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### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday at 9am  
*Saint Alexander*

Saturday Vigil at 4pm  
(Preceded by Confessions at 3pm)  
*Saint Mary of the Bay*

Sunday at 8am, 10:30am and 6pm  
*Saint Mary of the Bay*

Monday-Friday 8am  
*Saint Mary of the Bay*

Holy Days as Announced



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## Padre's Ponderings

At Saint Mary of the Bay (SMB), where I also serve as pastor, nearly every week, I write a column called "Padre's Ponderings." It's my way of keeping the community informed and to occasionally offer "ponderings" on world or church events. I'm very excited to be writing my first installment as your new priest.

Another chapter for our community has begun as, effective July 1, Bishop Tobin has appointed me administrator of Saint Alexander. We have known for some time that when Fr. Masello retired, the pastor of SMB would assume pastoral care and administration of our parish. For example, we had already begun last year to collaborate successfully in Faith Formation. Fr. Masello's health has caused him to retire from ministry sooner than we all anticipated, but he is doing better now, and we wish him the very best. He thanks you for your prayers and assures you all of his.

Transitions in leadership are never, ever easy. But please know that I have already observed that you are a close-knit and faithful community. You are dedicated to each other and to your parish church. And I realize that you have been faithfully served by Fr. Masello for over thirty years. Change can be difficult, and familiarity brings with it a sense of security. Habits die hard and new routines are difficult to learn. Please know that I will do my very best to be sensitive to that reality, as I now look forward to ministry with and among you.

As I said last weekend, Saint Alexander will continue to operate as it has, with the exception that all of you who prefer a Saturday evening Mass will be invited to join the community at Saint Mary of the Bay on Saturdays at 4pm (Confessions are heard at 3pm), and I will celebrate the 9am Sunday Mass at Saint Alexander each week. Fr. Bob Hawkins, Pastor Emeritus of Saint Luke's, in Barrington, is our regular weekend helper at SMB and will occasionally stand in for me at Saint Alexander. He is already known and loved by both of our communities, and we are glad to have him continue as a "regular"! I know that Fr. Masello had hoped to reinstate the Saturday evening Mass at Saint Alexander, although that plan was contingent upon the administrator serving only one parish. I hope that you will be understanding of this arrangement. And I hope that the future will bring greater collaboration between our two parishes, even while remaining distinct entities.

I hope that you will feel welcome whenever you worship with the community at SMB and ask that you keep me in your prayers as I assume this new responsibility. I am very eager to meet you and to get to know you, and please know that if you have any questions or concerns, never hesitate to reach out to me by phone (401-245-6369) or by email ([fatherupton\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:fatherupton(at)gmail(dot)com)).

Until next week,

*Fr. Joe*

## ∞ MASS INTENTIONS ∞

July 17, 2022

9am: For all parishioners

*"Thus he made atonement for the dead..."* (2 Macc 12:46a). If you would like to have Mass offered for a deceased loved one (or for another intention), please call the parish office at 245-6369 or email parishoffice@saintalexanders.com.

## ∞ PLEASE TAKE NOTE ∞

Under Father Masello's leadership, both Holy Angels and Saint Alexander were served as separate but linked communities. That resulted in a balanced Mass schedule and in conveniences such as permitting the inclusion of offerings for either parish in either weekly collection. Now that Father Masello has retired, that partnership has come to an end. Holy Angels will be served by the clergy of Saint Luke's and Saint Alexander will be served by the clergy of Saint Mary of the Bay. For this reason, we kindly ask that you no longer make your offerings for Holy Angels at Saint Alexander nor your offerings for Saint Alexander at Holy Angels. If you are a parishioner of Saint Alexander, you may make your offering for Saint Alexander at any of the Masses at Saint Mary of the Bay and can be assured that the offerings will be tallied separately. However, Saint Alexander will no longer process offerings intended for Holy Angels. Thank you for your understanding and especially for your ongoing support of your parish family.

## ∞ LIVING THE SCRIPTURES ∞

Today's Readings:

Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/  
Lk 10:38-42

From today's First Reading:

*"Please do not go on past your servant. Let some water be brought, that you may bathe your feet, and then rest yourselves under the tree."* (Gn 18:3-4)

Consider: **Abraham's treatment of the three strangers modeled the value of hospitality. How do you show hospitality to others?**

From today's Second Reading:

*In accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God, the mystery hidden from ages and from generations past. But now it has been manifested to his holy ones.* (Col 1:25-26)

Consider: **Paul speaks of the Church (the community of believers) as "the body" of Christ. And as members of the Church, it is Christ "whom we proclaim" so that all believers may be "perfect in Christ." Why do you think proclaiming Christ can make us "perfect?"**

From today's Gospel:

*"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part."* (Luke 10:41-42)

Consider: **Jesus teaches Martha that stress and anxiety has caused her to lose perspective on important matters. How does your faith ground you in the daily anxieties of your life?**

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**Summer Praise & Worship**

Wednesday, July 20, 2022, 7pm  
Eucharistic Adoration with  
Contemporary Praise & Worship Music  
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