

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

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEP 15, 2019

## Reflection on Sunday's Readings

### Scripture lessons summarized

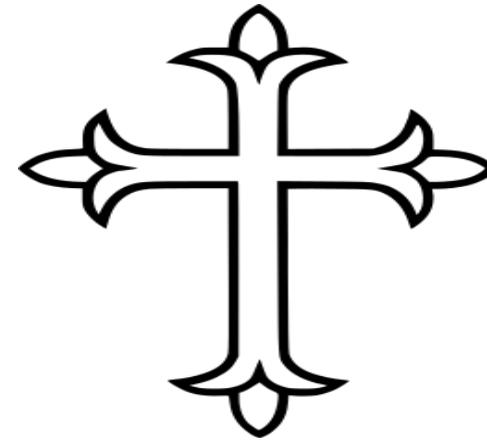
Our God has always been a God of mercy and patience, a God who seeks out the lost, as shown in the experience of Israel in the desert (the first reading), and through the amazing mercy shown to Paul, the former persecutor of the Church (the second reading). Today's Responsorial Psalm, Ps 51 is the song of the repentant sinner: "A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me." When God forgive our sins, we can hope for a new heart and a fresh start. Chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel has been called "the Gospel within the Gospel," because it is the distilled essence of the Good News about the mercy of our forgiving Heavenly Father. The whole chapter is essentially one distinct parable, the "Parable of the Lost and Found," with three illustrations: the story of the lost sheep, the story of the lost coin and the story of the lost son. These parables are about finding something that has been lost: a lost sheep, a lost coin and a lost son. Loss, searching, finding, rejoicing, and sharing of the joy is the pattern in the first two parables. These parables remind us that we have a God who welcomes sinners and forgives their sins whenever they return to Him with genuine contrition and resolution. The Hebrew term for repentance, *teshuvá*, means a return to God by a person who has already experienced God's "goodness and compassion" (Ps. 51).

### Life messages:

**1) We need to live every day as our merciful God's forgiven children:** Let us begin every day by praying for the strengthening anointing of the Holy Spirit so that we may learn how to obey God's holy will by doing good, avoiding evil, and trying to live in God's presence everywhere. Before we go to bed at night, let us examine our conscience and confess to God our sins and failures of the day, asking His pardon and forgiveness. Let us resolve to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation if we have fallen into serious sins. Let us continue to ask for God's forgiveness before we receive Jesus in Holy Communion during the Holy Mass. Thus, let us live a peaceful life as forgiven prodigal children, getting daily reconciled with God, our merciful and forgiving Father.

**2) Let us ask God for the courage and good will to extend God's forgiveness to others:** Let us realize the truth that our brothers and sisters deserve and expect from us the same compassion, kindness and forgiveness which we receive from our merciful God. As forgiven prodigals, we must become forgiving people, for Jesus taught us to pray, "*forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.*" As we continue with the celebration of the Holy Mass, let us pray also for God's Divine mercy on all of us who have fallen away from God's grace. Let us open our eyes to see and ears to hear that Jesus is welcoming us back home!

**3) We need the Father's Compassion:** Some of us take the prodigal son as a role mode: go astray at will and come back to be welcomed back! Some others are 'good' like the elder brother; not willing to forgive. Once we have returned to the Father and had been welcomed and accepted, we must emulate the love and forgiveness as shown by father in the story. As heirs to our Father we must practice love and forgiveness for all in need. Jesus is not asking us to be like either of the two brothers. Let us try and be like the father in the story. "*Be made perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.*" *Be compassionate as my Father.*" (Joe Vempeny)



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### Mass Schedule

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 PM	St. Aloysius
<b>Saturday</b>	5:30 PM	Sacred Heart Church ( <b>July 4th to Labor day</b> )
<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: Sep 14- Sep 22 , 2019

**Saturday, Sep 14**

4.00 PM- Romina Miglironi

**Mon, Sep 16**

8:15 AM - Jim Engleharted

**Thurs Sep 19**

12. PM-

**Saturday, Sep 21**

4.00 PM-

**Sunday, Sep 15**

9:00 AM - Bill Guinan

11:00 AM - Stefan Stasiuk

**Tues. Sep 17**

8:15 AM - Ellen Krajcovic

**Fri. Sep 20**

8.15AM- Ellen Krajcovic

**Sunday, Sep 22**

9:00 AM- Bernard Greenthal

11.00.AM- Mary Conway

**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: \$ 1645

**Readings for Next Sunday**  
**Amos 8:4-7**  
**1 Timothy 2:1-8**  
**Luke 16:1-13.**

**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.

### Livingston Manor Central School Class of 2021

#### Pulled Pork Dinner

September 28<sup>th</sup> 2019

Ticket is \$15.

Pulled pork, baked beaned, coleslaw, corn bread, corn or baked potato, cookie or brownie

### Where is God in human suffering?

The book of Job reminds us that good people are vulnerable to suffering. The September 11 terrorist attacks tell us that our lives are contingent and finite; we may go to work one morning and never return. While we live in an age of terrorism, we have emerged from one of the bloodiest centuries of history. Where is God in all of this human suffering? Is God indifferent to human suffering? How about the suffering of the earth, the pillaging and stripping of natural resources? Is this of concern to God? Like the challenges of the new science today, the questions of suffering are broad and not easily addressed. However, looking at the question of suffering from the view of God's humble love may give us a better insight as to how God relates to a world of suffering. Bonaventure's profound emphasis on the crucified Christ indicates to us that God is no stranger to suffering and. indeed. the cross is the hone of new life in God.

