

St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 11, 2019

Reflection on Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The author of the book of Wisdom addresses his fellow Jews in an effort to encourage them to take pride in their traditional faith. He seeks to convince them that their way of life, rooted in the worship of the one true God, is of an incomparably higher order than that of their pagan neighbours, whose idolatrous polytheism has sunk them into the mire of immorality. Moreover, he attempts to justify their present suffering through the promise of immortality as a reward for their steadfast perseverance in the pursuit of righteousness. This passage speaks about the exodus event when the Egyptians were punished.

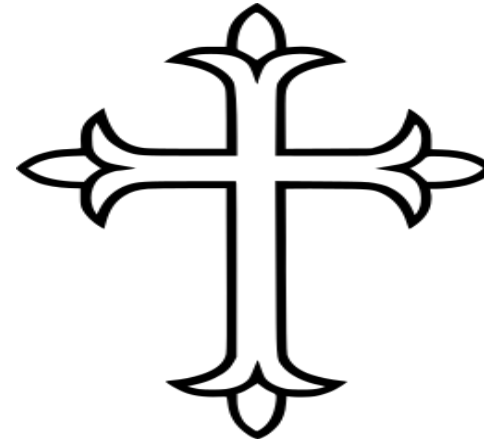
Second Reading:

In this passage the author gives a general definition of faith. Faith is defined in terms of its effects: it assures the possession of things hoped for and the knowledge of things not seen. The author here juxtaposes two distinct perspectives formed in the Judeo-Hellenistic tradition. One, biblical and more dynamic, connects faith with things hoped for, while the other, Hellenistic and more intellectual, is interested in faith as a source of knowledge. The author insists especially on the dynamism of faith. The author then goes on to treat the faith of Abraham and Sarah. Because they have believed they are able to accomplish great things.

The Gospel Reading :

The gospel of today places before us instructions of Jesus regarding watchfulness and readiness. These teachings are in the form of parables and so they have different layers of meaning. The first parable is about a master coming from the marriage feast. Not just the door keeper but all the servants are expected to be ready to open the door at his coming with their loins girded and lamps burning. "Keep the loins girded" is an expression common in the Bible meaning to keep oneself ready. When working or running, the loose robe could be belted to keep it out of the way. The reward for those who are vigilant will be something magnificent. In a reversal of roles the master himself will make the servants sit at table and he himself will serve them. Jesus says, "I am with you as one who serves". The Lord will gird himself and have us sit at table, and he will come and serve us.

Moving on Jesus speaks about the watchfulness of the householder. He too needs to be vigilant about house-breaking and robbery. Here, it is master of the house who has to keep vigil against the thief. For those who are not ready, their encounter with the Lord will be a tarrying experience like the thief breaking into one's house unexpectedly at night. Commenting on the phrase, "The day of the Lord will be like a thief in the night," St Gregory says, "Unknown to the master the thief breaks into the house, because while the spirit sleeps instead of guarding itself, death comes unexpectedly, and breaks into the dwelling place of our flesh. But he would resist the thief if he were watching, because being on his guard against the coming of the judge, who secretly seizes his soul, he would by repentance go to meet him, lest he should perish impenitent. But our Lord wishes the last hour to be unknown to us, in order, as we cannot foresee it, that we may be unceasingly preparing for it."



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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
First Saturday 8.15 AM 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 masses.
Baptism: Call the rectory to make arrangements.
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 10- Aug18 , 2019

Saturday, Aug 10

4.00 PM- Helen Joseph Gadziala
5.30 PM- Priscilla Pubil

Mon, Aug 12

8:15 AM - Eve Foco Albert

Wed Aug 14

5.30 PM-

Thurs Aug 15

9 AM- Catherine & Frank Rosenthal
7 PM- All Widows

Saturday, Aug 17

4.00 PM- Elizabeth & Alfred Canonico
5.30 PM- Richard Costello

Sunday, Aug 11

9:00 AM - Katherine Donahue
11:00 AM - Walter Maus

Tues. Aug 13

8:15 AM - Anton & Hedwig Hartmann

Fri. Aug 16

8.15AM- Ellen Krajcovic

Sunday, Aug 18

9:00 AM- Sophia Isaacs
11.00.AM- Barbara Templin

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’Neil; 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.Fredenborg, Rita Margaret Reda, Kristinezeh. 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: \$ 1750
Thank you

Readings for Next Sunday

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10.
Hebrews 12:1-4.
Luke 12:49-53

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 16th 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

Annual Parish Picnic

Our very own Kurpil Family Musicians
Sunday August 11th starting at 2.pm
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.

St. Aloysius has a great need for religious education coordinator. volunteers who are interested, please call Fr.David @ 845-439-5625

THE MASS SCHEDULE FOR HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.

August 14, Wednesday
Gate of heaven at 5.30 PM

August 15, Thursday
St. Aloysius at 9.00 AM
St. Aloysius at 7.00 PM

We request everyone to participate in the liturgy of holy day of obligation and receive the blessing of our Blessed Mother.

2nd Annual Sullivan County Catholic Church Luncheon Gathering

Sunday September 22nd, 2019 at 2PM
At the Rockland House
159 Rockland Road, Roscoe, NY
Cost \$30.00

Menu includes choice of: The Famous King Cut Prime Rib or chicken Marsala or salmon. Beer and Soda included.

If you are interested in joining lunch with us, please collect the sheet found in the table at the back of the Church and submit to Fr. David before or on September 15, 2019.

