

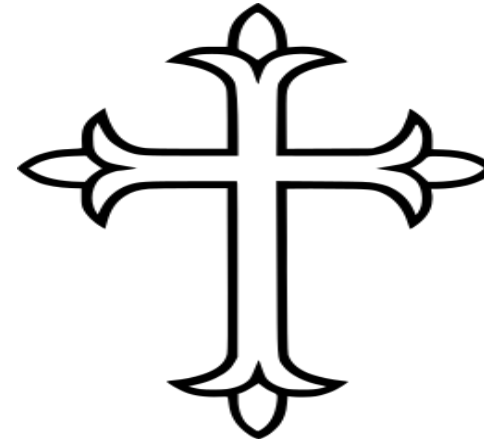
# St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 29, 2020.

## Reflections on Sunday's Readings

**Scripture lessons:** In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah prays for God's active presence so that the Jewish community, returned from Babylonian exile, may remain faithful to their God. In the second reading, St. Paul prays for the reconversion of Christians in Corinth who have misused their gifts and charisms and remain ill-prepared for Christ's Second Coming. In today's Gospel, using the short parable of the servants and gatekeeper of an absentee master who could return at any time, Jesus instructs his followers to be alert and watchful while doing their Christian duties with sincerity. The gatekeeper and the household servants are expected to be ever vigilant because their master is sure to return. Although the time of his return is uncertain, but the reward or punishment is sure and certain.

**Life message:** The message of today's Scripture is that we should live in the living presence of Jesus every day waiting for his Second Coming. We can experience Christ's living presence in the Holy Eucharist, in the Holy Bible, in our worshipping community in our parish, in our family, in our own souls and in everyone around us. The early Christians experienced it, and that is why the mutual greeting among Christians was not "Hi!" or "Good Morning!" but the Aramaic, "*Maran Atha*" which means "Come, Lord Jesus." This greeting acknowledged Jesus present in each of them and about to return. May God bless you and keep you ever prepared for Christ's *second coming*.



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### Mass Schedule

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 PM	St. Aloysius
<b>Saturday</b>	5:30 PM	Sacred Heart Church ( <b>July 4th to Labor day</b> )
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 AM	St. Aloysius
	11:00 AM	Gate of Heaven

### Weekday

<b>M TO S</b>	8:15 AM	St. Aloysius
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### Adoration

<b>M/T/F</b>	7:30 to 8:15 AM
<b>Friday</b>	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: Nov 28 - Dec 06, 2020**

**Saturday, Nov 28**

8.15 AM- Sick  
4.PM-

**Mon, Nov 30**

9. AM - New Parents

**Wed Dec 02**

**8.15 AM-** Grace Miller(Birthday)

**Thurs, Dec 03**

9. A.M- Widows

**Saturday, Dec 05**

8.15 AM- unborn  
4.PM- Fulton Muller Families

**Sunday, Nov 29**

9:00 AM - Bruce Kocher(Birthday)  
11.00 AM -

**Tues. Dec 01**

8:15 AM - Maggie Kocher(Birthday)

**Fri. Dec 04**

8.15 AM- Lapsed Catholics

**Sunday, Dec 06**

9:00 AM- Byrne and Colligan Families  
11:00.AM-

**NOTE. Free will offering is accepted for the mass offered. There is no fixed stipend.**

**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:** John Augusta, Max Evans, Mildred Irace, Paula Jordan, Bernard Greenthal, Vivian Kocher, Raimondo Aiello , Maria Sander, Cesaria Rodriguez Vega, Raymond Aiello, Janice Aracci, Msgr. John Ruvo, Carrie Molinari, Joe Wood , Marcella Babich and Joseph F.Mlcoch.

**COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**

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

**Collection for Last Week.**

**First Collection: \$750**

Thank you.

**Readings for Next Sunday**

**Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.**

**2 Peter 3:8-14.**

**Mark 1:1-8.**

**BIBLE STUDY**

Good Soil Bible Study Group will meet this week. 4.00 PM on Tuesday at Rectory.

**Mass Attendance for last week**

Place	Time	Number of people attended
St.Aloysius Church	4. PM - Saturday	12
St.Aloysius Church	9.AM - Sunday	18
Gate of Heaven	11.AM- Sunday	15
	<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>

**Season of Advent**

Season of advent is season of preparation. Four weeks of advent is given to us for preparing to welcome child Jesus in our hearts. Let us together pray, do repentance to make ourselves clean and some good works.

**Mass Schedule for Christmas**

**Dec 24- Christmas Eve**

5.00 PM- St. Aloysius

7.00 PM- Gate of Heaven

**Dec 25- Christmas(Midnight mass)**

12.AM- St.Aloysius

**Dec-Christmas Day**

11.AM- St.Aloysius

**Note: Only Christmas Eve mass at St.Aloysius (5.00 PM) needs reservation. It is not applicable for other masses.**

**Gratitude to God**

Food is a symbol of our gratitude to God and our mutual appreciation for one another. It is a commodity to share as well as an expression of how much we care. Feeding the hungry is a virtue that must never be forgotten, dining with friends a value we cherish all the more. It is good to celebrate those moments—rare as they may be—where companionship around the table becomes a form of communion, where fantastic food seals friendships, where our vitality and our spirituality truly “wine and dine” together.

