

St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 5, 2020.

Reflections on Sunday's Readings

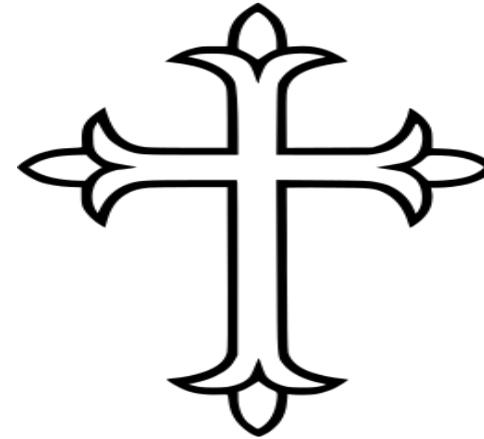
Scripture lessons summarized:

In the first reading, the prophet Zechariah consoles the Jews living in Palestine under Greek rule, promising them a “meek” Messianic King of peace riding on a donkey, who will give them rest and liberty. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 145) praises and thanks a kind and compassionate God Who “*raises up those who are bowed down*” under heavy yokes. In the second reading, Paul tells the first-century Christian community in Rome about two yokes, namely, the “flesh” and the “Spirit,” and he challenges them to reject the heavy and fatal yoke of the flesh and accept the light yoke of the Spirit of Jesus. Christian spirituality, according to Paul, proceeds from the initiative of the Holy Spirit and means living in the realm of the “Spirit” as opposed to the “flesh.” In the Gospel, Jesus offers rest to those “*who labor and are burdened*” if they will accept his “*easy yoke and light burden.*” By declaring that his “*yoke is light,*” Jesus means that whatever God sends us is made to fit our needs and our abilities exactly. The second part of Jesus’ claim is: “*My burden is light.*” Jesus does not mean that the burden is easy to carry, but that it is laid on us in love, that it is meant to be carried in love, and that love makes even the heaviest burden light.

Life messages:

1) We need to unload our burdens on the Lord. This “unloading” is the main purpose of our personal and family prayers and is one of the functions of Divine Worship in the Church. During our daily prayers in the evening, we ask God’s forgiveness for the sins and failures of day and receive the consoling assurance that we are reconciled with God and our fellow human beings. During the Holy Mass in our parish Church, we place our stress-filled lives on the altar and allow Jesus to cool down the overheated radiators of our hectic lives. We also unload the burdens of our sins and worries on the altar and offer them and ourselves to God during the Holy Mass.

2) We need to be freed from unnecessary burdens: Jesus lays the light burden of his commandment of love on us and yokes us with himself, giving us his strength through the Holy Spirit to fulfill that commandment. Jesus is also interested in lifting off our backs the burdens that suck the life out of us, so that he can place around our necks his own yoke that brings to us and to others through us, new life, new energy, and new joy. We are called, not only to find peace, refreshment and rest for ourselves, but also to live the kind of life through which others, too, may find God's peace, God's refreshing grace, and the joy of placing their lives in God's hands.



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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: July 4 - July 12, 2020

Saturday, July 04

8.15 AM- Unborn
4.PM-John Michitsch
5.30 PM- Sacred heart families at Hunter Lake

Mon, July 06

8.15. AM - Widows

Wed July 08

8.15 AM- - Special Intention

Thurs, July 09

8.15. A.M- Special Intention

Saturday, July 11

8.15 AM- enslaved
4.PM- Special Intention
5.30 PM- Ron Lusker

Sunday, July 06

9:00 AM - Christine Watson
11.00 AM - Barbara Templin

Tues. July 07

8:15 AM - Lapsed Catholics

Fri. July 10

8.15 AM- Special Intention

Sunday, July 12

9:00 AM- Ron Lusker
11:00.AM- Special Intention

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 & Joe Wood.

For the Deceased: Bill Guinan, Sr. Kenneth Reddington, Jim Englehardt, Ellen Krajcovic, John Augusta, Max Evans, Mildred Irace, PaulaJordan,Bernard Greenthal, Vivian Kocher, Raimondo Aiello , Maria Sander, Cesaria Rodriguez Vega, Raymond Aiello, Janice Aracci, Msgr. John Ruvo, Carrie Molinari & Joe wood.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

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

Collection for Last Week.

First collection: \$1347

Thank you.

Readings for Next Sunday

**Zechariah 9:9-10,
Romans 8:9, 11-13.
Matthew 11:25-30.**

BIBLE STUDY

Good Soil Bible Study Group will meet this week.
Tuesday 4.00 PM at Church basement.

Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Debruce

Sacred Heart Church in Debruce is open. We have mass on every Saturday at 5.30 PM from July4th to Labor Day.

Penny Social Items

Please, do not bring any penny social items until further notice.

Fuel Collection

There will be collection for the heating this weekend on July 5, 2020. Every year we just make only three collection for the heat. You are welcome to send a cheque to Church or you can contribute through online. Please mention that the offering is for the heating.

Families and Rituals

Rituals create families, in a sense. Any parent knows that when they do something at least two years in a row, the little ones wait for it in the third year. Children have a natural sense of timing, ritual, seasons, and feasts. Ritual is the key to re-sacralizing the home. I don’t want to suggest the particular rituals that a family should name and claim. Certainly, each family has its own customs, and there are a number of religious resources that suggest new family rituals for those who need ideas. I’m saying that we need to take this more seriously, especially during the current cultural crisis. It could well be enough to hold our culture and society together, because it starts with the basic social building block of meaning—the natural family. We jumped it up a level to the spiritual family before the smaller unit was evangelized. We must rediscover the Eucharist—and, indeed, our own family meals—as feasts of God’s magnanimity, as celebrations of God’s gracious givenness to this work-a-day world. We must trust that the material world can be an adequate sign of the spiritual world, in things as ordinary as bread and wine, as common as the family meal.

