Reflection on Sunday's Readings

Scripture readings summarized:

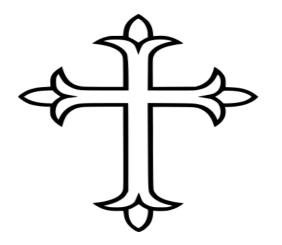
Malachi, in the **first reading**, foretells this Day, which will bring healing and reward for the just and punishment in fire for the "proud and all evil doers." Although St. Paul expected that Jesus would return during his lifetime, he cautions the Thessalonians, in the second reading, against idleness in anticipating the end of the world. Paul advises the Thessalonians that the best preparation for welcoming Jesus in his "Second Coming" is to keep working and doing one's duties faithfully, as he did. Today's Gospel passage underlines the truth that the date of the end of the world is uncertain. Signs and portents will precede the end, and the Christians will be called upon to testify before kings and governors. The Good News is that those who persevere in faithfulness to the Lord will save their souls and enter God's eternal kingdom. Christ's Second Coming is something to celebrate because he is going to present all creation to his Heavenly Father. That is why we say at Mass, "We proclaim Your death, O Lord, and profess Your Resurrection, until You come again." Since Luke's community had experienced much persecution, today's Gospel would have given them a cheering reminder: "Don't give up because God is always with us!" Jesus' promise of the protective power of a providing God was meant to encourage His disciples to persevere in their Faith and its practice. Jesus later adds the signs of the destruction of Jerusalem and the end of the world to prepare His disciples and to remind them to rely upon him for Salvation, not their own power.

Life messages:

- 1) We must be prepared daily for our death and private judgment. We make this preparation by trying to do God's will every day, leading holy lives of selfless love, mercy, compassion, and unconditional forgiveness. In order to do this, we must recharge our spiritual batteries every day by personal prayer, that is, by talking to God, and by listening to Him through reading the Bible. Daily examination of our conscience at bedtime and asking God's pardon and forgiveness for the sins of the day will also prepare us to face God any time to give an account of our lives.
- 2) We need to attain permanence in a passing world by leading exemplary lives. We must remember that our homes, our Churches and even our own lives are temporary. Our greatness is judged by God, not on our worldly achievements, but on our fidelity to our Faith and our practice of that Faith in loving service of others. How our faithfulness is expressed each day is the most important thing. We are to persevere in our Faith in spite of worldly temptations, attacks on religion and moral values by the atheistic or agnostic media, threats of social isolation, and direct or indirect persecution because of our religious beliefs. Let us conclude this Church year by praying for the grace to endure patiently any trials, for they are essential to our affirmation of Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOV 17, 2019



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Mass Schedule

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

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

Adoration

M/T/F 7:30 to 8:15 AM **Friday** 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: Nov 16- Nov 24, 2019

Saturday, Nov 16

4.00 PM- Frances & Edwin Lake

Mon, Nov 18

8:15 AM - Mildred Irace

Thurs Nov 20

12:PM- Carol Kocher(Birthday)

Saturday, Nov 23

4:00 PM- Christopher Canonico

Sunday, Nov 17

9:00 AM - Ellen Krajcovic 11:00 AM - Louis Farragher

Tues. Nov 19

8:15 AM - Mildred Irace

Fri. Nov 21

8.15 AM- Paul Peragine(Birthday)

Sunday, Nov 24

9:00 AM- Jamesena Linque 11:00.AM- James Green

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 Tuso, 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: \$ 1530 Readings for Next Sunday 2 Samuel 5:1-3 Colossians 1:12-20 Luke 23:35-43

BIBLE STUDY

Good Soil Bible Study Group will not meet this week.
Tuesday 4.00 PM at Rectory.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

December 6, Friday 6.00 pm Santa will visit at water wheel junction. Hot chocolate, cookies will be served. Christmas caroling.

Parish Council Meeting

We have parish council meeting on Tuesday November 19, 2019 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.

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.

YOUNG ADULT EVENING: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd Join young adults from Sullivan County and throughout the Hudson Valley for Sullivan's first young adult event on November 22nd from 7:30-10:30PM in the St. Peter's Church Hall in Monticello! We will be in the basement of the parish center two buildings up from the rectory (the building is white; NOT the red brick building)! Please note this event is for young adults 18 - 39 years of age. Appetizers, drinks and music will be provided! Be sure to bring your favorite game (s) and expect a fun night of socializing with other Catholic young adults! For more info, email Luigi at Luigi.Manente@archny.org or call the Parish office.

Growing in Mindfulness

Is there a method for cultivating mindfulness? Yes, there are many methods. The one I have chosen is gratefulness. Gratefulness can be practiced, cultivated, learned. And as we grow in gratefulness, we grow in mindfulness. Before I open my eyes in the morning, I remind myself that I have eyes to see, while millions of my brothers and sisters are blind—most of them on account of conditions that could be improved if our human family would come to its senses and spend its resources reasonably, equitably. If I open my eyes with this thought, chances are that I will be more grateful for the gift of sight and more alert to the needs of those who lack that gift.