

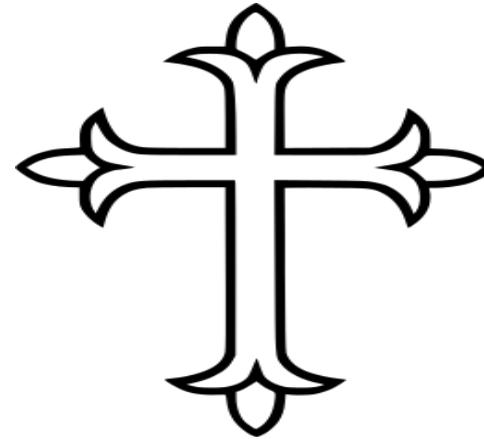
St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 10, 2020.

Reflections on Sundays' Readings

Scripture lessons: The first reading, taken from Acts, shows us the early Church as a loving, serving, and worshipping community (Acts 6:1-7). Hence, it easily solved a problem of perceived discrimination by instituting the diaconate for the service of the community. In the second reading, St. Peter advises the early Christians to renew the memory of Jesus by making their community a spiritual edifice built from the "living stones" of believers upon the "Living Cornerstone of Christ" (I Pt 2:4-5). Peter praises Christians, both Gentile and Jewish, as "*a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and God's own people.*" In today's Gospel, Jesus consoles his apostles (who are sad and disheartened at His announcement that He will be leaving them soon), by assuring them that he is going to prepare an everlasting accommodation for them in his Father's House in Heaven. He gives them the assurance that he will come back to take them to their Heavenly abodes. It is then that Thomas says, "*Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?*" Jesus answers Thomas' question with, "*I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me.*" The basic doctrine of Judaism is that Yahweh is the Way the Truth and the Life. Hence, Jesus is making a revolutionary claim that he is equivalent to Yahweh. Jesus also declares that he is the safest and surest way to God, discrediting the notions that all religions are equally sure ways to reach God, or that no organized religion but only living a good life of sharing love is necessary to reach God. Jesus, however, is the Way which he calls narrow because it is the way of focused, loving, humble, sacrificial service. Jesus is the Truth who teaches revealed truths about God and God's relation to man. Jesus also teaches moral truths by demonstrating them in his life. Jesus is the Life because, as God, he possesses the eternal life of God and shares his Divine life with his disciples through the Word of God and the Sacraments. In short, Jesus reveals the Father in the **way** he lives, in the **truth** of his word and in the new **life** that he brings.

Life messages: We need to accept Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life: We accept Jesus as the Way by walking his narrow way of loving, humble, sacrificial service. We accept Jesus the Truth by learning and practicing what he has taught us, as given in the Bible and in the teachings of the Church. We share the Divine life of God through making use of the means Jesus has established in his Church: a) by actively participating in the Eucharistic celebration and properly receiving the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion; b) by the worthy reception of the other Sacraments; c) by the meditative and daily reading of the Word of God; d) by allowing the Holy Spirit living in the Church and within us to guide and strengthen us; and e) by communicating with God the Source of Life, in personal and family prayers.



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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 celebrated privately at the time mentioned

Saturday, May 09

8.15 AM-
4.P.M- Mothers' day

Mon, May 11

8.15. AM - The men of AP Bia Mountain

Wed May 13

8.15 AM- Edwin Pupil(birth day)

Thurs, May 16

12. P.M- Lapsed Catholics

Saturday, May 16

8.15 AM- Captives
4.PM- Andrew Cinque

Sunday, May 10

9:00 AM - Mothers' day
11.00 AM - Mothers' day

Tues. May 12

8:15 AM - Maureen Lee

Fri. May 15

8.15 AM- Hedwig & Anton Hartmann

Sunday, May 17

9:00 AM- Raymond Aiello
11:00.AM- Helen Mrowka

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.

Collection and donation Last Week. Thank you \$ 587

Readings for Next Sunday
Acts 8:5-8
I Peter 3:15-18
John14:15-21

BIBLE STUDY
Good Soil Bible Study Group will not meet until further notice.
Tuesday 4.00 PM at Rectory.

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.

Mothers' Day

I wish all the mothers in our Parish Happy Mothers' Day. May God Bless all the mothers in the world.

God seeks to unsettle us

Let yourself be unsettled. Let God shake up your world. The longer we cling to the comfort of our seat in the boat—whether it be because of the pleasure, safety, or familiarity it offers us—the longer we will find ourselves away from the Lord. He is calling us out onto the water, and there is only one thing left to do: jump. There will be times when it is far from fun, positively dangerous, and even a bit lonely, but it is what we all must do. If we want to be disciples of Christ, we must get out of our seats and walk with him.

God loves our attempts to pray

I remember when my first child started drawing pictures, around the age of two. I'd come home from work, and she'd be eager to show me the pictures she had drawn for me during the day. Many times, the pictures were just a bunch of scribbles, not clear depictions one could easily identify. ("That's me? Oh...wow, I didn't realize... Well, thank you!") I was always delighted that my daughter was thinking of me during the day and desiring to give me a gift. I saw her heart more than her final product. What would you think of a father who took his daughter's scribbled pictures, tore them up, and told her not to draw pictures again until she could get them exactly right? No good father would do that! "Whatever struggles you may face with the rosary, never walk away feeling discouraged."