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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday at 9:15am
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



TRUSTEES & AUDITORS

Nancy Urban, Trustee
 John Saviano, Trustee
 Patricia Dugan, Auditor
 John Flynn, Auditor

Padre's Ponderings

Dear Parishioners,

On the reverse, please find the **Stewardship Report** for the month of December. I'd like to thank all those who continue to make the financial support of Saint Alexander a priority. Thanks are due to those who gave offerings for our **Christmas flowers**. Our church was beautifully decorated for the holiday season and I received many compliments. Additionally, I'd like to thank Linda for lending her talents and organizing the **jelly sale**, which raised over \$400 in support of our parish. Many thanks to all!

Please plan on joining us this Tuesday, January 31, at 6:30pm in the lower church hall for food, fellowship and an open, **parish-wide meeting**. We will continue our discussion of how best to fulfill our mission as a parish community and how best to manage our resources. Aside from the business, it will be a great opportunity to reconnect apart from weekly worship.

While we are still in the process of securing a date and finalizing the details, I am very happy to report that our parish will be hosting a **pasta dinner** soon! I am grateful to all those who have come forward to organize this event and as soon as more information is available, I'll gladly pass it along.

Lastly, this weekend will be a special one for us at Saint Alexander as we will celebrate the **Sacrament of Baptism** during the 9:15am Mass. I always prefer to celebrate this special sacrament during a weekend Mass, as the whole community of faith can be present to offer their support for the newly baptized and their families. I know that you'll join me in extending a warm welcome to our guests this Sunday. And may our opportunity to witness this sacrament move us to renew our own baptismal commitment as we heed the challenge to be the eyes and hands of Christ in the world.

Until next week,

Fr. Joe

∞ MASS INTENTIONS ∞

January 29, 2023

9:15am: John Karcz, 11th Anniversary
Requested by the family

February 5, 2023

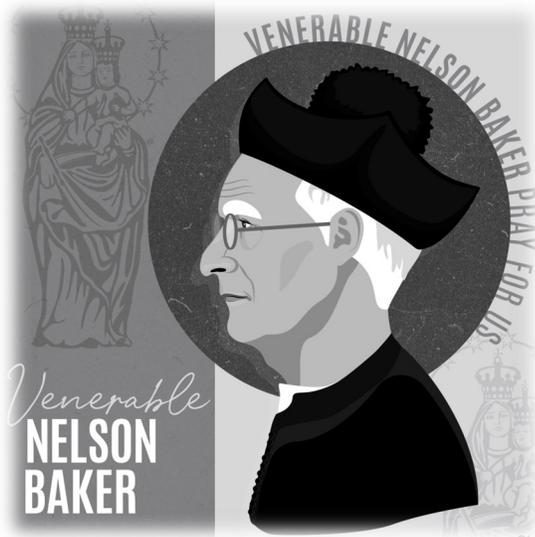
9:15am: Daniel A. Vargas,
Birthday Remembrance
Requested by his daughter, Nancy

∞ DECEMBER STEWARDSHIP REPORT ∞

Offertory: \$4,484.00
Maintenance: \$1,751.00
Immaculate Conception: \$333.00
Fund for Retired Religious: \$209.00
Christmas Flowers: \$260.00
Christmas Collection: \$465.00
Jelly Sale: \$435.00

Many thanks for your support of our parish!

∞ SAINT OF THE WEEK ∞



VENERABLE NELSON BAKER

A Union veteran of the civil war, Father Baker later donated his life savings to support the outreach institutions he ran. He created the Our Lady of Victory Association uniting Catholics around the USA in support of these successful missions.

∞ LIVING THE SCRIPTURES ∞

Today's Readings:

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
(Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

From today's First Reading:

But I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly. (Zep 3:12)

Consider: **The prophet Zephaniah speaks of a "remnant of Israel" who will survive God's judgement and live as a humble and truthful people. What other qualities (besides humility and integrity) make for a good community?**

From today's Second Reading:

Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong. (1 Cor 1:27)

Consider: **Paul offers us an interesting sketch of the members of the Corinthian community: foolish, weak, lowly, and despised. How would you describe your community of faith?**

From today's Gospel:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:3)

Consider: **Jesus begins his Sermon on the Mount with a list of eight "beatitudes" (blessings). Which of these beatitudes do you see in yourself?**

