

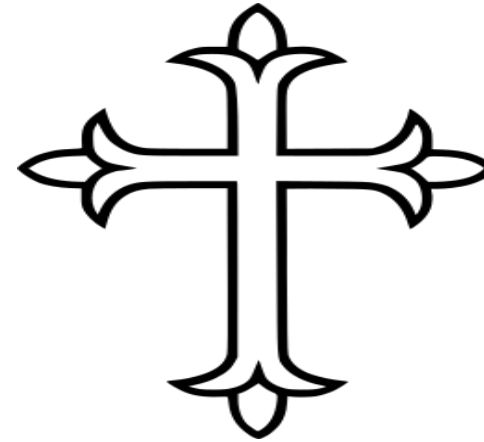
St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 11, 2021.

Reflections on Sunday's Readings

Scripture lessons: The first reading, taken from Acts, stresses the corporal acts of mercy practiced by the early Christian community before the Jews and the Romans started persecuting them. Practicing the sharing love, compassion and the mercy of God as Jesus taught, this witnessing community derived its strength from community prayer, "the Breaking of the Bread" and the apostles' teaching read at the worship service. Today's Gospel vividly reminds us of how Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a sacrament of Divine Mercy. The Risen Lord gave his apostles the power to forgive sins with the words, "*Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained*" (Jn 20:19-23). Presenting the doubting Thomas' famous profession of Faith, "*My Lord and my God*" (Jn 20:28), the Gospel illustrates how Jesus showed Divine mercy to the doubting apostle and emphasizes the importance of Faith.

Life messages: 1) We need to accept God's invitation to celebrate and practice mercy in our Christian lives: One way the Church celebrates God's mercy throughout the year is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Finding time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is another good way to receive and give thanks for Divine Mercy. But it is mainly through the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that we practice mercy in our daily lives and become eligible for God's merciful judgment. 2) Let us ask God for the Faith that culminates in self-surrender to God and that leads us to serve those we encounter with love. Living Faith enables us to see the risen Lord in everyone and gives us the willingness to render to each one our loving service. The spiritual Fathers prescribe the following traditional means to grow in the living and dynamic faith of St. Thomas the Apostle: a) First, we must come to know Jesus personally and intimately by our daily and meditative reading of the Bible. b) Next, we must strengthen our Faith through our personal and community prayer. c) Third, we must share in the Divine Life of Jesus by frequenting the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist. St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) presents it this way: "If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve. Only then we put our love of God into action."



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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

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: April 10 - April 18 , 2021

Saturday, April 10

8.15 AM- Angelica & Uri Lavy
4.PM- Ann C. Keiser

Mon, April 12

8.15. AM - Angelica & Uri Lavy

Wed April 14

8.15 AM- Byrne & Colligan Familiy

Thurs, April 15

8.15.AM- Maurice Salvatore(D)

Saturday, April 17

8.15.AM- Angelica & Uri Lavy
4.00 PM- Fulton+Muller Families

Sunday, April 11

9:00 AM- Brandon Cinque
11.AM- Andrew Hund

Tues. April 13

8.15. AM - Klara Chen

Fri. April 16

8.15.AM- Rose+Walter Kocher

Sunday, April 18

9:00 AM - Alice Rooney and Piggot families
11.00 AM- Maria Molnar, Attila Horvath,
Magdala Szekere, Gyula Horvath, Rozalia
Vass, Joseph Molnar

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:, 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 Hund , Beth Ann Sanabria. Jusin Haas & David Tucker.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

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

Collection for Last Week.
Easter Collection: \$2750
Good Friday: \$240
Thank you.

Readings for Next Sunday
Acts 4:32-35
I John 5:1-6
John 20:19-31

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	7. PM - Saturday	13
St.Aloysius Church	9.AM - Sunday	48
Gate of Heaven	11.AM Sunday	31
	Total	92

Second Collection
We have second collection next weekend (04.18.2021) for United States Catholic Mission Association. This is the mission appeal from the archdiocese. We need to collect some money and send them.

Easter House Blessing

I do every year Easter house blessing, I did not do it last year because of the pandemic. I have plan of doing it this year as people are getting vaccinated. It is not an obligation. Only people who are comfortable with this, please call rectory or you can give me your name and address after the mass. I will talk to you and schedule the date for blessing.

by
Fr. Antony David

Carry the Light

One of Pope Francis’s favorite distinctions is the difference between joy and mere happiness. This is something that’s good to carry with us into the Easter season. His example of Mary Magdalene points to a key aspect of joy: It often follows a time of suffering, of disappointment, of struggle overcome and transformed. If Mary hadn’t cared so much for Jesus, her sense of loss wouldn’t have been as deep, but neither would her joy at their reunion. If we live our lives only on the surface, surrounding ourselves with acquaintances rather than real friends, we will find it difficult to experience deep emotions. Likewise, if our faith is only an intellectual exercise, a list of rules and doctrines instead of a personal encounter with the divine, we will miss the way it can truly change our hearts. One of the hallmarks of a true friend is someone who can accompany us through good times and bad, weeping and rejoicing as circumstances change. A genuine faith offers the same support. We are blessed if we have such friends, graced if we have such faith.

