Reflection on Sunday's Readings

Scripture lessons summarized:

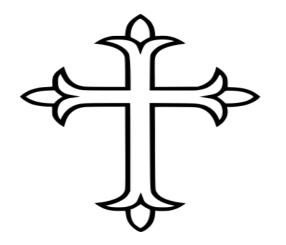
In our first reading, the Lord God through His prophet Isaiah gives us examples of how we are to allow the light of God to shine through us. "Share your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own. Then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday" (58:7, 10). The refrain for today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps.112), reminds us, "The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright." St. Paul, in the second reading, tells us that our proclamation of Faith will carry the Spirit and His power when we rely on the power and wisdom of God. Using two simple metaphors of salt and the light of a city on a mountain in today's Gospel, Jesus outlines the role of Christians in this world. As a symbol of purity, salt was the common ingredient in sacrifices offered to God by Jews and pagans. In the ancient world, salt was the commonest of all preservatives, used to prevent the putrefaction of meat, fish and fruits in pickles. Salt lends flavor to food items and was used to season and preserve food. A light is something which is meant to be seen. A lamp or light is a guide to make clear the way. A light serves also as a warning (e.g., red traffic lights which tell us to halt when there is danger ahead. Finally, light, particularly the sun's, gives warmth and heat

.Life message:

- 1) We need to be the salt of the earth: a). As the salt of the earth, the Christian must be an example of purity in speech, in conduct, and even in thought. b) As the salt of the earth, the Christian must have a certain antiseptic influence on life and society, defeating corruption, fighting against injustice and making it easier for others to avoid sin. c) As salt preserves foods, we need to preserve the religious Faith, Christian cultural values, and moral principles which Jesus has given us, and to work at reconciling quarreling factions in families and communities. As the salt of the earth, we need to add flavor to the lives of desperate people through outreach programs, which give meaning to their lives, boost their morale, offer them occasions to help others, and provide hope where there is none.
- 2) We need to be the light of the world: The second role of Christians is to receive the light of Christ and radiate it to everyone as love, kindness, mercy, forgiveness, humble service, respect for those with different ethnic backgrounds, different lifestyles, other faiths, or with no faith at all. With a little bit of Christ's Light, we become a veritable lighthouse, illuminating the way for many and removing the darkness caused by hatred, spite and jealousy

St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEB 09, 2020.



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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: Feb 08 - Feb 16, 2020

Saturday, Feb 08
4.PM- Fulton & Miller Families
Mon, Feb 10
8.15. AM - No Mass
Thurs, Feb 13
12. PM- Mildred Irace
Saturday, Feb 15
8. 15 AM- Bob Matusiak

Sunday, Feb 09
9:00 AM - Mildred Irace
11:00 AM - Carol Barany
Tues. Feb 11
8:15 AM - No Mass
Fri. Feb 14
8.15 AM- Anton + Hedwig Hartmann
Sunday, Feb 16
9:00 AM- James Meola
11:00.AM- Ricky Marchese

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, Carl Diane Rafi, Walter Hanewich, David Porter and David & Gina Teipelke.

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 \$ 1635 Readings for Next Sunday Sirach 15:15-20 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37

BIBLE STUDY

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

Information Needed

Please inform the rectory when some is sick or going for operation. We as parish would like to know who is in need of what. We will offer special prayers and send card to people who are sick and suffering from various illness. If people are people homebound, communion will be taken to them in a regular interval. Let us know each other and our needs.

SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Sunday Mass at 5:30pm celebrated at Immaculate Conception, Woodburn.

FRIDAY ADORATION

You are welcome for weekly adoration on every Friday from 9.00 AM to 12.PM.

St.Patrick's Day Dinner

March 15, 2020
Rockland House, Roscoe
\$27.00-Ticket-Benefits:
St. Aloysius & Gate of Heaven
Parish
5:00pm- Social -Cash Bar, 5.30 PMCorned beef & Cabbage Dinner
Contact for Tickets:
Judy(Livingston Manor) 845-4394960

Barbara(Roscoe)845-439-4163 Note: Tickets must be purchased in advance by March 8, 2019. Tickets are being sold after 4.00 PM, 9.00 AM & 11.00 AM Masses.

WE NEED HELP TO GET THROUGH THE DAY

We are weak. We are vulnerable. We need tremendous help just to survive the day. Everything we have and everything we do is the result of Jesus loving us first, of him giving us the strength we need to continue. When we hide our flaws even from ourselves, believing even for a second that we don't have any or that our flaws are so minuscule that we do not need help from anyone, that we possess within ourselves all the strength we will ever need to live a happy and healthy life, we unwittingly cut ourselves off from the true source of strength: the grace of the Holy Spirit. If we don't think we need help, we'll never feel compelled to ask for it. What a shame it would be to stop asking God for help.