



## Shepherd's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

**Priest-less Reconciliation with God:** God definitely wants all of us to be in a state of sanctifying grace—even if we've sinned—especially if we've sinned! The state of grace is a state of friendship with God. Winning this friendship is what he came to die for. It is so important, priests and the sacraments are not even required in every particular circumstance.

Our state of grace is ruined, killed, by a mortal sin. Venial sin weakens our grace. The faithful have the means at their disposal to increase (intensify) their sanctifying grace by contrition.

If we have the misfortune of falling into a venial sin, we can express our sorrow to God, and impose a penance on ourselves. This keeps our relationship with God fresh, and prevents the sins from piling up and weighing us down.

If we have the misfortune of falling into a mortal sin, we should attempt to make a perfect Act of Contrition as soon as we can. Now, it is easier to say the words than it is to mean them. For this reason, we can never be completely sure we've achieved perfect contrition. (Repeating the act is sometimes useful.) If we have achieved perfect contrition, *sanctifying grace returns to us*. We still need to go to confession, when this is available, to be reconciled to the Church and to be able to receive Holy Communion.

**A Perfect Act of Contrition:** Contrition is sorrow for sin. Sorrow is a decision that our sin was a bad idea and should never be repeated. Why was it a bad idea? How we answer this question determines our kind of sorrow.

1. A guy decides to get drunk. Now he's sorry because it ruined his chances for a much-desired promotion at work. He regret is based on a bad, natural consequence. This sorrow is good, but merely natural, and self-serving. It may be very strong, deep, real, authentic, genuine.

2. The guy realizes that getting drunk is a mortal sin, and he doesn't want to go to hell, so he regrets his decision, and resolves not to repeat it. He now has a supernatural motive. This sorrow is better; called attrition; is self-serving.

3. The guy realizes that his all-loving, all-merciful Heavenly Father was offended by his drunkenness. Now he regrets his decision because he repaid God's love with a slap in the face. This sorrow is called perfect because it is based on the highest possible motive. This act of sorrow may be accompanied by a strong feeling of sorrow or not. These emotions are not relevant, for sorrow is a decision. This sorrow will naturally be accompanied by two things: (1) a desire to be reconciled as soon as possible---through the Sacrament of Confession; and (2) a decision never to do it again. This decision is a Purpose of Amendment, which is very important, because the strength of this 'Purpose' determines how much of God's grace we are open to receiving.

True sorrow must be (a) interior: coming from the heart, not just on the lips; (b) supernatural: taking into account eternal consequences; (c) universal: applying to all of our sins, not just some of them; and (d) supreme: as sin is the worst evil, we should easily chose death over any sin.

With a blessing, - *Fr. Rob Novokowsky, FSSP*



*Bulletin of Information*

*5 April, 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
Sun. 5 Apr.	Palm Sunday, 1st cl.	10 am Pro Populo	—
Mon. 6 Apr.	Holy Monday, 1st cl.	7:30 am Andrew Paquette	Paquette Family
Tues. 7 Apr.	Holy Tuesday, 1st cl.	7:30 am Ray & Betty Nova	Fr. N.
Wed. 8 Apr.	Spy Wednesday, 1st cl.	7:30 am Idella & Stanley Samson	Private Int.
Thurs. 9 Apr.	Holy Thursday, 1st cl.	7 pm Priests of the FSSP	Fr. N.
Fri. 10 Apr.	Good Friday, 1st cl.	<b>2 pm Solemn Liturgy</b>	—
Sat. 11 Apr.	Holy Saturday, 1st cl.	<b>11 pm Easter Vigil— Marie &amp; Jon Bak</b>	Private Int.
Sun. 12 Apr.	Easter Sunday 1st cl.	10 am Pro Populo	—

 Shading indicates a special schedule.



# Announcements

1. **A real welcome to our virtual visitors.** Coffee time is postponed until further notice.
2. **Holy Week:** Ceremonies will be strange this year: they will be without their proper solemnity. I have decided that sometimes “less is more” so they will be mostly without singing. While they will be live streamed on youtube (see below) they will have low production value and not qualify as entertainment by any definition!
3. **Coronavirus:** Stay flexible; stay calm; stay prayerful. We’ll get through it together.
4. **Masses and Visits to Churches Cancelled:** Bishop Bergie has cancelled even visits to churches and Premier Ford has forbidden gatherings of more than 5 people.
5. **Confession and Holy Communion:** During this pandemic, all services on the Church property seem to be impossible. The neighbours are eager to ‘report’ and the police are eager to hand out fines.
6. **Email Communication:** If you’d like to receive email notices, please send me an email: [staloyuspastor@yahoo.ca](mailto:staloyuspastor@yahoo.ca). Non parishioners are also invited to be on the list.
7. **New YouTube Channel:** It’s called “St. Aloysius—Thorold.” We will “live stream” some things, which you can also view afterwards too. “Subscribe” [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMUG3-27shTAtUo87XRrUpg?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMUG3-27shTAtUo87XRrUpg?view_as=subscriber)
8. **Outdoor Stations of the Cross:** Cancelled.
9. **1st Communion and Confirmation:** Please stay tuned for further instructions in these areas.
10. **Confession and Adoration:** Postponed until further notice.
11. **Fundamentals of Catholicism:** Postponed until further notice.
12. **Youth Group:** Postponed until further notice.
13. **Young Adults Group:** Postponed until further notice.
14. **Offertory Collections:** Thank you to those who have dropped donations off, or sent them in. I will try to organize something more efficient in the coming days. Thank you for your patience.