

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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 4, 2019

## Reflection on Sunday's Readings

### First Reading

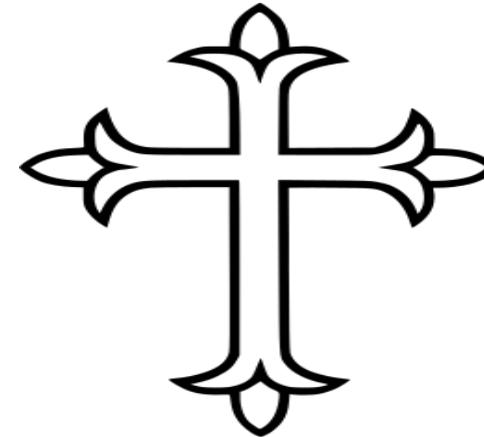
The overall theme of today's liturgy of the Word is that without God all human actions turn to futility. The passage from the book of Ecclesiastes supports this view. It is true that the Book of Qoheleth presents a pessimistic view of life apart from God. Note the following instance that the author produces. What a man produces through years of hard work cannot all be enjoyed by him. It is also true that human life is full of pain and suffering and our minds are not always at peace. But a God-fearing person can find meaning in all these. Towards the end of his book, the author also reaches this conclusion for he reminds us of a future time when God will bring all things to judgement. Qoheleth urges us to fear God and obey him. Only when God is taken into account and His will observed does life impart purpose and satisfaction.

### Second reading

In this passage Paul urges us to set our goals on things above and opines that by the merit of our baptismal death we are dwelling in the heavenly realm in union with Christ. Paul then gives a list of vices which we must get away with. The vices mentioned are immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, etc. Paul reminds us that these vices will bring on us God's anger

### The Gospel Reading

The words spoken by Jesus in response to the request of the man make clear that he has not come to settle such legal questions as are otherwise submitted to religious teachers of the time. He rejects the role of judge or arbiter in family disputes about inheritance. He has identified his own family with those who listen to the word of God and act on it; he will not get involved in the material disputes of another. He is rather disturbed to hear that two brothers dispute over such material possessions (land, money, goods). Jesus warns against every kind of greed. He refuses to identify authentic Christian existence with the possession of material wealth, even inherited – especially when abundant. It is much more important to be than to have. The message of the parable is simple. The amassing of a super-abundance of material possessions for the sake of la dolce vita (the good life) becomes the height of folly in the light of the responsibility of life itself and the assessment of it which will take place once it is over. So death of an individual person is an issue here. The point of this story is brought home in the realization that the rich man is on the point of achieving an ambition in this present life, without ever reflecting on what will be the aftermath of that ambition, either in his own existence or for the stores so amassed. A human being shall one day answer for the conduct of life beyond all the foresight exerted to enhance one's physical well-being with abundance. In the story the "rich man" is a farmer; but he stands for human beings seduced by every form of greed, whether peasant or statesman, craftsman or lawyer, nurse or doctor, secretary or professor. All can become fools in God's sight. Ps 14:1, "The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." The fool's godlessness manifests itself in his lust for more, whereas the fear of the Lord which is the beginning of wisdom never crosses his mind. The goal of life is not the piling up of treasure for oneself. It is about becoming rich before God. The reason why it is hard for the rich to get through the eye of the needle (18:25) is not because of amassing in itself, but because of the iniquitous seduction that invariably comes with it, distracting that person from consideration of what life is all about.



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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: Aug 4- Aug11 , 2019

#### Saturday, Aug 3

8.15 Am- Unborn children  
4.00 PM- Barbara Templin  
5.30 PM- Andy & Anna walkevowicz

#### Mon, Aug 5

8:15 AM - Vicky Smith

#### Thurs Aug 8

12 PM- Pearson Family

#### Saturday, Aug 10

4.00 PM- Helen Joseph Gadziala  
5.30 PM- Priscilla Pubil

#### Sunday, Aug 4

9:00 AM - Michael Clancy  
11:00 AM - Barbara Templin

#### Tues. Aug 6

8:15 AM - Anne Miller(Birth day)

#### Fri. Aug 9

8.15AM- Jeanne M.Pier Point

#### Sunday, Aug 11

9:00 AM- Katherine Donahue  
11.00.AM- Walter Maus

**NOTE: No Gift can replace offering a mass for 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, Deniese Harting.

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

### COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

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

#### Collection for last Week

First collection: \$ 2013  
Thank you

#### Readings for Next Sunday

**Wisdom 18:6-9**  
**Hebrews11:1-2, 8-19.**  
**Luke 12:32-48**

#### 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 return 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

### PENNY SOCIAL

We have penny social on August 9, 2019 at 5.PM in the church basement. You are welcome to denote things for fund raising. Please do not bring cloths and dishes. If you need any information please contact Mrs. Vivian Hendrickson (845-439-4956).

### Annual Parish Picnic

Our very own Kurpil family musicians  
Sunday August 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 2pm  
Hot dogs and buns will be supplied. Please sign up to bring your favorite salad or dessert.  
Come and join us for wonderful music, volley ball and much more. If you have any questions, please call  
Mary Devis @ 439-3929

### Religious education coordinator needed.

There is a great need for religious education head. Please, volunteers who are interested come forward to take up the program. The parish will be indeed grateful to you.

### An Invitation To Contentment

Jesus never meant us to live in a world where we have to make a choice to be either a Martha or a Mary—where in order to seek holiness, we would have to change the temperament God gave us. Jesus was offering Martha, who was stuck in her either/or mindset, another option, the “both-and” option. He was extending to her an invitation to the one necessary thing, the one thing we need to live in intimacy with him, no matter how we are wired. He was extending to her in that moment, just as he extends to us now, an invitation to contentment, to live unhurried and unafraid, knowing that he is present, right here in the chaos of our everyday lives. And we can embrace that contentment whether we are natural sitters or natural servers. We can live knowing that we are completely surrounded by God, knowing that we are not working for his approval but for his pleasure.

