

St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church

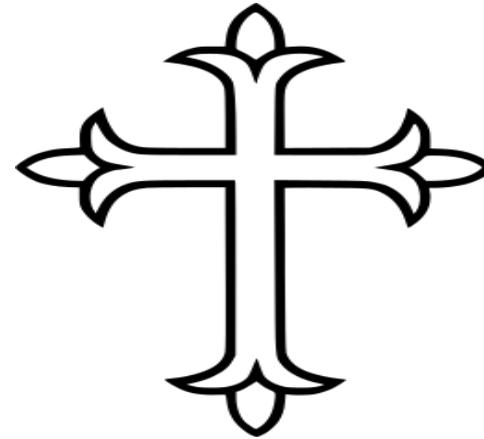
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 3, 2020.

Reflections on Sundays' Readings

Scripture lessons summarized:

The first reading is taken from St. Peter's first sermon, given on the day of Pentecost. He reminds his Jewish listeners that they have crucified their true Shepherd. Hence, they need to receive forgiveness for their sin by getting baptized in the name of Jesus and acknowledging the risen Jesus as their Lord and Savior, as Jesus had commanded. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 23), introduces Yahweh as the Good Shepherd of Israel Who cares for us, His sheep, providing for our needs. In the second reading, Peter encourages the suffering Christians to follow in the footsteps of their Good Shepherd, Jesus, the "suffering servant," realizing the truth that Jesus' suffering and death have enabled them to become more fully the children of God. In today's Gospel, two brief parables show us Jesus, the first, as a selfless, caring "shepherd" who provides for his sheep protection and life itself, and the second, as our unique gateway ("sheep gate"), to eternal salvation. That is, besides guiding his flock to Eternal Life as the Good Shepherd, Jesus is himself the gateway to Eternal Life.

Life Messages: 1) We need to become good shepherds and good leaders: Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence, pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, and caregivers, among others, are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time, talents and blessings for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers. Parents must be especially careful of their duties toward their children, giving them good example and instruction and training them in Christian principles. 2) We need to become good sheep in the fold of Jesus, the Good Shepherd: Our local parish is our sheepfold, and our pastors are our shepherds. Jesus is the High Priest, the Bishops are the successors of the Apostles, the pastors are their helpers and the parishioners are the sheep. Hence, as the good sheep of the parish, parishioners are expected to a) Hear and follow the voice of our shepherds through their homilies, Bible classes, counseling and advice. b) Receive the spiritual food given by our pastors through our regular participation in the Holy Mass, our frequenting of the Sacraments, and our participation in the prayer services, renewal programs and missions they offer. c) Cooperate with our pastors by giving them positive suggestions for the welfare of the parish, by encouraging them in their duties, by offering them loving, constructive correction when they are found misbehaving or failing in their duties, and always by praying for them d) Actively participate in the activities of various councils, ministries and parish associations. 3) We need to pray for vocations.



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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: May 02 - May 10, 2020

NOTE: All masses are celebrted privately at the time mentioned

Saturday, May 02

8.15 AM-Unborn
4.P.M- Lee and Yonker Families

Mon, May 04

8.15. AM - Lillian Kocher(birthday)

Wed May 06

8.15 AM- Shirley Fulton(birthday)

Thurs, May 07

12. P.M- Rose Kocher

Saturday, May 09

8.15 AM-
4.PM- Mothers' day

Sunday, May 03

9:00 AM - Alice Rooney& Pig Piggot
11.00 AM - Unborn

Tues. May 05

8:15 AM - Teodozja & Boleslaw Przyborowski

Fri. May 08

8.15 AM- Robert Lee(birthday)

Sunday, May 10

9:00 AM- Mothers' day
11:00.AM- Mothers' day

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 \$ 555</p>	<p>Readings for Next Sunday Acts 6:1-7 I Peter 2:4-9 John14:1-12</p>	<p>BIBLE STUDY Good Soil Bible Study Group will not meet until further notice. Tuesday 4.00 PM at Rectory.</p>
<p>Parish council Meeting 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>MOTHERS' DAY 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>WATCHING THE MASS ON FACEBOOK You can watch the mass on our Church Facebook at 11. 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>		<p>Gift through online-Giving For March \$ 565 Donors= 10 Average gift =\$50.6</p>
<p>We all need healing Rather than face what we fear, accepting that we need help, we deny our need for help, even to ourselves. At some point, we become so afraid of our wounds, so afraid of admitting we have a problem, that we hide our problems even from ourselves, engaging in mental gymnastics and reshaping the world so we can fit in as we are. We tell others we're fine, and we begin to believe it ourselves. We remain the walking wounded, trapped by sin and pain, yet ignorant of our situation. This is a huge stumbling block on our spiritual journeys as disciples. We cannot call ourselves disciples, those who follow after Jesus and call him master, if we refuse to let him transform every part of us. None of us is perfect. All of us carry wounds. If we want to be his disciples, we must let go of our pride and fear, our willful ignorance and low expectations, and be vulnerable enough to let Jesus heal us.</p>		

