

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

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 25, 2019

## Reflection on Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

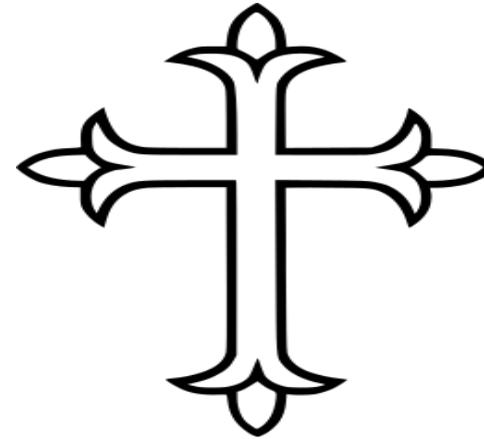
The awe-inspiring book of Isaiah comes to a closure with an optimistic statement that God will gather peoples of all nations under his protective care. In fact Isaiah says that the time is near when God will gather all nations and tongues in Jerusalem, the holy mountain. This means that God will bring to an end the dispersion of Babel (See Genesis 11). Finally, God will choose some delegates from among these nations who will be witnesses to the divine glory. By making some of them priests God will institute a prolongation of the Levitical priesthood, associating with Israel persons chosen from among the nations. Thus the "name" and the "descendants" of Israel will continue to flourish. With these words the book of Isaiah comes to a close.

### Second Reading:

After having completed the topic on faith, the author moves on to another topic which is the need to discipline. Basing on a quotation from Proverbs 3:11-12, the author presents trials as divine instruction, a testimony of God's parental love. We should note the difference between the situation of Christ who, being Son, did not need trials and that of Christians for whom sonship necessarily implies discipline. The exhortation ends with a piece of advice to walk on straight paths.

### The Gospel Reading:

Lord, will those who are saved be few?" The question comes out of a background belief among the Jews that "all Israelites have a share in the world to come." Prophet Isaiah strongly advocates the fact that the salvation is universal (First Reading). Salvation is a reality and it is open to all. Therefore, Jesus gives a practical warning that people should strive or struggle to enter the kingdom by its "narrow door." This is Jesus' concern; he leaves to God the answer about how many will find salvation. He puts emphasis instead on the effort that human beings will have to exert to get in. Many will not succeed in entering because they will try to get in only when it is already too late for them. It is common experience that people lose many things because they arrive late. Jesus hints at the traffic-jam situation before the narrow door, but continues that the door may also be found to be closed before such persons arrive. The narrow door has become a door which the master within can close and lock in order to keep out those whom he does not know. It is a door not only to the kingdom of salvation, but to the joys of its festive banquet. The master is identified as Jesus himself. Those outside may say that they are his contemporaries who have shared food with him and listened to his teaching. Still the answer comes, "I do not know you or where you come from." Those admitted will be people who come not only from among Jesus' contemporaries who have striven to walk through the door while it was still open, but also people from east and west, north and south. The joy of those admitted to the banquet of the kingdom is contrasted with the weeping and grinding of teeth of those locked out. Jesus says that the door of the kingdom is still open and we can still enter. The possibility is open to all. The door is narrow but remains open as long as we are in this world.



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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
<b>First Saturday</b>	8.15 AM	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 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 24- Sep 1, 2019**

**Saturday, Aug 24**

4.00 PM- Rita Jeanne Schwarz  
5.30 PM- Patricia Lavelle

**Sunday, Aug 25**

9:00 AM - Ellen Krajcovic  
11:00 AM - Barbara Templin

**Mon, Aug 26**

8:15 AM - Enslaved

**Tues. Aug 27**

8:15 AM -

**Thurs Aug 29**

12. PM- Moureen Lee

**Fri. Aug 30**

8.15AM- Enslaved

**Saturday, Aug 31**

4.00 PM- Romina Migliorini  
5.30 PM- Lucy & Patrick Mc Award & family

**Sunday, Sep 1**

9:00 AM- Robert J.Loughman  
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, John Augusta, Maureen Molloy, Ellen Krajcovic, Frank Kinsley.

**For the Deceased:** Ann M.Klein, Romina Migliorini, Mary Ann Regan, Sean A.Fredenbureg, 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: \$ 2665  
HOB: \$ 367

**Readings for Next Sunday**

**Sirach 3:17-18, 20-29**  
**Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24a.**  
**Luke 14:1, 7-14.**

**BIBLE STUDY**

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sullivan County Catholic Church**

**Luncheon Gathering**

Sunday September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

**Parish Council Meeting**

We have parish council meeting on August 27 at 6.00 PM. everyone is welcome to the parish council meeting and contribute your ideas for the wellbeing of the parish. Works related maintenance, cemetery plot and various things will be discussed.

**Vote of Thanks**

Church Picnic was wonderful. We thank **Kurpil family** and everyone who set up and cleaned up. We have the best cooks and bakers in Sullivan County. We look forward to next summer.

**Second Collection**

Next week second collection will be taken for heating the church. We thank you for your generosity.

**Living the Gospel Every Day**

The Gospel is only ever lived out during the seemingly little things of the everyday. In office cubicles, on subway cars, along rural highways, at home or at play—in these places is where the quotidian reality of Christian life unfolds, or it doesn’t, according to our choices. Too often we look to saints or other exemplars of Christian living and romanticize their famous actions or behaviors. We forget that Francis and Clare of Assisi, Ignatius Loyola, Catherine McAuley, and Dorothy Day all woke up each morning, went to bed each evening, and tried their best to follow Christ during the hours in between. What makes them models of Christian life is not some singular display of faithfulness, but instead the culmination of a lifelong effort to make the little things, like lunch or work, into moments of encountering others that then help proclaim the good news of God’s love to the world.

