

St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church

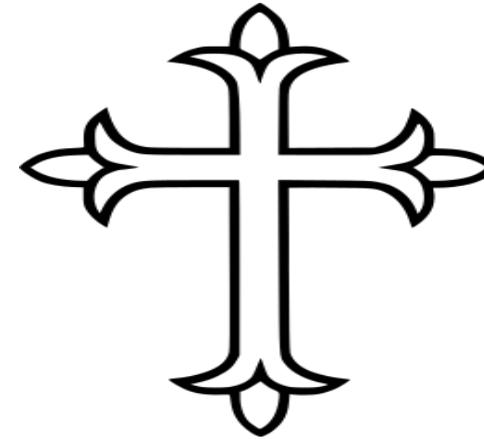
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 26, 2019

Reflection on Sunday's Readings

Scripture lessons: The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, tells us how the Holy Spirit, indwelling in the Church, helped the apostles to solve a major doctrinal problem about the Gentiles becoming Christians, which shook the very foundation of the early Church. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 67) prays that all the nations on the earth may recognize their God and praise Him. The second reading, taken from the Book of Revelation, describes the Church as the Heavenly Jerusalem which replaces the holy presence of God in the *Holy of Holies* in the Temple in Jerusalem. This New Jerusalem is a city united in love, with the victorious Jesus residing in it and in each of its members. The Gospel passage reminds us that the Holy Spirit, abiding within us, is our Teacher, Advocate and the Source of peace and joy. The passage offers a vision of hope as well. Jesus promises his followers that the Holy Spirit will come and instruct them in everything they need to know.

Life messages: 1) Let us be aware of the abiding presence of God within us: We live in the New Covenant of Jesus, daily facing uncertainty, conflict, and temptations. It is the abiding presence of God within us that enables us to face the future with undying hope and true Christian courage. The Holy Spirit Whom the risen Lord asked His Father to send upon His Church prompts us to turn to His Holy Scriptures for support and encouragement, enables us to learn the Divine truths, and grants us His peace at all times. However, to be able to receive these gifts, it is necessary for us to spend a little time each day in personal prayer, talking to God and listening to Him. We must deepen our relationship with Jesus, learn to get in touch with him, and sincerely love him. When we listen to the Holy Spirit, we will know His plan for our life and His solutions to whatever problems we face. We will be able to love our fellow human beings, and there will be a core of peace within us. The Holy Spirit teaches us through the Scriptures and preaching during the Holy Mass. Jesus loves us and comes to us in Communion. When the Mass is ended, we go forth in the peace of Christ -- all this under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

2) We need to have the conviction that we are not alone: One of the great social and ethical problems of our time is isolation. Today approximately 25% of all adults live alone. Spouses, parents and children often live as virtual strangers to one another. This is unfortunate because we never need to be alone. Jesus can always be present to us. He shares his joy with us and replaces the burden of our guilt with the freedom of forgiveness. He takes our grief and turns it into joy. We need only allow Jesus into our lives to be rid of this loneliness. Oneness with Jesus is the greatest gift we can give our children, our friends, or those who see no purpose in life. We can help to bring people to unity with Jesus, a unity that will change their lives. As we celebrate this Eucharistic meal, our Mass, let us celebrate in a special way the price Jesus paid for our redemption. May this Eucharistic celebration empower us to lead a true Life of the Spirit!



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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 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: May 25- June 2 , 2019

Saturday, May 25
4.00 PM - Romina Migliorini

Mon, May 27
8:15 AM -

Wed May 29
5.30 -

Thurs May 30
9.AM -
7.PM-

Saturday, June 1
8.15 AM- Unborn Children
4.00 PM-

Sunday, May 26
9:00 AM - Marie Checchi
11:00 AM - Jack Yelle

Tues. May 28
8:15 AM -

Fri. May 31
8.15AM-
Sunday, June 2
9:00 AM- Fire Department members in service
11.00.AM- Stecie McDermott

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. Joe Salvia. Joe & Linda Mchugh, Jerry & Roe Mills, Ken & Arsenia Mchugh.
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: \$ 1502
Thank you

Readings for Next Sunday
Acts 7:55-60.
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17,20
John 17:20-26.

BIBLE STUDY
Good soil bible study group will meet this week on Tuesday 4PM at Church basement.

THE MASS SCHEDULE FOR HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.

May 29, Wednesday
Gate of heaven at 5.30 PM

May 30, Thursday
St. Aloysius at 9.00 AM
St. Aloysius at 7.00 PM

Father’s Day

We celebrate father’s day on June 16. We have a duty to pray for our fathers who introduced us to this world. All the masses on father’s day will be offered to our fathers living and deceased. Please collect father’s day card and return it before June 15.

Baptism

We welcome **Preston & Payton Mead** to the Church as they are getting baptized on May 26, 2019.

Am I Christian Full -Time?

I ask myself: Am I a Christian by fits and starts, or am I a Christian full-time? Our culture of the ephemeral, the relative, also takes its toll on the way we live our faith. God asks us to be faithful to him, daily, in our everyday life. He goes on to say that, even if we are sometimes unfaithful to him, he remains faithful. In his mercy, he never tires of stretching out his hand to lift us up, to encourage us to continue our journey, to come back and tell him of our weakness, so that he can grant us his strength. This is the real journey: to walk with the Lord always, even at moments of weakness, even in our sins. Never to prefer a makeshift path of our own. That kills us. Faith is ultimate fidelity, like that of Mary.

EASTER BLESSING

Dear parishioner,

I hope you had great Easter. It is in tradition that all houses should be blessed after Easter, I would like to come to every one’s home and bless. Please call the rectory and set an appropriate time for house blessing or you can leave name and phone number in the sign-up sheet and I will call you and set up the time with you.

I am available on Monday (10.30 am to 8.00 PM), Tuesday (10.00 am to 2.00 pm), Thursday (2.pm to 8.PM), Friday (2.PM to 8.PM), Saturday (9.30 am to 1.PM and 6.30 PM to 8. 00. PM) and Sunday (2.PM to 8.PM). The Easter season is for forty days. We should have our house blessed before June 1.

