

Reflection on Sunday's Readings

Scripture lessons summarized: In the first reading, the Chosen People of God are portrayed as celebrating, for the first time in their own land, the feast of their freedom, by using wheat that had grown in the Promised Land. In today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 34), a rejoicing Psalmist invites us, "*Glorify the Lord with me; let us together extol His Name!*" In the second reading, St. Paul invites the Corinthian Christian community to rejoice because Jesus has reconciled them with God by his suffering and death.

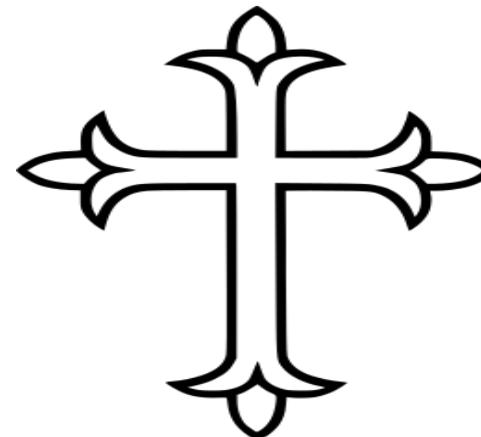
Today's Gospel celebrates the joy of the prodigal son on his "homecoming" where he discovers his father's forgiving and overflowing love. It is also the story of the rejoicing of a loving and forgiving father who celebrates the return of his prodigal son by throwing a big party in his honor, a banquet celebrating the reconciliation of the son with his father, his family, his community and his God. At the same time, by presenting a self-righteous elder brother, the parable invites us to avoid self-righteousness and self-justification by imitating the repentant younger brother. Let us admit the truth that we are an assembly of sinful people, repentant, and now ready to receive God's forgiveness and to experience Jesus' Personal Presence in the Holy Eucharist as our loving and forgiving God.

Life messages: 1) Let us return to our Heavenly Father with repentant hearts: As prodigal children, we face spiritual famine all around us in the form of drug and alcohol abuse, fraud and theft in the workplace, murders, abortions and violence, premarital sex, marital infidelity and priestly infidelity, as well as in hostility between and among people. All of these evils have proliferated because we have been squandering God's abundant blessings, not only in our country and in our families, but also in our personal lives. Hence, let us repent and return to our Heavenly Father's home.

2) Holy Mass enhances our "pass over," from a world of sin to a world of reconciliation. At every Mass, we come to our loving Heavenly Father's house as prodigal children acknowledging that we have sinned ("*I confess to Almighty God.*"). In the Offertory, we give ourselves back to the Father, and this is the moment of our surrendering our sinful lives to God our Father. At the consecration, we hear God's invitation through Jesus: "*... this is My Body, which will be given up for you... this is the chalice of My Blood ... which will be poured out for you...*" (= "*All I have is yours*"). In Holy Communion, we participate in the banquet of reconciliation, thus restoring our full relationship with God and our fellow human beings.

St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 31, 2019



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Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:00 PM	St. Aloysius
Saturday	5:30 PM	Sacred Heart Church (July 4th to Labor day)
Sunday	9:00 AM	St. Aloysius
	11:00 AM	Gate of Heaven

Weekday

M/T/F	8:15 AM	St. Aloysius
Thursday	12:00 PM	St. Aloysius

Adoration

M/T/F	7:30 to 8.15 AM
Friday	9.00 AM to 12.00 PM

Holy Day of Obligation

Holy Eve:	5:30 PM	Gate of Heaven
Holy Day:	9:00 AM	St. Aloysius
	7:00 PM	St. Aloysius

Sacraments

Confession: Before all mass

Baptism: Call the rectory for the arrangement

Marriage: Call the rectory to schedule your
Wedding and pre-Cana classes.

Pastoral Visitation

When confined at home, please call the rectory to arrange for a visit and Holy Communion. Please call the rectory if you are facing surgery or hospitalization and would like the Sacrament of the Sick.

