

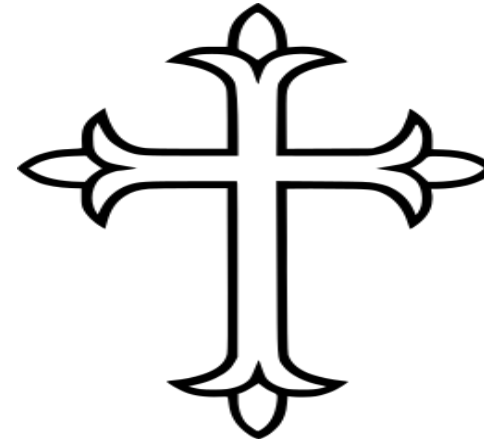
St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 14, 2021.

Reflections on Sunday's Readings

Scripture lessons: In the first reading, taken from the Second Book of Chronicles, we learn the compassion and patience of God. God chose Cyrus the Great, a pagan conqueror, to become the instrument of His mercy to, and salvation of, His chosen people exiled in Babylon. In today's Responsorial Psalm Today's Gospel provides a theme that parallels the Gospel, but on a much higher level. Jesus, the Son of God, becomes the agent of God's salvation, not just for one sinful nation but for the sinfulness of the whole world. Through John 3:16, the Gospel teaches us that God has expressed His love, mercy, and compassion for us by giving His only Son for our salvation.

Life messages: 1) We need to love the cross, the symbol of God's forgiving and merciful love: As a forceful reminder not only of God's love and mercy, but also of the price of our salvation, the crucifix invites us to more than simple generosity and compassion. It inspires us to remove the suffering of other people's misery. It encourages us not only to feel deep sorrow for another's suffering, but also to try our best to remove that suffering. Hence, let us love the cross, wear its image, and carry our own daily cross with joy, while helping other to carry their heavier crosses. 2) We need to reciprocate God's love by loving others. God's love is unconditional, universal, forgiving, and merciful. Let us try to make an earnest attempt to include these qualities in sharing our love with others during Lent. 3) Our rebirth by water and the Spirit must be an ongoing process. That is, we must lead a life of repentance and conversion which will bring us, with the help of the Holy Spirit living within us, to an ongoing renewal of life through prayer, Bible reading, frequenting the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist, and doing corporal and spiritual works of mercy.



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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/W/T	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: March 14 - March 21, 2021

Saturday, March 13

8.15 AM- Caroline Lococo
4.PM- Erma Carlson

Mon, March 15

8.15. AM - Kurt Vebersex(Birthday)

Wed March 17

8.15 AM- Manfredi and Shapley Families

Thurs, March 18

8.15. A.M-Fulton - Muller Families

Saturday, March 20

8.15 AM- Sr. Elizabeth(Birthday)
4.PM- Thomas & Margaret Casey

Sunday, March 14

9:00 AM- Linda Kohurt(birthday)

Tues. March 16

8.15. AM - Mary Snow(birthday)

Fri. March 19

8.15. AM- Zena Kochoer(Birthday)

Sunday, March 21

9:00 AM - William M^CRell

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 Kochoer, 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

In need of spaghetti sauce, soup, tuna fish and jelly

Collection for Last Week.

First Collection: \$1562

Thank you.

Readings for Next Sunday

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-33

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	15
St.Aloysius Church	9.AM - Sunday	15
	Total	30

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.

St. Patrick

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*. In *The Confession*, he wrote:"The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family.A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision he described in his memoir:"I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victoricus, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: 'The Voice of the Irish.' As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut, which is beside the western sea-and they cried out, as with one voice: 'We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us.'"

The vision prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland.Patrick arrived in Slane, Ireland on March 25, 433. There are several legends about what happened next, with the most prominent claiming he met the chieftan of one of the druid tribes, who tried to kill him. After an intervention from God, Patrick was able to convert the chieftain and preach the Gospel throughout Ireland. There, he converted many people -eventually thousands - and he began building churches across the country.

