



Shepherd's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

We continue our discussion about death because it's too important. But first a practical warning.

A Price for Truth. Jesus is the truth. Loving all things true defines an honest person, and ultimately, a disciple of Christ. Moreover, we need to—prudently—lead others to the truth. However, if we speak the truth to those who hate the truth, we will be a target of their violent reaction. (The reaction always become violent after their weak arguments run dry.) We as a parish, and I in particular, will one day become a target. We don't seek it for its own sake, nor should we be silent for fear of it. Becoming a target of evil forces is NOT a sign of wrongdoing. We are at war; if the Church militant avoids all fighting—as we are currently doing—we are guilty of negligence. Going AWOL is a capital crime. Knowing the truth is a privilege; prepare to pay a price of this privilege. Stand together; do not be afraid. *“These things have I spoken to you that you may not be scandalized. They will put you out of the synagogues: yea, the hour cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doth a service to God,”* (Jn:16.1-2). The truth sets us free.

Deaths One and Two. Our decision making regarding the first death is informed by God's revelation about the second. Our society, on the other hand, denies any such thing, and as a result, remain tragically (and sometimes comically) confused about what to do and say. The second death is certain.

Healthy Fear. Most fear is bad; fearing what is truly fearful is good. *“But the fearful and unbelieving and the abominable and murderers and whoremongers and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, they shall have their portion in the pool burning with fire and brimstone, which is the second death,”* (Ap.19:7-8). Again, the same book says: *“And hell and death were cast into the pool of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the pool of fire,”* (Ap.20:14-15).

Not Oblivion. The human soul is immortal. How can the soul 'exist' and yet be called 'dead'? The purpose of life is to achieve the end for which life is given, that is, happiness, both natural and supernatural. The second death is a state of existence in which neither happiness is possible. It is existence without the purpose of existence. Oblivion, or non-existence, would definitely be better, but not possible, as our Lord said: *“But woe to that man by whom the Son of man shall be betrayed. It were better for him, if that man had not been born,”* (Mt:26.24). The gift of immortality is huge; once given, it is not withdrawn. God is nobody's chump.

Preparation. We prepare for the first death—openly—in order to avoid the second death. If we manage to do that, our life is a raging success. As we say in the Litany of the Saints: “From an unprovided death, free us, o Lord.”

Going forward, we'll be talking about the Last Rites, family, hospitals, funeral homes, the parish, organ donation, and living wills.

God love you, — Fr. Rob Novokowsky, FSSP



Bulletin of Information

19 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, 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



Announcements

Date	Liturgy	Mass Intention	Requested by
Sun. 19 Jan.	2nd Sunday after Epiphany, 2nd cl.	9 am John Tilley 11 am Pro populo	Walter & Karina Maczynski _____
Mon. 20 Jan.	Ss. Fabian and Sebastian, 3rd cl.	_____	_____
Tues. 21 Jan.	St. Agnes, V, M, 3rd cl.	7:30 am Rock and Rita Fortier	Marie Monast-Helmers
Wed. 22 Jan.	Ss. Vincent and Anastasius, M, 3rd cl.	7:30 am Celebrant's Int. Adoration 8:30 am—6:30 pm with Benediction 7 pm + Msgr. Jack Cartwright	_____
Thurs. 23 Jan.	St. Raymond of Penafort, C, 3rd cl.	7:30 am + Paul Nohara	Sue Battersby Campbell
Fri. 24 Jan.	St. Timothy, B, M, 3rd cl.	7 pm + Eugene Rudachuk	Aycho Family
Sat. 25 Jan.	Conversion of St. Paul, 3rd cl. (Comm. St. Peter)	9 am Richard Brien Confessions 4-5 pm.	Paquette Family
Sun. 26 Jan.	3rd Sunday aft. Epiphany 2nd cl.	9 am Sr. Maria Immaculata, SOLI 11 am Pro Populo	Darryl and Jen Nohara

 Shading indicates a special schedule.

- Visiting today?** Welcome. Please join us in the basement hall for coffee after the 11 am Mass Sundays.
- Epiphany Water:** Available to take home. See the silver font at the back of the church. Bring your own bottle. Thank you.
- Christmas Decorations:** Thank you to all who helped clean up some of the Christmas things. Now, you may have some questions: **A)** Why did we have poinsettias on the altar when the rule is 'no potted plants?' This rule about potted plants (or fake flowers) has to do with the notion of sacrifice. Neither of these is sacrificed. A poinsettia on the altar is definitely sacrificed: it is going to die as almost as quickly as a cut flower, therefore the sacrifice is equal. The same thing applies to lilies at Easter. **B)** Why did we have fake trees then? If you can find a pencil shaped fir tree, we'll use it! **C)** Why remove some of the décor before Feb. 2nd? Catholic life is always hierarchical, and layered; since the layers of Christmas end successively on Jan 1st, Jan 6th, Jan, 13th, and Feb. 2nd, our décor is also layered! **D)** Why did we have an advent 'wreath' when it wasn't traditional? We have stolen the gold from the Egyptians—unapologetically.
- The "Light is On":** Confessions every weeknight, Mon—Fri, 8 pm to 9 pm at St. Denis Parish, 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: staloyuspastor@protonmail.com and you will receive a course schedule and outline. *N.B.: This is a new email address.* Drop-ins also welcome.
- Confessions Saturday 4 –5 pm:** This time block is back on the schedule.
- Server Required:** The current routine on Wednesday evening is unsatisfactory. I absolutely need an altar server for benediction and Holy Mass these evenings. This is an APB.
- Monday Masses:** Masses will not normally be scheduled after **13 Jan. 2020.** However, a priest has kindly offered to cover. Negotiation.
- 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.
- Legion of Mary: Now meets Tuesdays at 2 pm** in the parish Hall.
- Offertory Collections for Jan.:** Offertory—\$1,349; Building Fund—\$120; Thank you for your material support of the parish. Please remember the parish in your will.