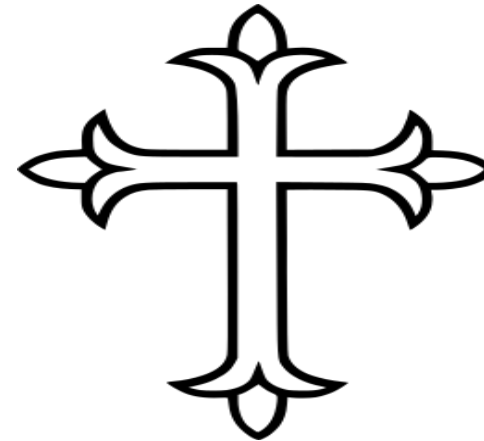


# St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEB 21, 2021.

## Reflections on Sunday's Readings

**Scripture lessons summarized:** The **first reading** tells us how man irrevocably broke the *original covenant* God had made with Adam and Eve, and how the merciful God selected Noah and his family to renew the covenant. Noah's rescue from the flood symbolizes how we are saved through the water of Baptism which cleanses us of sin and makes us one with Christ **In the Gospel**, we are told that Jesus faced and defeated the tempter by his forty days of prayer and penance in the desert immediately following his baptism. It also tells us how Jesus started preaching his Messianic mission: "*The time is fulfilled. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent. Believe in the Gospel.*" **Life messages:** 1) Let us conquer our temptations as Jesus did, using the methods Jesus employed. Jesus conquered his tempter, the devil by prayer, penance, and timely use of the word of God. Hence, during this Lent, let us confront our evil tendencies by talking to God, by listening to Him speaking to us through the Holy Bible, and by practicing self-control to subdue our evil tendencies. 2) Let us convert Lent into a time for spiritual growth and Christian maturity by: a) participating in the Mass each day, or at least a few days in the week; b) setting aside some part of our day for personal prayer; c) reading some Scripture, alone or, better still, with others. d) setting aside some money we might spend on ourselves for meals, entertainment, or clothes and giving it to an organization which takes care of the less fortunate in our society; e) abstaining from smoking, alcohol, and other evil addictions; f) receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Lent and participating in the "Stations of the Cross" on Fridays; g) visiting the sick and those in nursing homes and doing some acts of charity, kindness, and mercy every day in the Lent. 3) Let us use Lent to fight daily against the evil within us and around us by practicing self-control, relying on the power of prayer, and seeking the assistance and anointing of the Holy Spirit.



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### Mass Schedule

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

### 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: Feb 20 - Feb21, 2021**

**Saturday, Feb 20**

8.15 AM- Tommy Maggiore  
4.PM- Marilyn Fredenburg

**Mon, Feb 22**

8.15. AM - Edwin & Tania Pubil( Marriage Anniversary)

**Wed Feb 24**

8.15 AM- Erma Carlson

**Thurs, Feb 25**

8.15. A.M- Erma Carlson

**Saturday, Feb 27**

8.15 AM- Adriana Bitter (Birthday)  
4.PM- Erma Carlson

**Sunday, Feb 21**

9:00 AM- Rose Tempel

**Tues. Feb 23**

8.15. AM - Teodozja +Boleslaw Przyborowski

**Fri. Feb 26**

8.15. AM- Fulton + Muller Families

**Sunday, Feb 28**

9:00 AM - Karen Hartmann

**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, Maureen Connolly, Dave Tucker, Shannon Bruning, Patty Lewis, Lynne Hyzer, Beth Marie Martin, 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 Joseph F.Mlcoch, Sr. Grace, Rose Tempel, Walter Meyer, Erma Carlson & Andrew Lund.

**COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**

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

**Collection for Last Week.**

**First Collection: \$948**

Thank you.

**Readings for Next Sunday**

**Genesis 22:1-2,9a, 10-13**

**Romans 8:31b-34**

**Mark 9:2-10**

**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	21
St.Aloysius Church	9.AM - Sunday	20
	<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>

**Stations of the Cross**

We have Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7.00PM St. Aloysius Church. People who can make it ,please do come and participate in the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Saint Polycarp,**

**St. Polycarp** (flourished 2nd century; feast day February 23), Greek bishop of Smyrna who was the leading 2nd-century Christian figure in Roman Asia by virtue of his work during the initial appearance of the fundamental theological literature of Christianity. Historically, he formed a link between the apostolic and patristic ages.

By his major writing, *The Letter to the Philippians*, and by his widespread moral authority, Polycarp combated various heretical sects, including certain Gnostic groups that claimed religious salvation exclusively through their arcane spiritual knowledge. Polycarp’s *Letter to the Philippians* contains a classic formulation in which he refutes the Gnostics’ argument that God’s incarnation in, and the death and Resurrection of, Christ were all imaginary phenomena of purely moral or mythological significance. More important, however, is the way in which Polycarp referred to the apostle Paul in *The Letter to the Philippians*. Not only does he repeatedly quote from Paul’s writings but he also stresses the personal importance of Paul as a primary authority of the Christian church. It must be remembered that at that time Paul had been adopted as a primary authority by the Gnostic heretics. Polycarp, in response, reclaimed Paul as a treasured figure of the orthodox Church. It is apparently thus partly due to Polycarp that Paul, the disputed apostle, became a theologically respectable part of the Christian church’s tradition. Furthermore, Polycarp’s orthodox use of the Pauline texts marked a crucial advance in the Christian theology of biblical interpretation. According to certain scholars, Polycarp may even have composed or directly influenced some of the letters traditionally ascribed to St. Paul, the so-called Pastoral Letters (I and II Timothy, Titus). These letters possess a 2nd-century vocabulary and style that are characteristic of Polycarp.

