

Reflection on Sunday's Readings

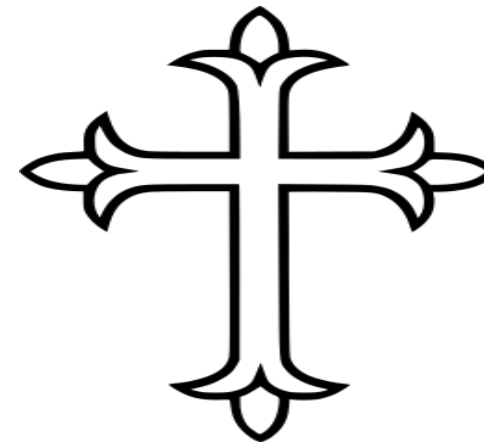
Introduction: The Church celebrates today as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. Today's liturgy combines contrasting moments of glory ("Hosanna") and suffering ("Crucify him") – the royal welcome given to Jesus by his followers and the drama of his unjust trial culminating in his crucifixion. Holy Week challenges us to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation, to appreciate gratefully the price Jesus paid for our salvation, and to return God's love for us (expressed through the suffering and death of Jesus), by loving others. The meditation on these Paschal mysteries should enable us to do our own dying to sin and rising with Jesus, which will result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Proper participation in the Holy Week liturgy will also deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith, and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus.

Scripture lessons: Today's first reading, found in the prophecy of Isaiah, is called the third Servant Song. Jesus saw aspects of his own life and mission foreshadowed in the Servant Songs. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 22) expresses Jesus' agony on the Cross and His unfailing trust in His Heavenly Father. The second reading, taken from Paul's letter to the Philippians, is an ancient Christian hymn representing a very early Christian understanding of who Jesus is, and of how his mission saves us from sin and death. The first part of today's Gospel (Lk 19:28-40) describes the royal reception which Jesus received from his admirers. They paraded with him for a distance of two miles, from the Mount of Olives to the city of Jerusalem. In the second part of today's Gospel (Lk 22:14---23:56), we listen to the Passion of Christ according to Luke. We are challenged to examine our own lives in the light of some of the characters in the story like Peter who denied Jesus, Judas who betrayed Jesus, Pilate who acted against his conscience and condemned Jesus to death on the cross, Herod who ridiculed Jesus and the leaders of the people who preserved their positions by getting rid of Jesus. The reading reminds us that Jesus died for our sins.

Life messages: Let us try to answer five questions today: 1) Does Jesus weep over my sinful soul as he wept over Jerusalem at the beginning of his Palm Sunday procession? 2) Am I a barren fig tree? God expects me to produce fruits of holiness, purity, justice, humility, obedience, charity, and forgiveness. Do I? Or do I continue to produce bitter fruits of impurity, injustice, pride, hatred, jealousy and selfishness? 3) Will Jesus have to cleanse my heart with his whip? Jesus cannot tolerate the desecration of the temple of his Holy Spirit in me by my addiction to uncharitable, unjust and impure thoughts words and deeds; neither is Jesus pleased by my calculation of loss and gain in my relationship with God. 4) Do I welcome Jesus into my heart? Am I ready to surrender my life to him during this Holy Week and welcome him into all areas of my life as my Lord and Savior? The palms should remind us that Christ is our King and the true answer to our quest for happiness and meaning in life. Unconditional forgiveness and sacrificial service to our families, and communities.

St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church

PSALM SUNDAY APRIL 14, 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 13- Apr 21 , 2019

Saturday, Apr 13
4:00 PM -

Mon, Apr 15
8:15 AM - Maureen Lee

Thurs Apr 18 Holy Thursday
7.PM -

Saturday, Apr 20 Easter Vigil
7.00 PM -

Sunday, Apr 14
9:00 AM - Paula Jordan
11:00 AM -

Tues. Apr 16
8:15 AM -

Fri. Apr 19 Good Friday
3.PM-Service

Sunday, Apr 21 Easter Sunday
9:00 AM- Madeline Edward O'Brien
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,; 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 , , 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: \$ 1651
Thank you

Readings for Next Sunday
Acts 10:34a, 37-43.
Colossians 3:1-4.
John 20:19-31

BIBLE STUDY
Good soil bible study group
Will not meet for next week.
Next bible study will be after Easter.

Volunteer Needed for Religious Education Program

We as parish thank Mrs.Daniel Carlson for her great service as religious education coordinator for last academic year. We are looking forward someone who is willing to take up responsibility of religious education coordinator for the next academic years. Please help us in running our parish.

**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.

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

Holy Week

Dear Parishioners

We are beginning Holy week from psalm Sunday. I humbly request every one who can make yourself available for three days celebration (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil), please do come. Our salvation lies in the cross that Jesus carried. It is a beautiful time to reflect what Christ has done for me and you. I expect more people to participate in Holy week liturgy.

Reconciliation Monday(04.15.2017)

We have confession from 5.pm to 7.pm and if you come after 7.pm, please do come to Rectory. Please make your confession and prepare worthily for Easter.

