Reflections on Sunday's Readings

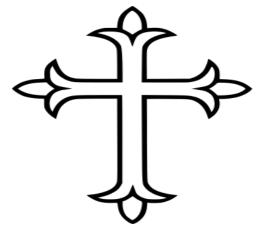
Scripture lessons summarized: The first reading tells us how God called Jeremiah as His prophet and equipped him to face opposition and rejection. In living out his prophetic vocation while encountering rejection and persecution, Jeremiah prefigured Jesus, the greatest of all prophets. The Responsorial Psalm, Ps 71, offers us a prayer in time of persecution and a declaration of our trust in God with its foundation in Him. In the second reading, we hear Paul speaking with the courage of his Christian convictions in correcting the Corinthian Christian community where the exercise of God's gifts was causing competition, jealousy, and divisiveness. He courageously presents to them a "way" which surpasses all others, namely, the way of love, and instructs them to exercise their gifts with love. Today's Gospel is a continuation of last Sunday's Gospel presenting his own people's negative reaction to Jesus' "Inaugural Address" at the synagogue of Nazareth when Jesus applied to himself the words of Isaiah 61, announcing a new time of jubilee, liberation, and healing in God's name. The passage shows us how Jesus faced skepticism and criticism with prophetic courage. Jeremiah, Paul, and Jesus believed that they were commissioned by God to proclaim a disturbing prophetic message (Jer 1:4-5, 17-19). No matter how strong the opposition, the three had the conviction that God was with them.

Life messages: 1) we need to face rejection with prophetic courage and optimism. Perhaps we have experienced the pain of rejection, betrayal, abandonment, violated trust, neglect, or abuse, even from friends and family members, when we reached out to them as God's agents of healing and saving grace. Perhaps we ourselves are guilty of offering such rejection. Perhaps we, too, have been guilty of ignoring or humiliating people with our arrogance and prejudice. Let us learn to correct our mistakes and face rejection from others with courage.

2) Let us not, like the people in Jesus' hometown, reject God in our lives. We reject God when we are unwilling to be helped by God, or by others. Such unwillingness prevents us from recognizing God's directions, help, and support in our lives through His words in the Bible, through the teaching of the Church, and through the advice and examples of others. 3) We need to follow Christ, not political correctness, and to speak the truth of Christ in love, without being hypocritical or disrespectful. We must never remain silent in the face of evil for fear of being thought "politically incorrect." Jesus taught us to love and respect others without condoning or encouraging sinful behavior. We need to be kind, charitable, honest, — forgiving, but clear, in speaking out our Christian convictions as Jesus was when he spoke in the synagogue at Nazareth.

St. Aloysius, Gate of Heaven & Sacred Heart Church

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JAN 30, 2022



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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

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

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 29- Feb 06, 2022

Saturday, Jan 29

8.15 A.M- Suzanne Ubersax(Birthday) 4.PM- Gadziala and Hussner Families

Mon, Jan 31

8.15 .AM -Chisato Harding(Birthday)

Wed Feb 02

8.15- Maria Farrow

Fri Feb 04

8.15 AM-Unborn

Saturday, Feb 05

8.15 AM-

4.00 PM- Kolbok +Kanzler Family

Sunday, Jan 30 9:00 AM- Dan Millis Tues. Feb 01 8.15. AM - Bier Family Thurs. Feb 03 8.15.AM- Apostolic zeal

Sunday, Feb 06 9:00 AM - Henry Mrowka

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, 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, John Jordan.

For the Deceased: Justin Haas, David Tucker, John Jordan, Erminio Babich, Harold M McClain, Wanda Froehlich, Donald Conway, Patricia A. Severing, Robert J. Chapman, Sr, Evelyn D. Banks-Reynolds, Joan C. Doland, Jared Doughty, Gerald Tuleweit, Donald Hendrickson, William R McMichael, Jr, Maria Andruszczyszyn Joan Davis, & AnnaMay Froehlich.

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

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

Collection for Last Week. First Collection: \$705
Thank you.

Readings for Next Sunday Jer 6:1-2a, 3-8 1Cor 15:1-11 Lk 5:1-11 **BIBLE STUDY**Good Soil Bible Study Group is cancelled until March.

Mass Attendance for last week

Place	Time	Number of people attended
St.Aloysius Church	4. PM - Saturday	17
St.Aloysius Church	9.AM Sunday	23
	Total	40

Cardinal Appeal

We are starting the cardinal appeal for 2022. Our goal is \$7000. This fund is used for vulnerable parishes, care for the retired priest, charities, evangelization and catholic education.

St.Scholastica

St. Scholastica, Sister of St. Benedict, consecrated her life to God from her earliest youth. After her brother went to Monte Cassino, where he established his famous monastery, she took up her abode in the neighborhood at Plombariola, where she founded and governed a monastery of nuns, about five miles from that of St. Benedict, who, it appears, also directed his sister and her nuns.

She visited her brother once a year, and as she was not allowed to enter his monastery, he went in company with some of his brethren to meet her at a house some distance away. These visits were spent in conferring together on spiritual matters. On one occasion they had passed the time as usual in prayer and pious conversation and in the evening they sat down to take their reflection. St. Scholastica begged her brother to remain until the next day. St. Benedict refused to spend the night outside his monastery. She had recourse to prayer and a furious thunderstorm burst so that neither St. Benedict nor any of his companions could return home. They spent the night in spiritual conferences. The next morning they parted to meet no more on earth. Three days later St. Scholastica died, and her holy brother beheld her soul in a vision as it ascended into heaven. He sent his brethren to bring her body to his monastery and laid it in the tomb he had prepared for himself. She died about the year 543, and St. Benedict followed her soon after. Her feast day is February 10th.