

St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEP 08, 2019

Reflection on Sunday's Readings

Scripture lessons summarized

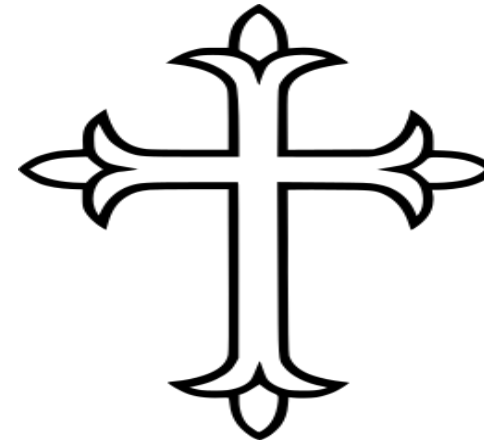
The first reading instructs us to ask for the gifts of discernment and wisdom from the Holy Spirit, so that we may obey the will of God as disciples. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 90), instructs those who would be Jesus' disciples that they must constantly be aware of the brevity and uncertainty of life.

The second reading teaches us that detachment and renunciation are necessary for a true disciple of Christ. As a responsible Apostle and model disciple of Christ, Paul had to renounce the service of his new helper, Onesimus, and return him to Philemon, his master. As a new disciple of Christ, Onesimus had to leave Paul, face his owner as a runaway slave and accept the consequences. Today's Gospel reminds us to count the cost of being a Christian because the cost is high. Christian discipleship requires that one "renounce" both earthly possessions and possessions of the heart (i.e., one's relationships). In Luke's Gospel, Jesus lays out four conditions for true Christian discipleship: i) renouncing the attachment to family by putting God first, before other relationships and self-interest; ii) severing the attachment to possessions by leading a detached life, willingly sharing our blessings with others; iii) accepting the hard consequences of discipleship which include offering daily sacrificial service to others and even losing one's life for them. We must also be faithful in our stewardship, faithful in our worship attendance, faithful in our sexuality, honest in our business practices and accurate on our tax returns -- and we must show compassion for the less fortunate; iv) calculating the cost involved. Using the two parables of the tower-builder and the king defending his country, Jesus says: think long and hard about Christian discipleship before a decision is made.

Life messages:

1) We need to practice true Christian discipleship. In the book *Power Surge*, Mike Foss lists "six marks of discipleship for a changing Church" which he expects Christians to practice: 1) daily prayer, 2) weekly worship by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, 3) diligent study of the Bible, 4) service in and beyond the parish, 5) spiritual friendships, and 6) giving time, talents, and resources to the Lord's work.

2) We need to accept the challenge with heroic commitment: Jesus' challenge of true Christian discipleship can be accepted only if we practice the spirit of detachment and renunciation in our daily lives. Real discipleship demands true commitment to the duties entrusted to us by life, circumstances, the community, or directly by God Himself, and by loving acts of selfless, humble, sacrificial love offered to all God's children around us. Let us remember that all this is possible only if we rely on the power of prayer and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Mother Teresa said, "If we have our Lord amid us, with daily Mass and Holy Communion, I fear nothing for the Sisters nor myself; he will look after us. But without him I cannot be. I am helpless" (*MFG*, p. 26).



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Mass Schedule

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| 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

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| M/T/F | 8:15 AM | St. Aloysius |
| Thursday | 12:00 PM | St. Aloysius |
| First Saturday | 8.15 AM | St. Aloysius |

Adoration

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| M/T/F | 7:30 to 8.15 AM |
| Friday | 9.00 AM to 12.00 PM |

Holy Day of Obligation

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| 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: Sep 07- Sep 15 , 2019

Saturday, Sep 07

8.15 AM- Unborn children
4.00 PM- Barbara Templin

Sunday, Sep 08

9:00 AM - Bill Guinan
11:00 AM - Dolores M. Quick

Mon, Sep 09

8:15 AM - Maureen Lee

Tues. Sep 10

8:15 AM - Scott Branning(L)

Thurs Sep 12

12. PM-

Fri. Sep 13

8.15AM- Fulton Muller family

Saturday, Sep 14

4.00 PM- Romina Miglironi

Sunday, Sep 15

9:00 AM- Bill Guinan
11.00.AM- Stefan Stasiuk

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, Frank Kinsley.

For the Deceased: Mary Ann Regan, Sean A.Fredenburg, Rita Margaret Reda, Kristinezeh. Jon Joseph Tusso,Wanda L. McGovern,Gail J. Staudt, Rita Ann Evans, Nickolaus Bermel Jr, Bill Guinan, Sr.Kenneth Reddington, Jim Engleharted, Ellen Krajcovic.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

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

Collection for last Week. Thank you
First collection: \$ 2774
Second Collection:\$2452

Readings for Next Sunday
Exodus 32:7-11
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-32.

BIBLE STUDY
Good Soil Bible Study Group will not meet this week.
Tuesday 4.00 PM at Church basement.

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.

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD)

We are starting registration for CCD. On September 8th there will be registration and parent meeting. The registration forms are available at the back of the Church.

Baby bottle fundraising.

A big thanks to all who had contributed to 1st way life center. Total amount is \$ 2545.

Women's Retreat

Vincent Pallotti Center

23 Resident Road

Monroe, NY

Call Toni Kerins 845-492-5066

WOMEN DISCIPLES OF JESUS

A Women's Retreat to meet the holy women who walked with Jesus, loved Him dearly, and became Hisdevout disciples. Sister Deanna Sabetta, SND will be our guide.

DATE: September 14-15, 2019

TIME: 9 a.m. Coffee and things

10 a.m. Retreat begins COST: \$75.00 Includes 4 meals and refreshments

Bring your own towels and toiletry.

Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley is offering a healing weekend October 18th to 20th at the St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon NY. It's open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation. It is a time to heal and begin anew. Reservations are required. For further information or to register contact Denise 845-325-3147

