

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 19, 2023

Gospel Reading *John 9:1-41*
 Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man.

Monday, March 20
 (Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
 9:00 a.m. Mass - John VanHezewyk
(req. by Toni VanHezewyk & family)

Tuesday, March 21
 9:00 a.m. Mass - Connie Lewin
(req. by Cindy Pitt)

Wednesday, March 22
 9:00 a.m. Mass - Steven Graham
(req. by Cathy Sutton)
 Spec. int. of Binnington family
(req. by Cathy Sutton)

Thursday, March 23
 9:00 a.m. Mass - John Smajda
(req. by Deedee Alexandre)

Friday, March 24
 9:00 a.m. Mass - Patrick Way
(req. by Foran family)

Saturday, March 25
 (The Annunciation of the Lord)
 5:00 p.m. Mass - John Franceschini
(req. by Jennifer Meuser)
 OPP Cst. Greg Pierzchala
(req. by Nohara family)

Sunday, March 26
 (Fifth Sunday of Lent)
 9:00 a.m. Mass - Bruno Sardella
(req. by Mr. & Mrs. Christino Ruggi)
 Isaiah
(req. by Magazzeni family)
 11:00 a.m. Mass - People of the Parish

PARISH ADORATION & BENEDICTION
 First Friday of the month after 9:00am Mass to 10:30am.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP!

<u>February 26, 2023</u>		<u>March 5, 2023</u>	
Sunday Collection	\$4,069.00	Sunday Collection	\$4,217.00
Initial Offering	\$13.00	Building Fund	\$360.00
<u>March 12, 2023</u>			
Sunday Collection	\$3,727.00		
Share Lent	\$525.00		
Building Fund	\$360.00		

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 26, 2023

Gospel Reading *John 11:1-45*
 Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

Monday, March 27
 9:00 a.m. Mass - OPP Cst. Greg Pierzchala
(req. by Nohara family)

Tuesday, March 28
 9:00 a.m. Mass - Spec. int. of Dennis Amell
(req. by Bitondo family)

Wednesday, March 29
 9:00 a.m. Mass - Open Intention

Thursday, March 30
 9:00 a.m. Mass - Open Intention

Friday, March 31
 9:00 a.m. Mass - Special Intention
(req. by Anonymous)

Saturday, April 1
 (Palm Sunday of the Passion of our Lord)
 5:00 p.m. Mass - Gus Gruber
(req. by Gruber family)
 Rosa Dell'Aera
(req. by Nadine & Paul Condon)

Sunday, April 2
 9:00 a.m. Mass - Dr. Joseph Leon
(req. by Harrison family)
 Veronika Bussmann
(req. by Pat Knafelc)
 11:00 a.m. Mass - People of the Parish

Communion for people who are ill or home bound is available please call the parish office for information.


E-transfers to St. Alexander Parish are now possible using the email address: donatestalexander@bellnet.ca Please make sure to put what your transfer is for in the message section i.e.: Offertory, Building Fund, etc.

There is a **Ministry-Sign up Schedule for Easter** available in the sacristy if you would like to be a reader or Eucharist minister at our Easter celebrations. **2022 Tax Receipts** and **2023 offertory boxes** are still available in the foyer. To help us update our database please check the address we have on your box and contact the parish office if a correction needs to be made.

The Parish Office will be closed Holy Thursday, April 6th at 12:00pm and re-open Tuesday, April 11th at 9:00am.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of our Lord
April 2, 2023

Gospel Reading *Matthew 26:14—27:66*
 Jesus is crucified, and his body is placed in the tomb.

Holy Week 

Monday, April 3
 9:00 a.m. Mass - Spec. int. of Christine Smith
(req. by Cathy Sutton)

Tuesday, April 4
 9:00 a.m. Mass - Spec. int. of David Green
(req. by Gary & Patricia Green)

Wednesday, April 5
 9:00 a.m. Mass - Living & deceased member of the Lewis family
(req. by Pauline Lewis)

Holy Thursday, April 6
 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper - Deceased Priests of St. Alexander Parish
Adoration following Mass until 9 p.m.

Good Friday, April 7
 9:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross
followed by confessions until 10:30 a.m.
 3:00 p.m. The Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday, April 8
 12:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food
 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil - Parishioners, living & deceased of St. Alexander Parish

Easter Sunday, April 9
 9:00 a.m. Mass - Robert Scott
(req. by Irma Ruiter)
 Manda & Joe Markovich
(req. by family)
 11:00 a.m. Mass - People of the Parish

40 Days for Life
 Be part of an international movement of prayer and fasting to end abortion. The 40 Days for Life begins Ash Wednesday in front of the Greater Niagara General Hospital. Our parish's day to participate is March 23rd. Sign up sheets will be at the welcome desk in the Church. Remember, "all that is needed for evil to flourish is for good men to do nothing!"

The Annual Diocesan **Respect for Life Mass** will be celebrated by Bishop Bergie at the Cathedral on Friday, March 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. There will be a reception following mass in the parish hall.

We're running Alpha! Sharing your faith can be scary but Alpha creates a space where you can simply invite a friend to explore their questions over some food, a video talk, and small group discussion. Sign up by March 19th at our website or the welcome table. Meetings will start Tuesday, March 21st, 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the hospitality room and run for 11 weeks.

Our New Breakfast Program
 We are very please to announce that on February 13th, St. Alexander started serving breakfast from 8:30 - 9:30 am in our parish hall for those in our community who would appreciate an extra bite to eat, especially if you are feeling the financial pressures that are all around us. All are welcome, no one will be turned away. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer.

St. Alexander's Weekly Update
 If you would like regular updates sent to your email inbox every week on Saturday, please visit SaintAlexander.flocknote.com to sign up.

 **Share Lent Collection**
March 25 - 26

We have our Development Peace Share Lent collection next weekend. There are envelopes available in your bulletin, at the back of the church and in your offertory boxes. You can include them with the regular collection for the next few weeks. All new monthly online donors will have their contributions matched. Development and Peace has launched a new five-year campaign called **Create Hope**. This year will have the theme of **Stand for the Land**. In many countries of the global south the land of indigenous peoples is taken from them and sold for the interests of multinationals or industrial agriculture. Please support our sisters and brothers in the Global South who fight every day for peace, human dignity, and social justice.

Lenten Confession
 On Saturday, March 25, 2023 in every parish church across the diocese a priest will be available from 10:00am to 2:00pm to hear individual confessions. There will also be Eucharistic Adoration during this time. No matter how long it has been, you are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, which assists us in spiritual discipline as we turn away from sin and open our hearts to reconciliation and healing; or you can also simply come to pray before the Lord.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation
 Please pray for our students receiving their sacraments this April & May! The Grade 2 students will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 2:00pm. The Grade 8 students will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 7:00pm.