



Shepherd's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

You may have heard that a priest in Michigan is being sued for the 'damages' caused by his funeral sermon. This doesn't bode well for our future; buckle your seatbelts. Let's discuss three topics of related importance: a) our self-centered universe, 2) funerals, and 3) suicide. This week: our self-centered universe.

In modern society, we are trained to make ourselves of central importance. It is better to be the master than to serve. By our philosophy, we decide the meaning of the universe. By our science, we manipulate everything to our purposes, including human life. By our popular music and cinema, we proclaim the highest goal is to 'following our dreams.' By our fine art, we seek self-expression as the ideal. By our religion, we believe in a God who validates what we believe. All of this is a 'god complex' and objectively insane, and poisonous.

God is of central importance. We don't put Him there; He is there. Things have meaning insofar as they have reference to Him. Things are true if they reflect his truth; things are good and beautiful if they reflect His goodness and beauty. There is nothing else. Philosophy—a love of wisdom—seeks to discover, not create, what is true, good and beautiful, and the causes thereof. On the other hand, the insane are seeking answers in their navels.

The wise seek to discover the meaning and truth from outside themselves. Ironically perhaps, those who seek to lose themselves in the outside reality, find themselves in it and become the most real people. The best 'dream come true' is God's. The best fine art reflects God, not the artist.

The Church has as its given purpose to present Christ to us, and us to Christ, through Mary. The distance between us and God needs to be bridged. The Church teaches, sanctifies and governs so as to mediate this gap. We need to be shown when we are wrong. The athlete desirous of Olympic gold seeks out the best coach in order to be taught, corrected and governed.

Be a spiritual athlete. Actively seek to be corrected in thought, word and deed. Seek this out in prayer, study, good spiritual reading, the sacraments, especially confession, spiritual direction (not excluding correction from trusted friends). Do so for the sake of winning the eternal race and the everlasting crown of victory.

This is preparing for Christmas; this is "making straight the ways of the Lord." Happy Advent.

Thank you for your support. Let us pray for one another,

— Fr. Rob Novokowsky, fssp



Bulletin of Information
1 December, 2019

Saint Aloysius Parish

Traditional Latin Mass Apostolate
Diocese of St. Catharines

Served by the
Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter

Sunday Mass Times: 9 am (low) and 11 am (high)
Weekdays: please see inside cover.

Confessions: 30 minutes before each Mass and
Wednesdays 5:30 to 6:30 pm, or by appointment

Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Wednesday 8:30am to 6:30pm ending with Benediction

Baptism: Contact the office one month prior to proposed date

Marriage: Contact the office six months prior to proposed date;
preparation is required.

Holy Face of Jesus Devotion: Tuesday following 7:30am Mass

1st Friday: Hour of Reparation 6-7pm, followed by 7pm Mass

1st Saturday: Rosary Meditation

Legion of Mary: Praesidium Meeting, Thursdays 7 pm.

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Schedule of Masses and Intentions



Announcements

| Date | Liturgy | Mass Intention | Requested by |
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| Sun 1 Dec. | 1st Sunday of Advent, 1st cl. | 9 am + Souls in Purgatory 11 am Pro populo | Vandergeest Family — |
| Mon. 2 Dec. | St. Vivian, V, M, 3rd cl. | 7:30 am Fr. James Buckley, fssp | John and Natalie Somogyvari |
| Tues. 3 Dec. | St. Francis Xavier, C, 3rd cl., | 7:30 am Natalie Gautier | Marie Monast-Helmers |
| Wed. 4 Dec. | St. Peter Chrysologus, B, C, Doct. 3rd cl. (Comm. St. Barbara) | 7:30 am Nicole Derby 8:30 to 6:30pm Adoration 7 pm Celebrant's Int. | Arthur and Viola Fougere — |
| Thurs. 5 Dec. | Feria of Advent, 3rd cl. (Comm. St. Sabbas) | 7:30 am Leo Ratelle | Timothy Ratelle |
| Fri. 6 Dec. | St. Nicholas, B, C. 3rd cl. | 7:00 pm Andrew Carr | Jim & Sherrie Hesse |
| Sat. 7 Dec. | St. Ambrose, B, C. Doct., 3rd cl. | 9:00 am Ellen MacDonald | Arsenault Family |
| Sun. 8 Dec. | Immaculate Conception—BVM, 1st cl. (Comm. 2nd Sunday) | 9 am + Edna Hennessey 11 am Pro Populo | John & Natalia Somogyvari — |

1. **Welcome to our visitors today.** We are glad to see you. Please join us for coffee in the hall (basement) after the 11 am.
2. **Rorate Mass:** The FSSP has obtained permission to celebrate the Saturday Mass of our Lady in Advent. The small 't' tradition with this Mass is to celebrate it pre-dawn. It calls down the saviour into a place which (by sin) is cold and dark. On Saturday 14 Dec. Mass will begin with the singing of the 4 verse hymn "Rorate Caeli" outside, at **6:15 am**. The Introit will accompany the procession into the church for the candle-lit Mass.
3. **Remaining Day of Recollection:** For Men Sat. 7 Dec. Conference Topics: Prayer and the Eucharist. Come spend some quiet time away—before the bustle of Christmas consume you! New shorter time does not include lunch: 9 am to 1 pm. FREE. See Flier.
4. **Building Improvement (#1):** We have to attempt to thrive, as God gives it to us, where we are. To this end, we need to make some improvements. After consultation, I have decided we need to cover the front stairs with a professional canopy. I beg you to trust me on this and consider it, not an expensive decoration, but an inexpensive addition. The usefulness will be multifold, not the least of which is safety. The bishop has given permission to fundraise for this project, the proceeds of which are diocesan tax exempt! A drawing of what to expect will be available soon. Use envelopes provided or clearly mark your gift in some other way. Thank you!
5. **Up-to-date Website:** The parish's website is now refreshed and current. Visit www.staloysius-latinmass.ca for all the latest bulletin, and next week's winning lottery numbers. This bulletin and some pictures are also uploaded to an unofficial Facebook page, facebook.com/LatinMassNiagara.
6. **Offertory Collection:** 24 Nov. 2019: Offertory—\$1487; Sisters—\$1105; Cathedral Appeal: \$1000. Thank you for your continued generosity; please remember the parish in your will.
7. **Cathedral Appeal:** We only have \$695 to go to meet our parish goal!
8. **Mass Intention Requests:** Please use the envelopes provided. Thank you.

News from the Diocese and Beyond

1. Christmas Bazaar, Sacred Heart, Chippawa, Sun. Dec. 1st Beef on a Bun, Pizza, etc. While Elephant Sale, bring your husbands.