Parish Staff

Rev. Edward Bader, Administrator

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Ms. Jane Ryan

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As a parish, we strive to bring our communities of Catholic Christians together, as we have for over 100 years, by loving and serving God and Each other through Worship, education and service.

MASS INTENTIONS: Mar 30- Apr 7, 2019

Saturday, Mar 30

4:00 PM - Marilyn Kocher(birthday)

Mon, Apr 1

8:15 AM -

Thurs Apr 4

12. PM - Karen Hartman

Saturday, Apr 6

8.15 AM- Unborn Children

4:00 PM - Marilyn Kocher(birthday)

Sunday, Mar 31

9:00 AM - Duke Smith

11:00 AM - Linda Bonin

Tues. Apr 2

8:15 AM - Teresa Graves

Fri. Apr 5

8.15 AM- Hernandez Family

Sunday, Apr 7

9:00 AM- Laurie Meisner

11.AM- John H. Quick

NOTE: No Gifts can replace offering a mass to departed soul or welfare of living. We have openings for weekdays and weekend masses. The mass stipend per mass is \$15.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & DECEASED

For the Sick: Jim Engelhardt, Kevin & LarryMcHugh, Joni & Vinny Salvatore, LilianCoy, Colleen&JerrilynnO’Neill;Nora Fernandez, Mary Jones, James Knack, Laurene Symanski, Lisa Grieco, Ken Duffy; Laurie & William McMichael, Carol Faughn,Christopher Merklin, Jack Tempel, Robert Ackerly, Sr. Grace, Maureen Connolly, Dave Tucker, Shannon Bruning, Patty Lewis, Lynne Hyzer, Beth Marie Martin, Kristi Romolo, Erma Carlson ,Linda Bonin, Jim Wilbur, Dom Formato, Darren Steele, Jonell Dalton, Carrie Neer-Molinari. Mary Muhlig. Scott Branning. Easton Gorr. Joyce conroy.

For the Deceased: Rita Margaret Reda.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Is in need of spaghetti sauce, soup, tuna fish and jelly

Collection for last Week

Total: \$ 1185

Thank you

Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 43:16-21

Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel- John 8:1-11

BIBLE STUDY

Good Soil Bible Study Group will meet this week.

Time: Tuesday 4.00 PM at Church basement

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

As we begin season of lent, we will have Stations of the Cross on every Friday 7.00 PM at St. Aloysius Church. All are welcome to partake in station of the cross and reflect upon the passion of Jesus.

Livingston Manor

Fire Department

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday

April 28.2019

7AM-Noon

Free will offering

Pancakes,Eggs, Sausage,Coffee,Tea and OJ

Local Maple Syrup from red bud maple.

Litter Pluck

Saturday , April 27

At 9.00 AM

Water Wheel Junction

Opportunities for Community Service

hours.

Bring gloves

Keep our community clean

Bags available

Please contact: 845-439-3938.

REVELATION OF THE CROSS

What the cross of Christ reveals is that when we are so paralyzed by fear and overcome by darkness that we can no longer help ourselves, when we have reached the stage where we can no longer open the door to let light and life in, God can still come through our locked doors, stand inside our fear and paralysis, and breathe out peace. The love that is revealed in Jesus’ suffering and death, a love that is so other-centered that it can fully forgive and embrace its executioners, can pass through locked doors, melt frozen hearts, penetrate the walls of fear, and descend into our private hells and, precisely there, breathe out peace.

We are called to love: The love of Jesus Christ that leads to his willing embrace of the crucified earthly destiny that appeared before him is both a model for how we are called to love and a revelation of God’s self-offering of control out of love. This model for how you and I are to love is not an invitation to masochism or some sort of foolhardy and dangerous behavior. Instead, it is an example of our willingness to accept both the suffering and the joy that comes with love. This revelation of God’s self-offering or sacrifice of control tells us a great deal about who Jesus Christ is and what God is like.

