

Reflection on Sunday's Readings

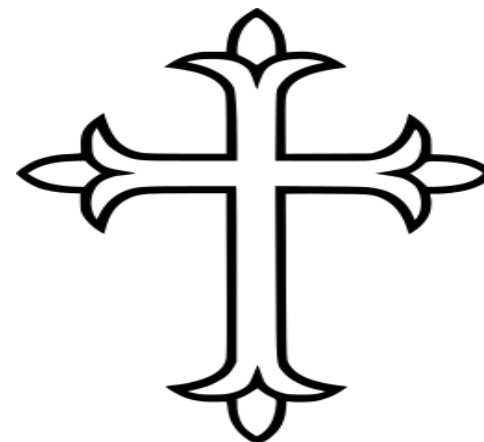
Scripture lessons summarized Explaining how a merciful God forgives the sins of His chosen people and leads them back from the Babylonian exile, the first reading reminds us that we too are forgiven, and we are saved from our own sinfulness. In the second reading, Paul presents himself as a forgiven sinner who has been completely transformed by his Faith in Christ Jesus. His life is an example of the Gospel exhortation, "*Sin no more.*" Paul loves Christ so much he wants to share in His sufferings and even in His death so that he may share Christ's Resurrection. The sinful woman's story of sin committed, and sin forgiven in today's Gospel, shows the inexhaustible mercy and compassion Jesus gives to repentant sinners. In addition, by making sinlessness the condition for throwing the first stone, Jesus forces the accusers to assess their own souls and to leave. Thus, He grants justice to the accusers and mercy to the sinful woman. In our own lives, we bear witness to the Justice of God by confessing our sinfulness and resolving to avoid sin, and we bear witness to God's Mercy by accepting the forgiveness of our sins and promising to forgive those who have offended us.

Life messages: # 1: We need to become forgiving people, ready for reconciliation: Jesus has shown inexhaustible mercy and compassion to sinners by dying for our sins. But we are often self-righteous, like the Pharisees, and ready to spread scandal about others with a bit of spicy gossip. We are judgmental about the unmarried mother, the alcoholic, the drug addict and the shop-lifter, ignoring Jesus' command: "*Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.*" Let us learn to acknowledge our sins, ask God's forgiveness every day and extend the same forgiveness to our erring brothers and sisters. We need to learn to hate the sin but love the sinners, showing them mercy, compassion, sympathy and acceptance, leading them to Jesus' ways by our own exemplary lives.

2) We have no right to judge others: We have no right to judge others because we often commit the very faults we condemn, we are often partial and prejudiced in our judgments, and we do not know the circumstances which have led someone to sin. Hence, let us leave the judgment to our merciful God Who does read people's hearts. We should show mercy and compassion to those who sin because we ourselves are sinners in need of God's forgiveness. The apostle Paul reminds us: "*But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment.*" (1 Cor 11:31).

St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT APRIL 7, 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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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: Apr 6- Apr 15 , 2019

Saturday, Apr 6
8.15 AM- Unborn Children
 4:00 PM -

Mon, Apr 8
 8:15 AM - Mary Busie Wolcott

Thurs Apr 11
 12. PM - No Mass only this week

Saturday, Apr 13
 4:00 PM -

Sunday, Apr 7
 9:00 AM - Laurie Meisner
 11:00 AM - John H. Quick

Tues. Apr 9
 8:15 AM - No Mass only this week

Fri. Apr 12
 8.15 AM- Byrne & Colligan Family

Sunday, Apr 14
 9:00 AM- Paula Jordan
 11.00.AM-

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, Lilian Coy, Colleen & Jerrilynn O’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, Kristine Zeh.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

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

Collection for last Week
 Total: \$ 1245
 Thank you

Readings for Next Sunday
Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11

BIBLE STUDY
 Good soil bible study group
 Will not meet for two weeks.
 Next bible study will be after

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

Holy Week schedule

Holy Thursday (04.18.2019)

Mass at St. Aloysius 7.PM

Good Friday (04.19.2019)

Service at St. Aloysius 3.PM

(Followed by Stations of the Cross)

Easter Vigil Mass (04.20.2019)

Mass at St. Aloysius 7.PM

Easter Sunday (04.21.2019)

Mass at St. Aloysius 9.AM

Mass at Gate of Heaven 11.AM

Held in God’s love

Set aside your formal prayers today and bring before God the deepest desires and fears that you hold close in your heart. Talk to God the way you would talk to your closest friend. And then take time to sit in silence with God. Let yourself be held in God’s love, listening to the divine heartbeat in the world around you and in the depths of your own heart.

Psalm Sunday

We are going to have procession for vigil mass on 04.13.2019. There will not be procession on Sunday. All who would like to join procession, please do come for Vigil Mass. have a beautiful psalm Sunday.

