

St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church

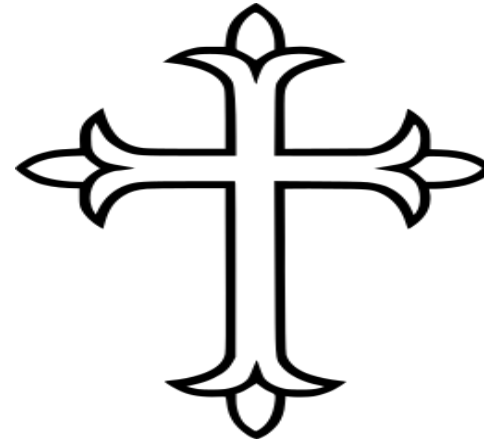
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 19, 2020.

Reflections on Sundays' Readings

Scripture lessons: The first reading (Acts 2:42-47) tells us how the early Church grew every day because of the acts of mercy -- sharing, sacrificial *agápe* love -- practiced by the early Christians. In the second reading (1 Peter 1:3-9), St. Peter glorifies God, the Father of Jesus Christ, for showing us His mercy by granting His Son, Jesus Resurrection from the dead and a glorious Ascension into Heaven, thus giving us the assurance of our own resurrection. Today's Gospel vividly reminds us of how Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a sacrament of Divine Mercy. The risen Lord gave his Apostles the power to forgive sins with the words, "*Whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain, they are retained*" (Jn 20:19-23). Presenting the doubting Thomas' famous profession of Faith, "*My Lord and my God,*" the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed his mercy to the doubting apostle and emphasizes the importance of Faith for everyone.

Life messages: 1) We need to accept God's invitation to celebrate and practice mercy in our Christian lives: One way the Church celebrates God's mercy throughout the year is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finding time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to receive and give thanks for Divine Mercy. But it is mainly through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice mercy in our daily lives and become eligible for God's merciful judgment.

2) Let us ask God for the Faith that culminates in self-surrender to God and that leads us to serve those we encounter with love. Living Faith enables us to see the risen Lord in everyone and gives us the willingness to render to each one our loving service. The spiritual Fathers prescribe the following traditional means to grow in the living and dynamic Faith of St. Thomas the Apostle: a) First, we must come to know Jesus personally and intimately by our daily and meditative reading of the Bible. b) Next, we must strengthen our Faith through our personal and communal prayer. c) Third, we must share in the Divine Life of Jesus by frequenting the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist. St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) presents it this way: "If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve. Only then we put our love of God into action."



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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/S	8:15 AM	St. Aloysius
Thursday	12:00 PM	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: April 18 - April 26, 2020

NOTE: All masses are celebrted privately at the time mentioned

Saturday, April 18

8.15 AM-Mothers
4.PM- Fathers

Mon, April 20

8.15. AM - Medical Practioners

Thurs, April 23

12. P.M- Boleslaw & Teodozja Przyborowski

Saturday, April 25

8.15 AM- Local business people
4.PM- Hentry+Helen Mrowka

Sunday, April 19

9:00 AM - Marie Sanders
10:30 AM - Barbara Templin

Tues. April 21

8:15 AM - Priest & Religious

Fri. April 24

8.15 AM- Fernando Padilla -birthday

Sunday, April 26

9:00 AM- Farmers
11:00.AM- Dolores Mealie Quick

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, Robert Ackerly, Sr. Grace, Maureen Connolly, Dave Tucker, Shannon Bruning, Patty Lewis, Lynne Hyzer, Beth Marie Martin, Erma Carlson , Jim Wilbur, Dom Formato, Darren Steele, Jonell Dalton, Carrie Neer-Molinari, 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: Nickolaus Bermel Jr, Bill Guinan, Sr. Kenneth Reddington, Jim Englehardt, Ellen Krajcovic, John Augusta, Max Evans, Mildred Irace, PaulaJordan,Bernard Greenthal, Vivian Kocher, Raimondo Aiello and Maria Sander.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

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

<p>Collection and donation Last Week. Thank you \$ 2630</p>	<p>Readings for Next Sunday Acts 2:14, 22-23 I Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-35</p>	<p align="center">BIBLE STUDY</p> <p>Good Soil Bible Study Group will not meet until further notice. Tuesday 4.00 PM at Rectory.</p>
<p align="center">Parish council Meeting</p> <p>Parish council Meeting is cancelled until further notice. If you have something to discuss urgently, please notify us through mail. We can discuss it over email. Thank you.</p>	<p align="center">MOTHERS’ DAY</p> <p>We are celebrating Mothers’ day weekend of May 9 & 10. We have a duty to pray for our mothers living and dead Masses are being offered for mothers living and dead. Mothers’ day envelop was sent to you through mail. Please fill it and send it through mail or send your mother’s name through email. We wish all mothers happy mother’s day. Thank you.</p>	
<p align="center">WATCHING THE MASS ON FACEBOOK</p> <p>You can watch the mass on our Church Facebook at 10.30. AM every Sunday. You are not obliged to watch that. Feel free to watch the mass on TV, any other Facebook or any medium available.</p>		

God never gives up on his mercy

God never gives up on his mercy, especially in our time where there exists the false perception of self-sufficiency and lack of awareness of one’s very sinfulness. These joint heresies endanger souls by creating the erroneous perception so prevalent in this day and age: that we have no need for mercy. Nothing could be further from the truth—and yet, for those who are willing to concede their need, nothing is simpler to remedy. Mercy is his loving face directed to the healing of the wounds of sin, the wounds that trigger a separation and distance in our relationship with God.