

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DEC 1, 2019

## Reflection on Sunday's Readings

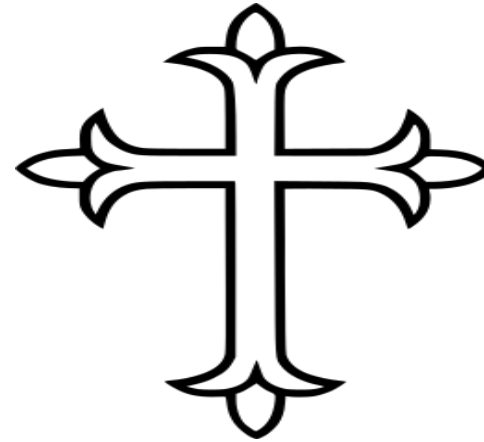
### Scripture readings summarized:

The readings in the early Sundays of Advent always carry forward the "end of the world" theme from the last Sundays of the previous year, the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, and the Feast of Christ the King, the 34<sup>th</sup> and final Sunday of the Liturgical year. This links each ending year with the approaching one. Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the "Sunday of Hope" in God and His Son, Jesus Christ, through whom God has promised to save and redeem His people. Today we begin our yearly re-enactment of the drama of our salvation, starting with the mystery of the Incarnation (Christmas) and culminating in the celebration of Christ's ultimate victory (Christ the King). It is our yearly pilgrimage through the scenes and events of our history of salvation. Advent is a time for looking both backward and forward. We look backward as we prepare to celebrate the historical birth of Jesus. At the same time, we look forward to his *Second Coming*, as we prepare ourselves to welcome him into all areas of our lives during the Advent season. In the Eucharistic Acclamation we profess our faith in Jesus' *Second Coming*: "We proclaim Your Death, O Lord, and profess Your Resurrection until You come again"; and in the Creed we proclaim our belief that "*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.*" One Bible scholar has estimated that there are 1,845 references to Christ's second coming in the Old Testament and 318 references in the New Testament. We see the traditional signs of Advent in our Church: violet vestments and hangings, no flowers, only green plants in the Sanctuary, and the Advent wreath. We light a candle on this wreath each Sunday until all four are lit. These signs remind us that we are waiting for the rebirth of Jesus in our hearts and lives in love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness. Let us remember that Advent is at once a celebration of the Christ who was, who is and always will be. In other words, Christ has come once, he will come again; indeed, he has never left, but is continually present in his Church.

### Life messages:

**1) An Advent project: How to be alert and watchful in the spirit of today's Gospel.** Every morning when we get up, let us pray, "Lord, show me someone today with whom I may share your love, mercy and forgiveness." St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa), once said, "Whatever you do in your family, for your children, for your husband, for your wife, you do for Jesus." Every night when we go to bed, let us ask ourselves, "Where have I found Christ today?" The answer will be God's Advent gift to us that day. By being alert and watchful, we'll be getting an extra gift: Christ himself. There is a saying about being saved which goes back to St. Thomas Aquinas: "Without God, I can't. Without me, He won't."

**2) We need to be wakeful and watchful:** We are so future-oriented that we frequently forget the present entirely. We spend too much time trying to protect ourselves against future misfortunes. We save for a rainy day, to get married, to buy a home, to send the children to college, to retire in comfort and to protect ourselves against future misfortunes with varieties of insurance.



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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 30- Dec 8, 2019

<p><b>Saturday,</b> 4.00 PM- Vivian Kocher</p> <p><b>Mon, Dec 2</b> 8:15 AM - Fulton Miller Families</p> <p><b>Thurs Dec 5</b> 9. AM- Mildred Irace</p> <p><b>Saturday, Dec 7</b> 8.15 AM- unborn children 4:00 PM- Elizebeth +Alfred Canonico</p>	<p><b>Sunday, Dec 1</b> 9:00 AM - Fran Kurpil 11:00 AM - Mildred Irace</p> <p><b>Tues. Dec 3</b> 8:15 AM - Joyce Emery</p> <p><b>Fri. Dec 6</b> 8.15 AM- Joyce Emery</p> <p><b>Sunday, Dec 8</b> 9:00 AM- Ellen Krajcovic 11:00.AM- Bill Kocher(Birth day) 5.30 PM-</p>
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**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 and Carl Diane Rafi.

**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, Paula Jordan, Bernard Greenthal, and Vivian Kocher

### COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

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

**Collection for last Week. Thank you**  
First collection: \$ 1240

**Readings for Next Sunday**  
**Isaiah 11:1-10**  
**Romans 15:4-9**  
**Matthew 3:1-12**

**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.

### ANNUAL SANTA VISIT

Come and visit Santa,  
Enjoy some hot chocolate and cookies.  
Children 10 and under are eligible to receive a gift.  
Where: Livingston Manor Firehouse  
When: Sunday, December 8, 2019 @ 1-2pm.

### THE MASS BOOK IS OPEN FOR 2020

If you would like to offer a mass for your beloved departed ones and your intention, please collect forms placed at the table fill it and send to the Rectory.

### CHILDREN AT CHOIR LOFT

Children who are interested in singing are allowed to be in choir loft. Parents, please encourage your kids if they are interested.

### GRAND OPENING

**Nutrition sight**  
Starting November 7- Thursday  
12.00 Noon to 1.00 PM.  
At Presbyterian Church  
Call for reservation 845-807-0241  
Day before Tuesday & Thursday.

### ANGEL TREE

If you would like to purchase a Christmas gift for a child in need, please take an angel from the Angel Tree. Gifts must be brought to church by Sunday, December 14, wrapped and tagged. Simply attach the angel to the gift. Call Mary 439-3929 or Diana 439-5103 if you have

### INDIAN DINNER

We are called Missionaries of Mary Immaculate. December 8<sup>th</sup> is our feast day. Therefore we would like to share our joy and happiness with you some Indian food. We invite all the parishioners and your friends to join us for the dinner on **December 9<sup>th</sup>, 5.30 PM at our Church basement, Livingston Manor.** Please do not forget to sign in the sign up sheet placed at the table. We would like to have as many as people as possible.

### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This year holy day of obligation is shifted to December 9<sup>th</sup>. We encourage all the faithful to attend mass and receive the blessing of our Blessed Mother.

December 8<sup>th</sup>, 5. 30 PM- Gate of Heaven

December 9<sup>th</sup>, 9.00 AM- St. Aloysius

### Meditation Hymn

**"Rorate caeli désuper et nubes pluunt justum"**  
("Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, **and** let the clouds rain the just").

Note: we will be singing Meditation Hymn throughout Advent.

