



Shepherd's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Thinking and speaking frankly about death is what Catholics ought to do, in order to prepare ourselves for our passage out of this world into the next where we will find either the New City Jerusalem or the lake of fire.

The four 'Last Rites' are part of this prep. We spoke last week about confession. Remember: *'As we have lived, so we will die.'* If Uncle George avoids confession all his adult life—unless by a very special miracle—he will refuse it at the end too. We need to be in the habit of regularly confessing our sins; it's the best way to live and the to die. We move on to the 2nd 'Last Rite.'

Extreme Unction or Anointing of the Sick. The sacraments were established by Christ to meet a particular human need. Preparing for death is a particular need. God is practical, but never sentimental. This holy sacrament is often mistreated for sentimentality: lay people and deacons anointing; anyone being anointed. Canon Law is clear: *The anointing can be administered, only by a priest, to any member of the faithful who, having reached the use of reason, begins to be in danger of death by reason of illness or old age. In cases of doubt, it is to be administered. It is not to be given to those who obstinately persist in a manifestly grave sin.* (Cf. CIC/83 1003-1007).

Health. The purpose of Extreme Unction is health, the soul first, and the body second. Therefore, it has within it the power to forgive sins too, if need be. This is why priests alone administer this sacrament. The body is anointed six times: *"By this holy anointing, and His most loving mercy, may the Lord forgive you what sins you have committed through the use of your sense of sight, etc."* Since the soul is more important than the body, this sacrament always produces a grace for the soul, but not always for the body. Sometimes dramatic physical healings happen, sometimes a gentle respite is granted, sometimes peace of mind, sometimes there's no physical change at all. (Grace is not an object of any of the senses, including the 6th one.)

Who receives the anointing? A) Soldiers going to war are not anointed because the danger of death is not internal, but external. The proper sacraments for them are confession and communion. B) Small children (below the age of reason) are not anointed because there's no question of actual sin. If there's no need of forgiveness, there's no need of anointing. C) Those only mildly sick or those not sick at all (Good grief!) are not yet in need of a special sacrament. D) Medical surgery itself is an external danger, but the seriously ill can die on the table. If the risk is from their illness, (e.g. cardiac issues), the anointed can certainly be done. If the risk is just the general risk of surgery, it isn't. E) Those of a great old age have begun to be in a danger of death by their age and can be anointed for this reason.

From a sudden and unprovided death, *Libera nos, Domine!*

God love you, — *Fr. Rob Novokowsky, FSSP*



Bulletin of Information

2 February, 2020

St. 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, Saturdays 4—5 pm
or by appointment.

Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday 8:30
am—6:30 pm, with Benediction; First Fridays 6—7 pm.

Baptism: Contact the office one month prior to proposed date.

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

Legion of Mary: Praesidium Meeting, Tuesdays 2 pm.

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

First Friday: Hour of Reparation 6-7pm, followed by 7 pm Mass.

First Saturday: Rosary and Meditation after 9 am Mass.

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Schedule of Masses and Intentions

| Date | Liturgy | Mass Intention | Requested by |
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| Sun. 2 Feb. | Purification of the BVM, 2nd cl. | 9 am Pro Populo 11 am Miriam Aycho | —— Genevieve Nohara |
| Mon. 3 Feb. | Feria, 4th cl. (St. Blaise, 4th cl.) | 7 pm Celebrant's Int. Blessing of Throats | —— |
| Tues. 4 Feb. | St. Andrew Corsini, B, C, 3rd cl. | 7:30 am John Paul Arsenault | Michael and Colleen Arsenault |
| Wed. 5 Feb. | St. Agatha, V, M, 3rd cl. | 7:30 am Idella & Stanley Samson Adoration 8:30 am—6:30 pm with Benediction 7 pm Celebrant's Int. | Private —— |
| Thurs. 6 Feb. | St. Titus, B, C, 3rd cl. (Comm. St. Dorothy) | 7:30 am Andrew Ratelle | Milly & Leo Ratelle |
| Fri. 7 Feb. | St. Romuald, Abbot, 3rd cl. | 7 pm Colin Arsenault | Michael and Colleen Arsenault |
| Sat. 8 Feb. | St. John of Matha C, 3rd cl. | 9 am Paul (+) and Gene- vieve Nohara Confessions 4-5 pm. Alleluia not heard until Easter | Hesse Family |
| Sun. 9 Feb. | Septuagesima Sunday, 2nd cl. | 9 am Anna & Andre Vautour 11 am Pro Populo | Maria Paquette |

 Shading indicates a special schedule.



Announcements

1. **Visiting today?** Welcome. Please join us in the basement hall for coffee after the 11 am Mass Sundays.
2. **Blessing of Throats.** Please note that Monday will have an evening Mass, 7 pm, followed by the blessing of throats through the intercession of St. Blaise.
3. **Absence:** Fr. Novokowsky must travel Feb. 10-15. The Mass schedule will be a little topsy-turvy: Monday—7:30 am; Tues. No Mass; Wednesday—7 pm (without Adoration or Benediction); Thursday—12:10 pm; Friday—7 pm; Saturday—12:10 pm.
4. **Fundamentals of Catholicism:** An 11-Week Course for Adults. For Catholics and non-Catholics. Thursdays 6:30—7:30 pm, beginning Thurs. 23 Jan., at St. Denis Parish (230 Lake St., St. Catharines). Invite your friends. **Please register:** send a note to: staloyuspastor@protonmail.com and you will receive a course schedule and outline. *N.B.: This is a new email address.* Drop-ins also welcome.
5. **Confessions Saturday 4 –5 pm:** This time block is back on the schedule.
6. **Server Required:** Our Wed. evening Mass and Benediction is unsatisfactory without a server. Please consider coming and/or learning.
7. **Young Adult Group.** Next Meeting Feb. 8th. For more info write the coordinator, Maria: mariasaradelduca@gmail.com.
8. **Youth Group:** For those twelve (12) and up. Meets regularly. For more info please call the office and I'll put you in touch with the parent leaders.
9. **Legion of Mary: Now meets Tuesdays at 2 pm** in the parish Hall.
10. **Offertory Collection for 26 Jan.:** Offertory—\$1,555; SOLI Sisters—\$1340; Thank you for your material support of the parish.

From the Diocese and Beyond

1. St. Catharines Right to Life Annual dinner with guest speaker Amy Ford (Embrace Grace—founder) Feb. 29, 2020, Holiday Inn, 327 Ontario St. Adults—\$50, Students—\$25. Questions or tickets: Jen or Darryl 905-892-0543, jnohara@computan.com., **before Feb. 23** so that St. Aloysius seating can be arranged together.
2. K of C Council 1394 will be hosting an all-you-can-eat Breakfast on every Sun. in Feb. 9-12 pm, 235 Church St., St. Catharines. Adults—\$10, kids (10 or less)—\$5. Reservations 2 days ahead: Carl Pearson: 905-651-4586.
3. **The "Light is On":** Confessions every weeknight, Mon—Fri, 8 pm to 9 pm at St. Denis Parish, 230 Lake St., St. Catharines.