

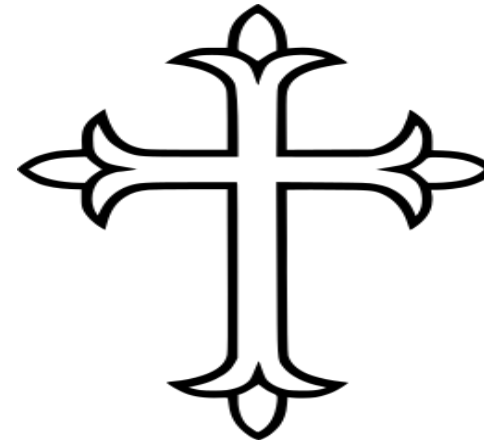
St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JAN 10, 2021.

Reflections on Sunday's Readings

The turning point: His baptism by John was **an especially important event** in the life of Jesus. First, it was a **moment of identification** with us sinners. Sinless, Jesus received the baptism of repentance to identify himself with his people, who realized for the first time that they were sinners. (As given in the anecdotes below, St. Damien, Blessed Mother Teresa, Gandhi, and Mandela identified with the people whom they served). Second, it was a **moment of conviction** about his identity and mission: that He is the Son of God and His mission was to preach the Good News of God's love and salvation and to atone for our sins by becoming the "*suffering servant*." God the Father's words, "*This is My beloved Son*," taken from Psalm 2:17, reveal Jesus' identity as God's Son, and the words "*with whom I am well pleased*," from Isaiah 42:1 (referring to the "suffering servant"), pointed to Jesus' mission of atoning for the sins of the world by His suffering and death on the cross. Third, it was a **moment of equipment**. The Holy Spirit equipped Jesus by descending on him in the form of dove, giving him the power of preaching and healing. Fourth, it was a **moment of decision** for Jesus to begin public ministry at the most opportune time after receiving the approval of his Heavenly Father as His *beloved Son*.

Life messages: (1) **The baptism of Jesus reminds us of our** identity. It reminds us of who we are and Whose we are. By Baptism, we become sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Jesus, members of his Church, heirs of Heaven, and temples of the Holy Spirit. (2) It is a day to **thank God for the graces** we have received in Baptism, to **renew our Baptismal promises** and to **preach** Christ's "Good News" by our transparent Christian lives of love, mercy, service and forgiveness.



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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

(Closed after Christmas and be open on palm Sunday)

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: Jan 09- Jan 17, 2021

Saturday, Jan 09

8.15 AM- Carlos & Adriana Padilla(wedding anniversary)

4.PM- Lee and Yonker Families

Mon, Jan 11

8.15. AM - Byrne and Calligan Families

Wed Jan 13

8.15 AM- Gary Kocher(Birthday)

Thurs, Jan 14

8.15. A.M- our leader

Saturday, Jan 16

8.15 AM-

4.PM-

Sunday, Jan 10

9:00 AM- Anthony & Gladys DeFilippi

Tues. Jan 12

8.15. AM - Students

Fri. Jan 15

8.15. AM- unborn

Sunday, Jan 17

9:00 AM - Edward Zaoraki

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.

Collection for Last Week.
First Collection: \$650
Holy day:\$352
 Thank you.

Readings for Next Sunday
I Samuel 3:3b-10,19
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 2:18-22

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	16
St.Aloysius Church	9.AM - Sunday	22
	Total	38

Calling rectory is welcome

If you know someone is sick, alone or homebound needs to receive communion and have prayer, please call the rectory. The parish family will do the needful.

St. Hilary

"They didn't know who they were." This is how Hilary summed up the problem with the Arian heretics of the fourth century.

Hilary, on the other hand, knew very well who he was -- a child of a loving God who had inherited eternal life through belief in the Son of God. He hadn't been raised as a Christian but he had felt a wonder at the gift of life and a desire to find out the meaning of that gift. He first discarded the approach of many people who around him, who believed the purpose of life was only to satisfy desires. He knew he wasn't a beast grazing in a pasture. The philosophers agreed with him. Human beings should rise above desires and live a life of virtue, they said. But Hilary could see in his own heart that humans were meant for even more than living a good life.

If he didn't lead a virtuous life, he would suffer from guilt and be unhappy. His soul seemed to cry out that wasn't enough to justify the enormous gift of life. So Hilary went looking for the gift giver. He was told many things about the divine -- many that we still hear today: that there were many Gods, that God didn't exist but all creation was the result of random acts of nature, that God existed but didn't really care for his creation, that God was in creatures or images. One look in his own soul told him these images of the divine were wrong. God had to be one because no creation could be as great as God. God had to be concerned with God's creation -- otherwise why create it?

