

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

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEB 23, 2020.

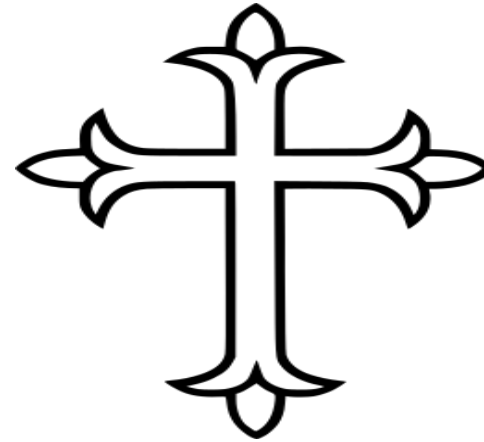
## Reflection on Sunday's Readings

### Scripture lessons summarized:

The first reading, taken from the book of Leviticus, teaches us that we should be holy because it is the command given to us by God through Moses: *"Be holy, for I the Lord, your God, am holy."* It also shows us the way to share in God's holiness: *"Love your neighbor as yourself."* The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 103) challenges us to be holy as our God is holy by becoming kind and merciful and forgiving, as He is to us. In the second reading, St. Paul gives us an additional reason to be holy. We are to keep our bodies and souls holy because we are the temples of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit lives in us. In the Gospel passages taken from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches us four methods of becoming holy as God is holy

### Life message:

1) The first method is to abstain from all forms of retaliation. Jesus discards even the milder form of retaliation developed by Hammurabi in ancient Babylon and passed on to Israel through Moses. The policy was one of limited, proportional retaliation (*Lex Talionis*, "tit-for-tat"): *"an eye for an eye, a tooth for tooth,"* rather than allowing unlimited vengeance. In place of this limited, proportional retaliation, Jesus gives his new law of love, grace, forgiveness, reconciliation and no retaliation. For Jesus, retaliation, or even limited vengeance, has no place in the Christian life, even though graceful acceptance of an offense requires great strength, discipline of character, and strengthening by God's grace. 2) The second method of becoming holy as God is holy is to take the offense gracefully and love the offender. Jesus illustrates this in three images: *"turning the other cheek, freely giving the tunic and adding the cloak to it and walking the extra mile."* Jesus tells us that what makes Christians different is the grace with which they treat others, offering them loving kindness and mercy, even if they don't deserve this treatment, as God does for us. We are commanded to love our enemies as Jesus loves us, with *agápe* love, not because our enemies deserve our love, but because Jesus loves them so much that he died for them as he did for us. 3) The third method of sharing in God's holiness is by unconditionally and whole-heartedly forgiving the offender without planning revenge in any form. This means not only loving one's neighbors, but also forgiving those enemies who hurt us and seem willfully to cause us suffering, hardship and unhappiness. 4) The fourth method of becoming holy as God is holy is to seal our determination to forgive our enemies by sincerely praying for their spiritual and physical welfare and for the grace needed for their conversion and renewal of life. Thus, today's Scripture readings challenge us to become holy as our God is holy by loving, forgiving, and blessing others, even our enemies with graceful and magnanimous love, as our Holy God does



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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: Mar 15 - Feb 23, 2020**

**Saturday, Feb 22**

4.PM- Marilyn Fredenburg

**Mon, Feb 24**

8.15. AM -

**Ask Wednesday ( see the bulletin)**

**Thurs, Feb 27**

12. PM-

**Saturday, Feb 29**

4.PM - Dorothy McCrell

**Sunday, Feb 23**

9:00 AM - Teodozja +Boleslaw Przyborowski

11:00 AM - Jack Yelle.

**Tues. Feb 25**

8:15 AM -

**Fri. Feb 28**

8.15 AM- Karen Hartmann

**Sunday, Mar 01**

9:00 AM- Matthew Parks

11:00.AM-. Fulton- Miller Families

**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.

<p><b>Collection for last Week.</b> <b>Thank you \$ 981</b></p>	<p><b>Readings for Next Sunday</b> <b>Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7.</b> <b>Romans 5:12-19.</b> <b>Matthew 4:1-11.</b></p>	<p><b>BIBLE STUDY</b> Good Soil Bible Study Group will meet this week. Tuesday 4.00 PM at Rectory.</p>
<p><b>HOCKEY GAME</b> Binghamton Devils - March 27th 7pm- for tickets call 845-439-5103 by March 6. Tickets are \$18.</p>		<p><b>St.Patrick’s Day Dinner</b> March 15, 2020 Rockland House, Roscoe \$27.00-Ticket-Benefits: St. Aloysius &amp; Gate of Heaven Parish 5:00pm- Social -Cash Bar, 5.30 PM- Corned beef &amp; Cabbage Dinner Contact for Tickets: Judy (Livingston Manor) 845-439-4960 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 &amp; 11.00 AM Masses.</p>
<p><b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> <b>SCHEDULE</b> <b>9. AM -Mass at St. Aloysius</b> <b>12.PM -Mass at Gate of Heaven</b> <b>3.PM -Service St. Aloysius</b> <b>7.PM - Mass at St. Aloysius</b> <b>All are welcome to participate in Ash Wednesday Liturgy.</b></p>	<p><b>Lenten</b> <b>Afternoon of Prayer</b> Sunday, March 8, 2020 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. BKT Religious Education Center 16 Frankie Lane, Liberty, New York Donation is \$4.00 For more information, call 292-9100</p>	
<p><b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b> <b>As we begin season of lent, we will have Stations of the Cross on every Friday 7.00 PM at St. Aloysius Church. All are welcome to partake in station of the cross and reflect upon the passion of Jesus.</b></p>		<p><b>PENNY SOCIAL ITEMS</b> Please do not bring any items for penny social until we give you notice. kindly bring only food. We find some items (garbage) that cannot be used for penny social.</p>
<p><b>Dear Parishioners</b> I would like to thank everyone who surprised me with big party for my birth day. I am indeed grateful to all the love you have for me. As we are going to begin season of lent, we need to be serious about spiritual life. Season of lent is a season of grace. To receive grace of God, we need to reflect upon Jesus’ passion and death and derive a message that we are ready to suffer for the sake of others as Jesus did. Let us make this season holy. I wish you to have a great lent. <b>Fr. Antony David MMI</b></p>		

