not imposing our will on God, but trusting completely in His.

The most shocking gesture described in Luke’s Gospel account is when Jesus stretches out His hand and touches the afflicted man. Keep in mind that, according to Mosaic Law, touching a leper made one unclean. However, with Jesus, the opposite happens. Jesus is not made unclean. To the contrary, His holiness cleanses.

Today’s Gospel teaches us a central truth of the Christian faith: **God does not flee from our misery, Christ enters our wounds, and His love is stronger than any impurity. Let us embrace this truth and act accordingly.**



UNA REFLEXION DE... REV. JESUS OLIVEROS

"Si quieres, puedes hacer que limpie"

En una de las misas diarias, reflexioné sobre el evangelio de Lucas 5:12-16. Este evangelio nos habla de un leproso afligido.

Este pasaje evangélico presenta a un hombre afectado por lepra, una enfermedad que—en tiempos de Jesús—no solo destruyó el cuerpo, sino que también excluyó completamente a la persona de la vida religiosa, social y familiar. **Se consideraba que los leprosos** eran impuros, lo que justificaba su separación de las personas y del culto. Sin duda, este pasaje nos habla no solo de sanación física, sino también de salvación, restauración y comunión.

Curiosamente, la lepra puede ayudarnos a entender la realidad del pecado. Esto *no* es porque toda enfermedad sea pecado. La razón son las circunstancias que rodean esta enfermedad en particular y el propio pecado. Ambas condiciones hieren internamente a la persona y rompen nuestra relación con Dios y con los demás. Ambas condiciones nos aíslan y nos destruyen poco a poco.

Este texto nos recuerda que el pecado no es simplemente romper una regla, sino más bien una herida profunda en la comunión. Así como la lepra obligaba a sus víctimas a vivir fuera de la sociedad en aquella época, el pecado nos distancia de Dios y de la comunidad entonces y ahora.

El leproso del Evangelio actual se acerca a Jesús con una actitud hermosa. **Se arrodilla y suplica a Jesús. No exige ni reclama derechos. Él dice: "Señor, si quieres, puedes limpiarme."**

Aquí vemos una fe auténtica y madura. El leproso reconoce el poder de Jesús. Se entrega a la voluntad del Señor. Confía más en el amor de Dios que en su propia fuerza. Sin duda, estas acciones son oración verdadera: no imponer nuestra voluntad a Dios, sino confiar completamente en la Suya.

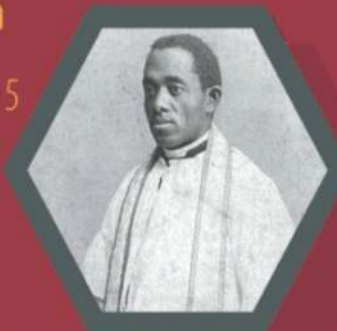
El gesto más impactante descrito en el relato del Evangelio de Lucas es cuando Jesús extiende la mano y toca al hombre afligido. Ten en cuenta que, según la Ley Mosaica, tocar a un leproso te volvía impuro. Sin embargo, con Jesús, ocurre lo contrario. Jesús no se vuelve impuro. Al contrario, Su santidad limpia.

El Evangelio de hoy nos enseña una verdad central de la fe cristiana: **Dios no huye de nuestra miseria, Cristo entra en nuestras heridas y Su amor es más fuerte que cualquier impureza. Abracemos esta verdad y actuemos en consecuencia.**



Join Us

For a presentation on the cause for the canonization of Venerable Augustus Tolton



6:30-8 pm, Tuesday, May 5

at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus

604 N Raynor Ave, Joliet, IL 60435
Parish Commons - Door 26

Join **Bishop Perry** from the Archdiocese of Chicago for his presentation on the cause for the canonization of Father Augustus Tolton



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Your light must shine before people in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your father who is in heaven

Matthew 5:16

Asi brille vuestra luz delante de todos, para que ellos puedan ver vuestras buenas obras y alaben a vuestro Padre que esta en el Cielo.

Mateo 5:16

Plan Today for Peace of Mind Tomorrow

It's difficult to think about, but pre-planning your Catholic cemetery arrangements today protects your family from the heartbreak and financial worry of having to make these decisions tomorrow.

Look for special savings in your mailbox soon and visit diojoliet.org/cemeteries for more details.

We're here to help!



The Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet Mobile Food Pantry delivers healthy food to people in need. All Mobile Food Pantries distribute food through a drive-thru. Please clear space in your trunk or backseat so volunteers can load food boxes directly into your vehicle—rain, snow, or shine!

Dates and times are subject to change. Please check our [Facebook page](#) for the latest information and schedules.

April 10: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 205 E. Jackson St, Joliet, 10:00am – 11:30am

April 17: St. Joseph, 211 N. Center Ave, Bradley, 10:00am – 11:30am

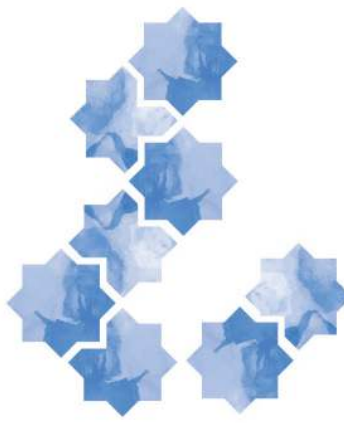
April 20: St. Lawrence, 165 Rice Rd, South Wilmington, 4:00pm – 5:30pm

May 8: Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 205 E. Jackson St, Joliet, 10:00am – 11:30am

May 15: St. Joseph, 211 N. Center Ave, Bradley, 10:00am – 11:30am

May 18: St. Lawrence, 165 Rice Rd, South Wilmington, 4:00pm – 5:30pm

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