

St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church

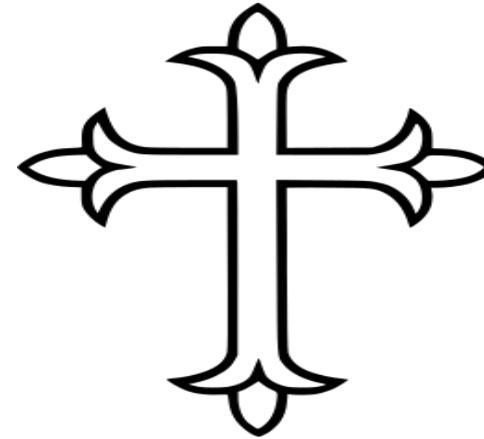
SEVENTEETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 26, 2020.

Reflections on Sunday's Readings

Scripture lessons summarized:

The first reading tells us how the young King Solomon opted for the great treasure of accepting God to rule his life by doing God's will. That is why he requested of God for the gift of prudence, "*an understanding heart to distinguish right from wrong*, so that he might govern God's people properly. Yahweh was pleased with his request and granted him *a wise and discerning heart* which enabled him to surpass everyone in wisdom. In the second reading, Paul teaches that wisdom to perceive God's grace and use it, is essential for those who want to follow Him and to do His will, thus remaining in His Kingdom. He assures Rome's Christian community that "*all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose.*" In the Gospel, using three mini parables and one concluding parable or simile, Jesus teaches us that God's Kingdom (the rule of God in us, accepting Jesus as our God and Savior, putting our Faith in God and doing His will), is something of extraordinary value, like a hidden treasure or a costly pearl, and that possessing it calls for a total commitment to preserve it. The Kingdom of God is God's reign in our hearts, in our lives, in our homes, in our society, and in our world. Only those who develop a searching mind and a heart willing to give up everything for the great treasure of God's Kingdom will be rewarded. Through the first and second parables of the treasure and pearl, Jesus teaches us that identifying God's will and living according to the Gospel (both with His grace), are the most precious and worthwhile things in life. Through Jesus and his Gospel, we come to know and understand the real meaning of life, the will of God for us each day, and the most important things we must do to secure our eternal salvation.

Life messages: 1) We should live every moment in view of our precious goal. Most of the time, we are chasing false treasures such as money, social status or worldly pleasures. Thus, the really valuable "pearl" of sharing in God's life through Jesus here on earth and later in Heaven, is never found. Let us always remember that Heaven is within the reach of all of us who try to do the will of God, following the ordinary vocations of life and enjoying this world's joys and pleasures within the framework of God's Commandments. When we do this, we are already living in the Kingdom of Heaven while we are still on earth. 2) We need to take all precautions to keep our greatest treasure safe: We will be able to keep safe the treasure of our personal relationship with Jesus by accepting him every day as our God and Savior, by allowing him to have total control over our lives .



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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 TO S	8:15 AM	St. Aloysius
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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 25 -Aug 2, 2020

Saturday, July 25

8.15 AM-
4.PM- Joe Wood
5.30 PM- Rose & Walter Kocher

Mon, July 27

8.15. AM - Madeline Seiler(Birthday)

Wed July 29

8.15 AM- - Special Intention

Thurs, July 30

8.15. A.M- Special Intention

Saturday, Aug 01

8.15 AM- Kocher Families
4.PM- Special Intention
5.30 PM- Lil & Jerry Decker

Sunday, July 26

9:00 AM - Patty Weickum
11.00 AM -

Tues. July 28

8:15 AM -

Fri. July 31

8.15 AM- Special Intention

Sunday, Aug 02

9:00 AM- Cheryl Robinson
11:00.AM- Barbara Templin

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.

THERE IS A URGENT NEED FOR FOOD PANTRY.

Dear Friends,

There is a real need for the food pantry, either you can buy any food or give them donation for the food pantry.

Collection for Last Week.

First collection: \$1960

Thank you.

Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 55:1-3.

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Matthew 13:13-21

BIBLE STUDY

Good Soil Bible Study Group will meet this week.

4.00 PM on Tuesday at outside rectory.

Online collection for contribution for June

Amount: \$750

Number of donors: 8

Average Gift: \$35

Holy Hour

We have holy hour every Friday from 9.am to 12.pm. you are welcome to participate and spend your time with Jesus.

An Invitation to Resurrected Joy

They say that Mary Magdalene becomes the apostle to the apostles after she encounters Jesus risen. I wonder now if what she might have to teach them is this: the message of a heart that is rejoicing with resurrection joy. Though she is unable to explain what happened or how Christ is here, she explodes with the impetuous and overwhelming joy that it is to recognize the resurrected Christ when he calls your name. I wonder if she was sent out as the apostle of the heart, the one who hurries to where the others, who try to figure it all out with their heads, have gone so she can awaken their hearts. Mary runs out to the apostles to tell them the good news so that they can stop trying to figure out the tomb and simply rejoice. When she reaches out for Jesus in the garden, he tells her that she cannot hold on to him. As much as I am sure her heart would have liked to stay there in that moment forever, in that cocoon where it was just her and her Lord, her heart awakening to the “alleluia” life of the resurrection, she has a job to do. This joy is not meant only for her. It belongs to all his followers, to the whole world. She is sent to the apostles, who are then sent to the ends of the earth. Mary Magdalene bears the Good News to the Good News bearers. She is the first to know resurrection joy and the first to share it.

