



Shepherd's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

I met someone recently in Niagara Falls. When I learned that she was a daily communicant, I was curious whether she'd ever attended St. Aloysius. She hesitated, then told me her story along these lines: "Some years back, while I was leaving a local adoration chapel, I was approached by a total stranger who, out-of-the-blue, said to me: 'You should attend the Latin Mass instead of the New Mass, that way you'll get real grace from God.' I was appalled by the implication I wasn't receiving God's grace everyday in Holy Communion, along with my frequent adoration of the Blessed Sacrament besides. Who would say that? In fact, this kind of conversation happened more than once. I found the attitude repugnant, and it made me stay away from St. Aloysius."

Let's assume that the 'stranger' in the story is a well-meaning parishioner of ours. Instead of creating appreciation for the Traditional Latin Mass, they created opposition to it. What went wrong? Today, let's analyse this from a practical perspective, and next week from the theological.

Practically, the stranger's approach was all wrong. They attempted to influence someone with whom they had no relationship. This never works. Why? We can only influence someone when they allow it, which in turn only happens if we've earned their respect. Respect, in turn, is most easily earned by showing respect. This mutual giving and receiving respect is a kind of friendship.

In our story, the out-of-the-blue statement was quite clearly a negative: By going to the Novus Ordo, you are doing something defective. First of all, the stranger is sticking their nose in the private affairs of another. In addition, the stranger is criticizing their interior life of grace—something the stranger cannot possibly know. To make matters even worse, the stranger is offering unsolicited advice. We could call this a triple-layer cake of disrespect: a breach of privacy, unfounded criticism, and unsolicited advice. On top of this, by asking to be listened to, the stranger is simultaneously asking for respect while showing disrespect. This hypocrisy is the icing on the three-layer cake. This cake is served-up on a big platter of 'I-know-better-than-you' arrogance. Wow, what a presentation! Any normal person would run away—should run away—as indeed happened.

What we see manifested is a lack of human virtue. Regardless of the good intentions, and regardless of the supposed "rightness of the cause," the behavior of the stranger was disrespectful. We can hardly be disrespectful and expect good things to result, right? Further, the greater the respect we've earned, the greater the influence we can have. The greater the influence, the deeper the advice may be offered. But, if no respect, then no influence, and definitely no advice. This principle is where, I suppose, good advertising begins.

Stay tuned next week for a theological analysis of our story.

Thank you for your support; let us pray for each other.

Fr. Rob Novokowsky, fssp



Bulletin of Information

17 November, 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

Date	Liturgy	Mass Intention	Requested by
Sun 17 Nov.	23rd Sun. aft Pent. 2nd cl.	9 am Deceased of Nohara & van der Zalm Families 11 am Pro populo	Darryl & Jennifer Nohara —
Mon. 18 Nov.	Dedication of Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul, 3rd cl.	7:30 am + John & Maria Bak	Rebecca & Tony Alfieri
Tues. 19 Nov.	St. Elizabeth of Hungary, W, 3rd cl. (Comm. St. Pontianus)	7:30 am Poor Souls in Purgatory	Marie Monast-Helmers
Wed. 20 Nov.	St. Felix of Valois, C, 3rd cl.	7:30 am Poor Souls 8:30 to 6:30pm Adoration 7 pm Celebrant's Int.	Helen Kemp —
Thurs. 21 Nov.	Presentation of the BVM, 3rd cl.	7:30 am Poor Souls in Purgatory	Urszula Blakiewicz
Fri. 22 Nov.	St. Cecilia, V, M, 3rd cl.	7:00 pm Poor Souls in Purgatory	Walter & Karina Maczynski
Sat. 23 Nov.	St. Clement I, P, M, 3rd cl. (Comm. St. Felicitas)	9:00 am Rachel Arsenault	Arsenault Family
Sun. 24 Nov.	24th and Last Sunday af. Pentecost, 2nd cl.	9 am Deceased of Nohara & Harb Families 11 am Pro Populo	Paul and Genevieve Nohara —



Announcements

1. **Visiting today?** Welcome! We are glad to see you.
2. **Web Presence:** The parish's website is a work in progress. In the meantime, this bulletin is being uploaded to Facebook, along with some photos etc. (NB: this FB page has no official connection to the parish.) facebook.com/LatinMassNiagara.
3. **Are you Deceased?** If so, you are NOT obligated to complete a gray CENSUS form. The rest of you are. This way we have accurate, up-to-date info about you, your family and how to contact you. I promise not to sell your info to the highest bidder. Thank you so much.
4. **Days of Recollection:** For Women Sat. 30 Nov.; For Men Sat. 7 Dec. 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. **Conference Topics: Prayer and the Eucharist.**
5. **Young Adult Group:** If you are between 18 and 35, and would like to participate, please write mariasarahdelduca@gmail.com.
6. **Offertory Collection:** For Sun. 27 Oct.: \$1,686; SOLI Sisters \$984. Candles: \$210. Thank you for your continued generosity, and for remembering the parish in your will.
7. **Mass Intention Requests:** Please use the envelopes provided at the back of the church. Thank you.
8. **Auxiliary Member of the Legion of Mary?** Please renew your commitment to the daily prayers. The Legion is looking for active and auxiliary members. Active members come to the meeting and do 2 hours of apostolic work weekly. The purpose of the weekly meeting is mutual formation, prayer, protection and encouragement. Auxiliary members are super important even though they don't attend the meeting or do the active work. They support the work by the daily rosary and Tessera prayer.

News from the Diocese and Beyond

1. Catholic Conference: You Are Called; Scotiabank Centre, Niagara Falls; Sat. 23 Nov. Visit branchesoftheword.org or call **905-685-7000**.
2. Diocesan Anniversary Mass and Dinner Celebration. Feast of St. Catherine, Mon. 25 Nov. See the flier at the back of the church for more info.
3. Christmas Bazaar, Sacred Heart, Chippawa, Sun. Dec. 1st Beef on a Bun, Pizza, etc. While Elephant Sale, bring your husbands.