



Shepherd's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

A good attitude regarding our sufferings is solidly resting on the truth. The truth shall set us free. To the extent that we are ignorant of the truth, or reject the truth, we will have a bad attitude regarding earthly suffering.

1. Sin causes death. "The day you eat of it you shall surely die."
2. Death, the greatest of sufferings, is a punishment for sin.
3. All lesser sufferings are also a punishment for sin.
4. This is the very nature of things.
5. God is just. It is impossible for him to be unjust.
6. God is also merciful. It is impossible for him to be unmerciful.
7. God punishes us when we need to be punished.
8. God punishes out of justice and mercy at the same time.
9. All good fathers punish their misbehaving children.
10. God is He through whom all fatherhood is named.
11. Do not look for a one to one correspondence with suffering and sin, as in: I suffered "X" because I committed "Y" sin.
12. Is it especially wrong to draw a cause-effect relationship regarding others: They got cancer because of some secret sin.
13. Is it always wrong to compare the gravity of our sins to another's.
14. Our sins should be compared to what God had expected of us.
14. We have no knowledge of God's expectation of others; we cannot judge the gravity of their internal guilt.
15. We cannot judge how pleasing to God another is, regardless of who they are or what they have done.
16. We can and must judge the exterior actions of others, without making judgement as to their internal state.
17. When we concentrate on their sins, we compare them to our own virtues.
18. This makes us negative, haughty, unaccepting, and unmerciful.
19. Concentrating on our own sins, we are free to focus on the virtues of the other.
20. This allows us a positive attitude, one of humility, acceptance, and mercy.
21. Sufferings are granted to us as a means of paying the temporal punishment due to our sins, repairing the damage caused by them, and healing our wounds.
22. Sufferings, in humility, are accepted as a chance to do something good; they become a source of joy, growth, and freedom to be little in the eyes of all.
23. In pride, sufferings are rejected as something unworthy of our native excellence, a waste of time, and a source of frustration and lasting bitterness. The soul is turned inward; and becomes increasingly closed. The unresolved conflict remains hidden only with great effort.
24. Sufferings are also used for purification. As gold, a precious commodity, is purified in the fire, we too must be purified, as more precious than gold. To expect otherwise is to underestimate our value and our dross.
25. Using another metaphor: "I am the true vine: and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit, he will take away: and everyone that beareth fruit, he will purge it, that it may bring forth more fruit," (Jn.15:1-2).

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



Bulletin of Information

15 March, 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. 15 Mar. | 3rd Sunday in Lent, 1st cl. | 9 am Helene Kump 11 am Pro Populo | Gabriela & Catherine Paquette —— |
| Mon. 16 Mar. | Feria in Lent, 3rd cl. | 7 pm Celebrant's Int. | —— |
| Tues. 17 Mar. | Feria in Lent, 3rd cl. (Comm of St. Patrick) | 7:30 am Soli Novena | Soli Sisters |
| Wed. 18 Mar. | Feria in Lent, 3rd cl. (Comm St. Cyril of Jerusalem) | 7:30 am + Paul Nohara 8:30—6:30 Adoration 7 pm Celebrant's Int. | Harry & Linda Vandergeest —— |
| Thurs. 19 Mar. | St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 1st cl. | 7:30 am + Zbigniew Pietruszko | Richard & Loretta Gensens |
| Fri. 20 Mar. | Feria in Lent, 3rd cl. (Comm Ann. Coro- nation of the Pope) | 7 pm + Paul Nohara 7:45 pm Stations of the Cross | Richard Brien & M. Monast-Helmers |
| Sat. 21 Mar. | Feria in Lent, 3rd cl. | 9 am Adolf Taddeo | Darryl & Jen Nohara |
| Sun. 22 Mar. | 4th Sunday in Lent, (Laetare) 1st cl. | 9 am Pro Populo 11 am Rock & Rita Fortier | —— Marie Monast Helmers |

 Shading indicates a special schedule.



Announcements

- Welcome to our visitors.** Coffee time is unfortunately canceled.
- Coronavirus:** We are, as you know, sailing in uncharted waters. We have never experienced this before; we need to be prepared to do unusual and uncomfortable things in order to avoid what is much worse for ourselves and especially for others.
- Email Communication:** If you have not received an email this week from the parish office, you are not on our list. If you'd like to receive email notices, please send us an email : staloysiuspastor@yahoo.ca.
- 40 Days for Life:** Be part of this peaceful campaign. We've adopted Sat. Apr. 4., 8 am – 8 pm. We'd like 2 or more to give public witness for an hour or two, at the Niagara Falls General Hospital. To sign up: www.wpcprolife.com, OR see the sign-up at the back of the church.
- Stations of the Cross in Lent:** These will be prayed after the evening Mass on Fridays, beginning around 7:45 pm.
- 1st Communion and Confirmation: ??** Preparations are underway. Please call the office if you have a candidate not yet registered.
- Confession and Adoration:** Sat. Mar. 28 in every parish church across the diocese a priest will be available 10 am – 2 pm, including St. Aloysius.
- Fundamentals of Catholicism:** Postponed until further notice.
- Youth Group:** Postponed until further notice.
- Young Adults Group:** Postponed until further notice.
- Offertory Collections:** 8 March: Offertory—\$1,389; Building Fund—\$170; SOLI Sisters—\$10; Seminarians—\$980. Thank you for your sacrificial giving for the glory of God.

100 Year Pandemic

- Please see the insert in the bulletin today for special instructions.
- Cover your coughs; preferably, wear a face mask.
- Hand hygiene: Wash hands frequently.
- Touch points: Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- For the common good: if you are unwell, please stay home.