

## Reflection on Sunday's Readings

**1) The resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith.** The Resurrection is the greatest of the miracles -- it proves that Jesus is God. That is why St. Paul writes: *"If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain... And if Christ has not been raised, then your Faith is a delusion and you are still lost in your sins... But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep"* (I Cor 15:14, 17, 20). If Jesus Christ did not rise from the dead, then the Church is a fraud, and Faith is a sham. But if He really did rise from the dead, His message is true! Without the Resurrection, Jesus would have remained forever a good person who had met a tragic end. People would remember some of his teachings, and a handful of people might try to live according to them. All the basic doctrines of Christianity are founded on the truth of the Resurrection. *"Jesus is Lord; He is risen"* (Rom 10:9) was the central theme of the *kerygma* (or "preaching"), of the Apostles. In fact, the seventeenth-century philosopher, John Locke, some of whose ideas were incorporated into the Declaration of Independence, wrote, "Our Savior's Resurrection is truly of great importance in Christianity, so great that His being or not being the Messiah stands or falls with it."

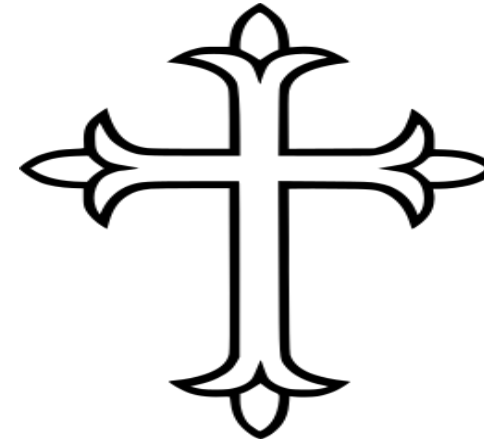
**2) Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection.** Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: *"I am the Resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me will live even though he dies"* (Jn 11:25-26). Christ will raise us up on the last day, but it is also true, in a sense, that we have already risen with Christ. By virtue of the Holy Spirit, our Christian life is already a participation in the death and Resurrection of Christ (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #1002, #1003).

**3) Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement.** In this world of pain, sorrows, and tears, Easter reminds us that life is worth living. It is our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in our souls, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament, and in Heaven, that gives meaning to our personal, as well as to our common, prayers. Our trust in the all-pervading presence of the Risen Lord gives us strength to fight against temptations and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears. The prayer of St. Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland, reads: "Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ within me, never to part."

**Reasons why we believe in the Resurrection of Jesus** (1) Jesus himself testified to his Resurrection from the dead (*Mark 8:31; Matthew 17:22; Luke 9:22*). (2) The tomb was empty on Easter Sunday (*Luke 24:3*). Although the guards claimed (*Matthew 28:13*), that the disciples of Jesus had stolen the body, every sensible Jew knew that it was impossible for the terrified disciples of Jesus to steal the body of Jesus from a tomb guarded by an armed, 16-member Temple Guard detachment. (3) The initial disbelief of Jesus' own disciples in His Resurrection, in spite of His repeated apparitions, serves as a strong proof of His Resurrection. Their initial disbelief explains why the Apostles started preaching the Risen Christ only after receiving the anointing of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. (4) The transformation of Jesus' disciples: Jesus' Resurrection and the anointing of the Holy Spirit transformed men who were hopeless and fearful after the crucifixion (*Luke 24:21, John 20:19*), into men who now were confident and bold witnesses to the Resurrection (*Acts 2:24, 3:15, 4:2*). (5) Neither the Jews nor the Romans could disprove Jesus' Resurrection by presenting the dead body of Jesus.).

## St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 21, 2019



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### Mass Schedule

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

### Weekday

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

### Adoration

<b>M/T/F</b>	7:30 to 8.15 AM
<b>Friday</b>	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 20- Apr 28 , 2019**

**Saturday, Apr 20**  
7.00 PM -

**Mon, Apr 22**  
8:15 AM - Boleslaw & Teodozja Przyborowski  
**Thurs Apr 25**  
12.PM -

**Saturday, Apr 27**  
7.00 PM - Barbara Pinckney

**Sunday, Apr 21**  
9:00 AM - Madeline Edward O'Brien  
11:00 AM -

**Tues. Apr 23**  
8:15 AM - Fernando Padillo(Birth Day)  
**Fri. Apr 26**  
8.15AM-

**Sunday, Apr 28**  
9:00 AM- Scott Healy  
11.00.AM- Dolores M.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, 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: \$ 1367  
Thank you

**Readings for Next Sunday**

**Acts 5:12-16.**  
**Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13,17-19**  
**John 20:19-31**

**BIBLE STUDY**

Good Soil Bible Study Group will meet this week.  
Time: Tuesday 4.00 PM at Church basement

**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.

**HAPPY EASTER**

Dear parishioner

I would like to wish you happy Easter. We had beautiful ceremony on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. I am indeed thankful to all participants. Jesus is risen for all of us giving the hope that one day we all will have resurrection like him. Jesus had glorious resurrection because he lived his life worthy of the call received from His Heavenly Father. Likewise when we live our life worthy of call received from God, you and I will have glorious resurrection. I wish you to celebrate Easter with your family. Family is everything. We live in a busy world where everyone is in search of happiness. Real happiness lies in being with family. When one has a beautiful family, she or he has got everything in the world. If not he or she has lost everything.

**Fr. Antony David MMI**

**MOTHERS' DAY**

We are celebrating mothers' day on May 12, 2019. Every mother is great gift of God to us. Our mother is the one who brought us into the world. It is our duty to honor and pray for our mothers. All the masses on 11 and 12 May will be offered for mothers. Please pick a envelop placed at the back of the Church and return it before 11<sup>th</sup> of May.

