

- insulated “cult”. You have proved the nay-sayers wrong. Thank you.
12. **Building:** Bishop Bergie has given permission to fundraise for the projects below, diocesan tax free. Building Fund envelopes are available for this purpose. (#1) The Front Entrance Canopy—installed! (#2) A free-standing, fixed-screen confessional. (#3) Organ and Choir Platform: this will elevate our music program literally and figuratively. (#4) An open vestibule separated from the nave of the church.
 13. **Building Fund Envelopes:** Available on the back table. Funds will be used for tax-free improvement projects, not operating funds.
 14. **Is today a fast day?** 2020 FSSP Calendars are loaded with lots of info. Available for \$10 in the basement bookstore. Please see Marie.
 15. **Offertory Collection for 29 Dec.:** Offertory—\$1455; Building Fund—\$300; Sisters—\$20; Cathedral Appeal—\$50; Thank you.
 16. **Cyber presence:** Visit our website: www.stalloysius-latinmass.ca for the latest, or the unofficial Facebook page, facebook.com/LatinMassNiagara.



Shepherd's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Our ears hear some ridiculous slander which may be useful to discuss. Is St. Aloysius a cult? Further, is the Catholic Church a cult?

What is a cult? A ‘cult’ is named from the word ‘cultus’ meaning worship. A religious sect is called a ‘cult’ when (typically) the so-called worship of a divinity is intertwined with pernicious expectations regarding the leader of the group. The leader benefits by exploiting the members. The legitimate freedoms of the members (financial, emotional, psychological, physical) are taken away in such a way that the members believe they surrendered them voluntarily. Members are programmed to obey; ex-members must be deprogrammed.

The Catholic Church exists exactly for the sake of freedom: freedom from moral slavery (sin), intellectual slavery (ignorance), and spiritual death (separation from God) in order to be live and breath freely as children of God. Some wrongly hold that true ‘freedom’ means the absence of all restraint. This is nonsense. We are restrained by the laws of God and gravity alike. True freedom is living in accordance with law. We are taught good reasons to obey for our own sake—not programmed to obey for the benefit of another.

In addition, the priests of the FSSP earn less than any diocesan clergy, sometimes as little as 1/2. We have no chance of ecclesiastical honours or positions of ecclesiastical power. We have little prestige in civil circles. We are not allowed to play in any of the reindeer games. Where are the cult-like benefits?! No, we are gloriously an ordinary Catholic parish—thank God!

Thank you for your support. Let us pray for each other,

— *Fr. Rob Novokowsky, FSSP*



Bulletin of Information
5 January, 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 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.

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 Meditation.

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Schedule of Masses and Intentions



Announcements

Date	Liturgy	Mass Intention	Requested by
Sun. 5 Jan.	Holy Name of Jesus, 2nd cl.	9 am - Somogyvari & Shtanenbergl Families 11 am - Pro populo	John & Natalia Somogyvari ——
Mon. 6 Jan.	Epiphany of the Lord, 1st cl.	7:30 am Henry & Irene Glazewski 7 pm Celebrant's Int.	Milly & Leo Ratelle ——
Tues. 7 Jan.	Feria of Epiphany, 4th cl.	7:30 am Sr. Mary Immaculate, SOLI	Mireille Aycho
Wed. 8 Jan.	Feria of Epiphany, 4th cl.	7:30 am Stanley & Idella Samson 7 pm Celebrant's Int.	Private ——
Thurs. 9 Jan.	Feria of Epiphany, 4th cl.	7:30 am Souls in Purga- tory	Richard & Loretta Gensens
Fri. 10 Jan.	Feria of Epiphany, 4th cl.	7 pm Paul & Holly Guerin	Theresa & Wilson Aycho
Sat. 11 Jan.	Sat. of Our Lady, 4th cl. (Comm. St. Hyginus)	9 am Lesa LeBlanc & Eric Serroul	LeBlanc Family
Sun. 12 Jan.	The Holy Family, 2nd cl.	9 am Anna & Andre Vautour 11 am Pro Populo	Sarah Paquette ——

 Shading indicates a special schedule.

- Welcome to our visitors today.** Please join us in the basement hall for coffee after the 11 am Mass Sundays.
- Epiphany:** A 1st Class Holy Day. In former times it was a Holy Day of Obligation. Please plan on attending one of two Masses: 7:30 am & 7 pm.
- Epiphany Blessings:** Water, Chalk and Incense will be blessed on the evening of Sun. 5 Jan. If you'd like your home blessed, please sign up on the sheet provided at the back of the church. Thank you.
- “Heaven is filled... with converted sinners of all kinds and there is still room for more.”** -St. Joseph Cafasso. Beginning Jan. 6, 2020, the Sacrament of Confession will be available every weekday from 8 to 9 pm at St. Denis Parish. Every week, Mon. to Fri. inclusive. Yours truly has Thursdays. (Adoration Chapel Entrance, 230 Lake St., St. Catharines).
- Fundamentals of Catholicism: An 11-Week Course for Adults.** For Catholics and not 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: staloyuspasstor@protonmail.com and you will receive a course schedule and outline.** *N.B.: This is a new email address.*
- Altar Server Practice and Appreciation Lunch:** Servers are invited to come to a training session on Sat. Jan. 11. Mass—9 am. Training—10 am. Depart for Mandarin Niagara Falls—11:30 am. See you there!
- Confessions Saturday 4 –5 pm:** Would it be helpful to you personally to have this time back on the schedule here at St. Aloysius? If so, please fill out a survey form on the back table and put it in the collection basket.
- 2020 Envelopes:** If you can't find one with your name on it, that's something we'll have to remedy, isn't it? 289-352-1598.
- Dismissal:** “*And having dismissed the multitude, he went into a mountain alone to pray. And when it was evening, he was there alone,*” (Mt.14:23). Why did Jesus ever need to be alone? Didn't He come here to talk to us?! He didn't need to be alone; He was giving an example to his priests who certainly do. Short term pain for long term gain. Therefore, public Masses on Monday will not normally be scheduled beginning **13 Jan. 2020.**
- Legion of Mary:** Please note that the regular meeting of the praesidium is now **Tuesdays at 2 pm** in the parish Hall. Active members do some apostolic work each week to bring Christ to others.
- Cathedral Appeal:** Thank you very much to all who helped out with the effort to fix the cathedral. It is a testimony to your faith and devotion that you have put St. Aloysius far above its goal. Some say that our parish is a