

St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOV 3, 2019

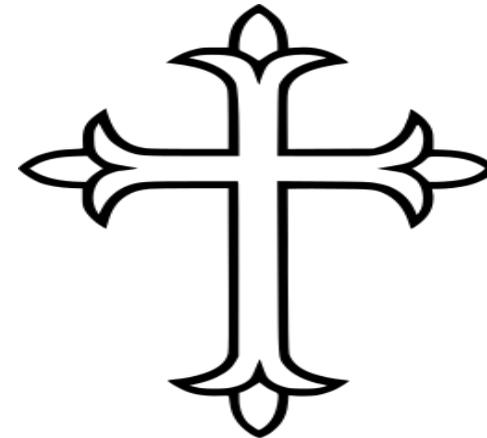
Reflection on Sunday's Readings

Scripture lessons

The first reading reminds us that God's Almighty Power includes His strength to be merciful. That is why God, who created the universe mercifully, waits for sinners to repent. God continues to love us, even when we do not love Him in return. The reading focuses on the love God has for all He has created, the love that overlooks sin so that we all have time for repentance. God shows us His redemptive love through His mercy. In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 145), the Psalmist also tells us that the Lord is good to all, and His compassion is over all that He has made. *The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness (Ps. 148:8)*. In the second reading, St. Paul encourages the Thessalonians to persevere in their Christian Faith, giving glory to God, without idly waiting for the "second coming" of Christ in their lifetime. He advises them to continue to live a good Christian life every day, allowing God to work in their lives so that they may be worthy of their vocation as Christians. Today's Gospel presents the story of the instantaneous conversion of the tax-collector, Zacchaeus. God's grace led him to a moment of conversion. The account describes how Jesus recognized Zacchaeus for exactly what he was, a lost sinner in need of a Savior, and how God's grace worked in Zacchaeus to lead him from idle curiosity to repentance, conversion and restitution. The episode emphasizes the fact that such a conversion can only result from a person's fully receiving the love, acceptance and grace offered to everyone one by a merciful Lord.

Life Messages:

- 1) We need to accept the Divine invitation for repentance. We are all sinners to a greater or lesser degree. Jesus is inviting each one of us to total conversion today. Let us remember that Jesus loves us in spite of our ugly thoughts, broken promises, sullied ideals, lack of prayer and Faith, resentments and lusts. Hence, let us admit our sinfulness and accept God's call to repentance, conversion and renewal of life.
- 2) Let us love others as Jesus loved Zacchaeus, despite his sins. Parents and teachers need to accept children lovingly, without first setting up standards of behavior as conditions for being loved. Husband and wife may have qualities that irritate each other. But they should not withhold love from each other. Nor should they withhold their love from a rebellious teenager making stupid and even dangerous choices because of immaturity and peer-pressure.
- 3) We are called to generosity: Jesus wants us to move from our small and feeble Faith to a greater and more powerful Faith, just as Zacchaeus did. He also wants us to be financially and spiritually generous.



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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: Nov 2- Nov 10 , 2019

Saturday, Nov 2
4.00 PM- Mildred Irace
Mon, Nov 4
8:15 AM - Enslaved
Thurs Nov 7
12:PM- Mildred Irace
Saturday, Nov 9
4:00 PM- Mildred Irace

Sunday, Nov 3
9:00 AM - Edna & Charles Michaud
11:00 AM - Fulton/ Miller Families
Tues. Nov 5
8:15 AM - Mildred Irace
Fri. Nov 8
9.AM- John H. Lee
Sunday, Nov 10
9:00 AM- Ellen Krajcovic
11:00.AM- Mildred Irace

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 Muhlig, 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, Mildred Irace, PaulaJordan and Bernard Greenthal.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

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

Collection for last Week. Thank you
First collection: \$ 1005

Readings for Next Sunday
Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14
2 Thess 2:16-3:5
Luke 20:27-38

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

Young Adults in our County!

Our parish will be hosting some special guests on November 2 nd 3 rd . Members from four regional Hudson Valley Catholic young adult communities will be joining us to speak about community and what it means to them. Their purpose for visiting is to engage our young adults and help them start a young adult community of their own here in Sullivan County. Not only will they invite them to become involved, they will also give them a special invitation to an event they will be hosting here in the county so that they can bring together all of our young adults. If you are a young adult college aged (18) to 39,it doesn’t matter what state in life, single, married, divorced, widowed, single parent... we invite and encourage to be at Mass that weekend to meet these young adults on fire for their faith and who love the community they are members of. If you are not a young adult but you know young adults who are family, friends, or co-workers, invite them and encourage them to be at Mass that weekend.

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.

CHOIR LOFT

We have kind request to everyone. Only choir members are allowed to be in choir loft. Please parents make sure you are with your kids in the pew.

GRAND OPENING

Nutrition sight
Starting November 7- Thursday
12.00 AM to 2.00PM
At Presbyterian Church
Call for reservation 845-807-0241
Day before Tuesday & Thursday.

Eyes Fixed on Lord Jesus

In exploring Francis as a mystic, we are reminded again to look upon Christ on the cross and know that despite what things look like from a human point of view, God is love, and everything we do and everything that happens to us takes place within God’s love—even to death upon a cross. Remaining in that love, no matter what befalls us, is to remain in God. The questions are not, “Why is this happening? How can God allow this? Why doesn’t, didn’t God prevent this?” but rather, “Can this separate me from the love of God? Is God’s love still here despite this?” God is love, and though love does not always do our will, it does not mean that God’s love is not there, even though that is what we may feel is happening.

