

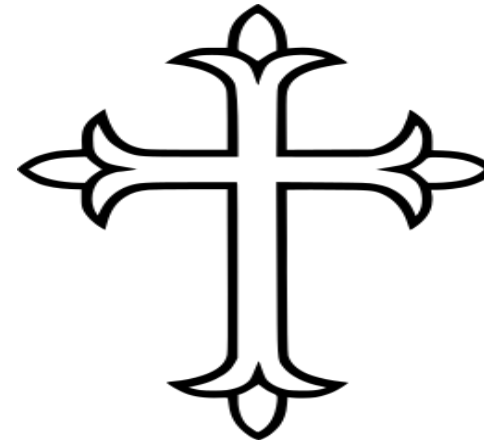
St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 06, 2020.

Reflections on Sunday's Readings

Scripture lessons: The Gospel tells us through John the Baptist how we should prepare to receive Jesus our Savior's "coming home" into our lives during the Advent season by repentance and the renewal of life. John preached that the appropriate behavior for those preparing "the way of the Lord" was to be baptized "as they confessed their sins." He wanted the Jews to prepare their lives for the Messiah by filling in the valleys of prejudice, leveling the mountains of pride and straightening out their crooked paths of injustice and immorality. John recommended a baptism of repentance in the river Jordan to the Jews who were familiar with ritual and symbolic washings. The most amazing thing about John's baptism was that, as a Jew, he was asking fellow-Jews to submit to the baptism of repentance which only a Gentile was obliged to undergo.

Life message: 1) We need to prepare for the rebirth of Jesus: We are invited by the Church to prepare for Christmas by repenting of our sins and renewing our lives so that Jesus may be reborn in us. Let us remember the famous challenge of St. Augustine, quoted by the Dominican mystic, Meister Eckhart, "*What do I profit if Jesus is born in thousands of cribs all over the world during this Christmas, but is not born in my heart and my life?*" 2) We need to allow Jesus to be reborn in our lives. People around us should recognize Jesus' rebirth in our lives by our sharing love, unconditional forgiveness, compassionate and merciful heart and spirit of humble and committed service. 3) Let us accept the challenge of John the Baptist to turn this Advent season into a real spiritual "homecoming" by making the necessary preparations for the fresh arrival of our Lord and Savior Jesus into our hearts and 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: Dec 05 - Dec 13, 2020

Saturday, Dec 05

8.15 AM- Unborn
4.PM- Fulton Muller Families

Mon, Dec 07

9. AM - Edward Pafuni (Birthday)

Wed Dec 09

8.15 AM- Enslaved

Thurs, Dec 10

8.15. A.M- Widows

Saturday, Dec 12

8.15 AM- unborn
4.PM-

Sunday, Dec 06

9:00 AM- Byrne and Colligan Families
11.00 AM -

Tues. Dec 08

9.00 AM Bill Kocher(Birthday)

Fri. Dec 11

8.15 AM-

Sunday, Dec 13

9:00 AM John W. Galligan
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, 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: \$1505

Thank you.

Readings for Next Sunday

Isaiah 61:1-2 a, 10-11.

I Thessalonians 5:16-24.

John I:6-8, 19-28

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	23
St.Aloysius Church	9.AM - Sunday	16
Gate of Heaven	11.AM- Sunday	15
	Total	54

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.

Sow Seeds of Peace

The Peace Prayer indicates that if we spend a lot of time in front of the mirror staring at ourselves, we will never enjoy peace. We will continue to be chained to our fears, attachments, control issues, and sense of entitlement. Or we will go through each day seething with resentment. Or, even worse, we will constantly be throwing a pity party and feeling very much alone and isolated. Following the example of the Lord and Divine Master, like Saint Francis, we too must clear an interior space and empty ourselves for peace to blossom within our lives and the lives of others.

