

St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DEC 8, 2019

Reflection on Sunday's Readings

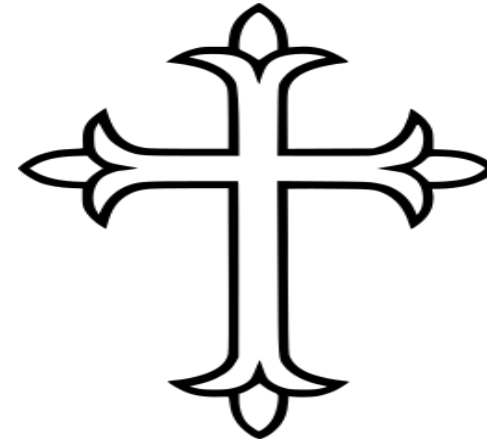
Scripture readings summarized:

The first reading describes how God will reform the lives of His Chosen People by sending the Messiah. Because of the bad example of the unfaithful successors of King David, the Chosen People were wavering in their loyalty to Yahweh. Hence, in the first reading, the Lord God, through His prophet, Isaiah, tries to dispel their fears and to stir up *hope* among His people with His promise of a new Davidic King (a son of Jesse), who will establish peace and a glorious Kingdom of justice on earth. In today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 72), the Psalmist pictures the Messiah as one who will show compassion to the poor, the lowly, and the afflicted. In the second reading, Paul is praying for the reformation of the Jewish Christians of Rome and instructing them to draw endurance and encouragement from the Old Testament books. They are to live in harmony with Gentile Christians, accepting them as equal, brothers and sisters, while they wait together for the second coming of Jesus. In today's Gospel, John the Baptizer urges the Pharisees and Sadducees to give evidence that they mean to reform their lives so as to recognize and be ready to meet and accept the promised Messiah. He challenges them to repentance, conversion and renewal. He tells the common people, who expect the Messiah to come soon, to act with justice and charity, letting their lives reflect the transformation that will occur when the Messiah enters their lives. In the same way, as we prepare to welcome Christ at Christmas, John advises us to *"prepare the way of the Lord."*

Life messages:

1) **We need to prepare for Christ's coming by allowing him to be reborn daily in our lives:** Advent is the time for us to make this preparation by repenting of our sins and renewing our lives through prayer, penance, and the sharing of our blessings with others. Let us remember the oft-repeated words of Alexander Pope: "What does it profit me if Jesus is reborn in thousands of cribs all over the world and not reborn in my heart?" He means that Jesus must be reborn in our heart during this season of Advent and every day of our lives, radiating his love, kindness, mercy, forgiveness and spirit of humble service to the world through our lives.

2) **We need to answer the call for a change of life.** John the Baptist challenges our superficial attempts at change, demanding that, while obeying the commandments faithfully, we must correct our relationships with others, mend ruptures, soothe frictions, face family responsibilities, work honestly, and treat our employees justly. Let us share our love with others as selfless and humble service. "Do small things but with great love" advise St. Theresa of Lisieux and St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa). Therefore, following John's advice, let us celebrate the memory of Jesus' first advent, prepare for Jesus' daily advent into our lives through the Sacraments and the Bible, and wait confidently for his second advent at the end of the world.



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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: Dec 7- Dec 15, 2019

Saturday, Dec 7

8.15 AM- Unborn Children
4.00 PM- Elizebeth +Alfred Canonico

Mon, Dec 9 (Holy Day of Obligation)

9. AM - Unborn Children

Thurs Dec 12

9. AM- Widows

Saturday, Dec 14

4.PM- Christopher Canonico

Sunday, Dec 8

9:00 AM - Ellen Krajcovic
11:00 AM - Bill Kocher(Birth day)

5.30 PM- Mildred Irace

Tues. Dec 10

8:15 AM - Byrne and Colligan Family

Fri. Dec 13

8.15 AM- Karen Hartmann

Sunday, Dec 15

9:00 AM- Sam Kurpil
11:00.AM- Jack Yelle

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: 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,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: \$ 1020

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 until January 13, 2020.
Tuesday 4.00 PM at Rectory.

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.

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 any questions.

INDIAN DINNER

We are called Missionaries of Mary Immaculate. December 8th 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 9th, 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 9th. We encourage all the faithful to attend mass and receive the blessing of our Blessed Mother.

December 8th, Sunday 5. 30 PM- Gate of Heaven

December 9th, Monday 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.

ADVENT MISSION IN HOLY CROSS CHURCH, CALICOON

LOVING GOD GLADLY Parish mission - Fr. Kevin Cronin, OFM

DAY 1: Dec, 09, 2019 @ 4.30 pm GOD'S LOVE IN JESUS BRINGS TRUE JOY!

DAY 2: Dec, 10, 2019 @ 4.30 pm GOD'S MERCY RESTORES THE JOY OUR YOUTH.

DAY 3: Dec, 11, 2019 @ 5.30 pm GOD'S HEALING BEINGS NEW HOPE

