

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

TWENTY NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCT 20, 2019

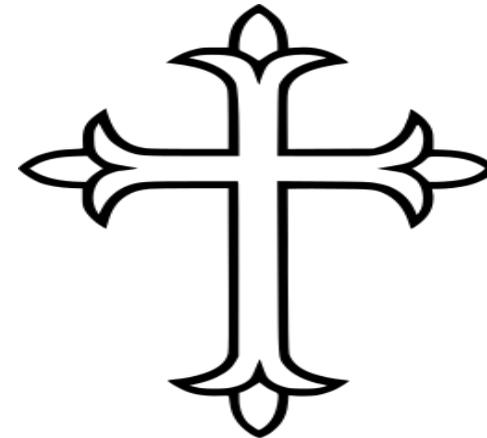
## Reflection on Sunday's Readings

### First reading

The Amalekites are a nomadic tribe who inhabit the Sinai Peninsula in the region of Kadesh (Gen14:7). An attack by the Amalekites leads to a battle between them and the Israelites. Once again the outstretched arms of Moses play a symbolic role in giving the Israelites victory. When Moses stretches his hands, Joshua and the Israelite army are successful in overcoming the Amalekites. Through this incident which occurs immediately following their escape from Egypt, God proves himself more than capable of meeting the need of the Israelites. Joshua appears for the first time in this passage. He is to lead the army while Moses for his part stands on the top of the hill overlooking the battle. The outcome of the battle depends on what Moses does. As long as Moses holds up his hands, Israel gains the advantage in the battle, but when he lowers them Amalekites prevail. When Moses' hands grow weary, he is seated on a stone and his hands are supported on either side by Aaron and Hur. Israel wins a decisive victory over their enemy. What does this story mean? Both Jewish and Christian commentators assume that Moses' outstretched hands point to prayer. This is what early Christian interpreters saw in this passage. No words are spoken, but the battle is decided simply by the raising and lowering of his hands. His uplifted hands encourage the Israelites to exert themselves fully, whereas without the encouragement they slacken in battle. This story highlights the power of prayer.

### **Gospel:**

The parable of the Dishonest Judge deals with a widow who by persistently going to a judge forces him to pronounce judgement in her favour though the judge initially shows no interest in her. The parable is an example of arguments *a minori ad maius*. If a dishonest judge would yield to the persistence and prayer of a widow, how much more would the upright God and Father of all do to those who cry to him day and night! If the helpless widow's persistent prayer accomplishes so much with a dishonest judge, how much more will the persistent prayer of the Christians do! Faith is that which inspires persistent prayer. Probably the woman is too poor to pay any money to the judge as an incentive and so perseverance is her only weapon. The judge who does not honour the laws of God and man is forced by her persistence to yield to this widow. This being the case we draw the conclusion that God will uphold his people when they cry to him. The parable is essentially an encouragement to continue in prayer without losing heart right through the difficult times of waiting before the Son of Man comes. When we reflect on this parable two ideas prop up. First, the character of God, who is not like the uncaring, unrighteous judge, but who is merciful, patient and eager to assist his people, and second, the necessity of staying alert and ready for God's vindication and judgement.



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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 Staff

Rev. Edward Bader, Administrator  
Rev. Antony David MMI

### Trustees

Ms. Jane Ryan  
Mr. Andrew Carlson

### Religious Education

### Youth Activities

Mrs. Mary Davis

### Parish Council Chairperson

Mr. Michael Park

**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: Oct 19- Oct 27 , 2019**

**Saturday, Oct 19**

4.00 PM- Eleanor + John Warga

**Mon, Oct 21**

8:15 AM -

**Thurs Oct 24**

12:PM-

**Saturday, Oct 26**

4:00 PM- Matt Gadziala

**Sunday, Oct 20**

9:00 AM - James McRell

11:00 AM -

**Tues. Oct 22**

8:15 AM -

**Fri. Oct 25**

8:15AM-

**Sunday, Oct 27**

9:00 AM- Peg & Joe Gillian

11:00.AM-

**NOTE: No Gift can replace offering a mass for departed soul or welfare of living. We have openings for weekdays and weekend masses.**

**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 Muhligh, Scott Branning, Easton Gorr. Joe Salvia. Joe & Linda Mchugh, Jerry & Roe Mills, Ken & Arsenia Mchugh, Deniese Harting, Maureen Molloy, Frank Kinsley, Mary Jones.

**For the Deceased:** Kristinezeh. Jon Joseph Tusso,Wanda L. McGovern,Gail J. Staudt, Rita Ann Evans, Nickolaus Bermel Jr, Bill Guinan, Sr. Kenneth Reddington, Jim Englehardt, Ellen Krajcovic, John Augusta, Max Evans.

**COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**

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

**Collection for last Week. Thank you**  
First collection: \$ 1683  
Second collection: \$1182

**Readings for Next Sunday**  
**Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18**  
**2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**  
**Luke 18:9-14**

**BIBLE STUDY**  
Good Soil Bible Study Group will meet this week.  
Tuesday 4.00 PM at Rectory.

**ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE!**

October 31st at 4 p.m.  
Livingston Manor Firehouse  
Main St., Livingston Manor  
3:45 line up at Firehouse  
4:00/4:15 Parade Begins  
Parade Ends at Post Office  
Sponsored By  
The Livingston Manor Fire Department  
Auxiliary

**All Souls Day**

On November 2 we celebrate all souls day. Our Christian tradition reminds us of praying for the departed souls in our families. Visiting the cemetery and praying for beloved ones are found in our tradition. The mass will be at St. Aloysius 9am. After the mass we will proceed to St. Aloysius cemetery for prayer and blessing. we have envelop for all souls day, please collect them from back of the Church and write names of the departed souls in your family and return it before November 2.

**LIVINGSTON MANOR FIRE DEPRATMENT**  
FALL PANCAKE  
BREAKFAST SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 27, 2019  
7AM-NOON.  
FREE WILL OFFERING.

**Parish Council Meeting**

We have parish council meeting on Tuesday at 6:00 pm. Every one interested is welcome to join us. The meeting will be held in the room behind sacristy.

**PARISH REGISTRATION**

We would like to update parish families’ details. Please collect the form, fill it and submit to Fr. David or mail to the parish. This should be done by everyone even you registered already.

**Using Our Creativity for Others**

A Christian celebration of humanity consists in lovingly midwifing our fellow humans into full being. One of our God-given endowments is creativity, the ability to cooperate with God in the inauguration of the kingdom. We’re called to use this creativity in nurturing our brothers and sisters as full members of that kingdom, and we do this by going out of our way to help them recognize and affirm themselves as images of God. In concrete terms, this means performing the acts of charity listed in the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew: clothing the naked, tending the sick, visiting the imprisoned, giving food and drink to the hungry and thirsty. Celebrating the sheer existence of others often demands that we do the dirty work of easing the material burdens that inhibit them from arriving at a conscious appreciation of their own holiness.

