

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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 30, 2019

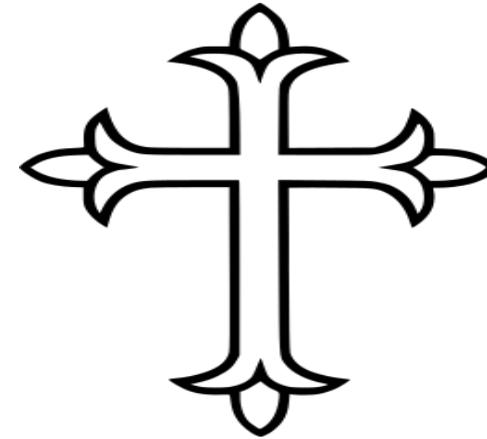
## Reflection on Sunday's Readings

**Scripture lessons:** The first reading describes how Elisha committed himself wholeheartedly to answer God's call to be a prophet, in spite of his initial hesitation when God called him through the prophet Elijah. The Responsorial Psalm, (Psalm 16), offers us the refrain, "*You are my inheritance, O Lord.*" This Psalm has traditionally been used to exemplify commitment to the ordained ministry or to religious profession. But it more accurately reflects the commitment made by all Christians in their Baptism. The second reading, taken from Paul's letter to the Galatians, reinforces the commitment message of the first reading and the Responsorial Psalm. Paul warns that true freedom is not meant to be a license for self-indulgence, but to be a way to show God, ourselves, and other human beings our commitment to God and to His service.

**Life messages:** We need to honor our marriage commitment. As in the case of Elisha and the apostles, our commitment becomes our life. But today, more than ever, people make commitments too easily and then break them. This is the age of the lack of true commitment. The problem today is not that people are living together without being married; the problem is that they do not have the courage to *make* the commitment of marriage. In recent years, the age of marriage has increased by more than three years in the West, that is, more than 10%. Modern people find many excuses for delaying marriage: "Well, let's get good jobs and financial security first." Another familiar excuse is: "I want to be free to come and go as I please!" Another excuse for delaying marriage is: "Let's live together first. We'll see if we're compatible!" But the fact is that the longer unmarried couples live together, the more they experience their incompatibility!

2) We need to pray to solve the crisis in priestly commitment. We all know there is a tremendous shortage of priests and religious men because our young people are unwilling to make commitments to God by committing themselves to life-long celibacy, to a diocese or to the vowed life of a religious community. The argument, "I don't want to make that commitment because I don't want to give everything away," shows an incorrect notion of Christian freedom. We begin to be free only when we start the process called commitment, and our freedom is realized only when we give ourselves away in love. Unfortunately, like those three would-be followers, a lot of our youngsters are still confused and ill-prepared for any kind of mission for their lives. As a result, they become adept at evading Christ's call to discipleship.

3) We are invited to a Christian life of patient love. The first part of today's Gospel gives us the greatest passage in the Bible concerning tolerance, which is really patient love, our "bearing with" one another. Quick anger over little incidents flares up all the time – between parents and children, in the workplaces between co-workers and in the neighborhood between neighbors. Very often the anger explodes over nothing. The Spirit of Jesus is opposed to such feelings. Although Elijah called down the fires of God from Heaven to wipe out the four hundred prophets of Baal, Jesus refused to have fire cast on the Samaritans who refused him entry.



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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 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: June 29- July 7 , 2019

#### Saturday, June 29

4.00 PM- Gail Staudt

#### Mon, July 1

8:15 AM - Karen Hartmann

#### Thurs July 4

12.00 PM- Bardsley Family

#### Saturday, July 6

8.15 AM- Unborn children

4.00 PM- Romina Migliorini

5.30 PM-

#### Sunday, June 30

9:00 AM - Yolanda Aponte

11:00 AM - Dody Button

#### Tues. July 2

8:15 AM - Martha Wilcox

#### Fri. July 5

8.15AM-

#### Sunday, July 7

9:00 AM- Dorothy McRell

11.00.AM- Barbara Templin

**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:** Joni & Vinny Salvatore, 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. Joe Salvia. Joe & Linda Mchugh, Jerry & Roe Mills, Ken & Arsenia Mchugh.

**For the Deceased:** Rita Jeanne Schwarz, Charles Irace, Ann M.Klein, Romina Migliorini, Mary Ann Regan, Sean A.Fredenborg, Rita Margaret Reda, Kristine Zeh. Jon Joseph Tusso, Wanda L. McGovern, Gail J. Staudt, Rita Ann Evans, Nickolaus Bermel Jr.

### COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

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

#### Collection for last Week

First collection: \$ 2100

Thank you

#### Readings for Next Sunday

**Isaiah 66:10-14c**

**Galatians 6:14-18**

**Luke 10:1-12, 17-20**

#### BIBLE STUDY

Good Soil Bible Study Group will meet this week.

Tuesday 4.00 PM at Church basement.

### Base Ball Game Bus Trip

Date and place: Friday August 16<sup>th</sup> at Binghamton.

Time: bus will leave at 5pm from St. Aloysius Parking lot and Game starts at 7pm.

The bus will about 11-12pm (Depending on any unexpected rain days or extra innings).

\$20/ per person for Coach Bus seat and grand stand ticket. Please call Diana Fredenburgh @

439-5103 or Mary Davis@ 439-3929 to reserve your seat

### Mass at Sacred Heart Church

We will have Eucharistic celebration at sacred heart church starting from July 6, 2019.

### Let us know about devotion to Sacred Heart of Jesus.

The heart has always been seen as the "center" or essence a person ("the heart of the matter," "you are my heart," "take it to heart," etc.) and the wellspring of our emotional lives and love ("you break my heart," "my heart sings," etc.) Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is devotion to Jesus Christ Himself, but in the particular ways of meditating on his interior life and on His threefold love -- His divine love, His burning love that fed His human will, and His sensible love that affects His interior life. Pope Pius XII of blessed memory writes on this topic in his 1956 encyclical, Haurietis Aquas (On Devotion To The Sacred Heart).

The Friday that follows the Second Sunday in Time After Pentecost is the Feast of the Sacred Heart which brings to mind all the attributes of His Divine Heart mentioned above. Many Catholics prepare for this Feast by beginning a Novena to the Sacred Heart on the Feast of Corpus Christi, which is the Thursday of the week before. On the Feast of the Sacred Heart itself, we can gain a plenary indulgence by making an Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart.

From the earliest days of the Church, "Christ's open side and the mystery of blood and water were meditated upon, and the Church was beheld issuing from the side of Jesus, as Eve came forth from the side of Adam. It is in the eleventh and twelfth centuries that we find the first unmistakable indications of devotion to the Sacred Heart. Through the wound in the side, the wound in the Heart was gradually reached, and the wound in the Heart symbolized the wound of love." This general devotion arose first in Benedictine and Cistercian monasteries of that time, especially in response to the devotion of St. Gertrude the Great, but specific devotions became popularized when St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690), a Visitation nun, had a personal revelation involving a series of visions of Christ as she prayed before the Blessed Sacrament. She wrote, "He disclosed to me the marvels of his Love and the inexplicable secrets of his Sacred Heart." Christ emphasized to her His love -- and His woundedness caused by Man's indifference to this love.

