



Shepherd's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

I pray and hope you are doing well.

Conspiracy? Are evil forces conspiring against us? Of course. Since Cain killed Abel, the sons of Adam have been competing for prestige, power, wealth and pleasure. Some men addicted to these earthly goods and will conspire to get them. Their drunken pursuit of them means they will trample on you to get them. In their own mind, they are choosing good ends. If they are willing to choose evil means to achieve those good ends, their pursuit is wholly evil. Those consumed by an evil purpose are justly called evil.

Fallen angels. This is in addition to demons who, consumed with hatred, are always working to bring us down. This is sometimes allowed by God. Do evil men conspire with fallen angels? They do; remember Judas at the last Supper: "And after the morsel, Satan entered into him," (Jn.13:27). However, the demons hate their 'friends' and 'enemies' alike. Since deception is evil's modus operandi, most of their influence is hidden and secret. The demons make quicker slaves of unwary men this way.

Means and ends. The ancient Greek philosopher Aristotle taught: the end does not justify the means. Understand it in this sense: good ends do justify morally neutral means. However, good ends do not justify evil means. Never. The Church says it this way: evil may not be chosen that good may come of it. Never.

True principle. The whole world is confused by this principle that evil may never be chosen as a means to an end. The Church is the only institution which teaches it clearly and consistently. Protestants do not; Jews do not; Mohammedans do not; pagans, atheists, and secular humanists do not. Since Aristotle got it right, without the aid of revelation, we easily see this principle is part of the Natural Law, that law written on the heart of every man. Experience shows, however, that the forces of self-interest can easily cloud our judgement and lead to error.

Salvation: This is another reason why the Church is the Kingdom of God on earth. We can be saved from our intellectual error by the purity of her teaching. The Church is a refuge of truth. This is a cause of true joy and thanksgiving. A spiritual paradise in the midst of a fallen world.

Evil conspiracies. Since these are always present, our Lord commands: be wise as serpents. Wisdom needs knowledge, courage, and creativity. Fearful, regretful handwringing is not a component of wisdom. Engage in battle. He also commands: Be simple as doves. Engage in battle without descending into evil. One evil is tyranny. Our country is becoming totalitarian. Our civil freedoms are disappearing—quickly. We may be far too much dove and not enough serpent. Resistance is not futile.

Remember that Jesus wins: As Belloc said: "The Church is a perpetually defeated thing which always outlives her conquerors."

Thank you for your support, — *Fr. Rob Novokowsky, FSSP*



Bulletin of Information

17 May 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. 17 May	5th Sun. after Easter 2nd cl.	10 am Pro Populo	_____
Mon. 18 May	St. Venantius M, 3rd cl. Or Rogation Mass	_____	_____
Tues. 19 May	St. Peter Celestine, P, C, 3rd cl. Or Rogation Mass	7:30 am SOLI Sisters Novena	SOLI Sisters
Wed. 20 May	Vigil of the Ascen- sion or Rogation Mass, 2nd cl.	7:30 am Idella & Stanley Samson	Private
Thurs. 21 May	Ascension of the Lord, 1st cl.	7:30 am Maria Paquette	Paquette Family
Fri. 22 May	Feria after Ascen- sion, 4th cl.	7:30 am Matthew Paquette	Paquette Family
Sat. 23 May	Saturday of Our Lady, 4th cl.	9 am + Alida Vanderzam	Genevieve Nohara
Sun. 24 May	Sunday after the Ascension, 2nd 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. **Monday:** there is no public Mass on Monday. The phones and emails will not be answered either. Thank you.
3. **Tuesday and Wednesday:** We will offer a virtual Rogation Procession (Litany of the Saints) followed by the Rogation Mass.
4. **Please pray:** for the repose of the soul of **Mary Humphrey** who left the parish a gift from her estate. *Requiescat in pace. Amen.*
5. **Bishop Bergie:** “Like all of you, I long for the day when we can, once again, publicly celebrate the sacraments in our churches.” Unfortunately, the reopening of churches is not part of the initial stage of loosing restrictions in Ontario.
6. **Our YouTube Channel:** Search for “**St. Aloysius—Thorold**” or click this link : https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMUg3-27shTAtUo87XRrUpq?view_as=subscriber
7. **Sacraments.** During the pandemic, Confession and Holy Communion are available by appointment only, and following strict protocols. (Strange times call for strange measures, no? Thank you. No Mask? No problem—I’ll hear your confession as soon as you do.
8. **Email Communication:** You can request to receive email notices from this parish office at: staloyiuspastor@yahoo.ca. Non parishioners are also invited to be on the list.
9. **Fundamentals of Catholicism:** Postponed until further notice.
10. **Collections 10 May:** Offertory—\$2,885; SOLI—\$645; Holy Land—\$100; Seminarians—\$50; Popes Works—\$125. Thank you.
11. **Question:** Can I contribute to a special collection, like the Building Fund, SOLI Sisters or Seminarians by “Interac e-Transfer?” Yes, just specify in the memo line, as you would on any cheque. From your online banking portal, you can send funds to the parish by naming our email address: staloyiuspastor@yahoo.ca. The funds are automatically transferred into the parish account.
12. **Attention Young Adults 18+** It’s been 3 loong months since our last get together. How about ‘gathering’ by Skype or Zoom?! Date and details are TBD. All are welcome. To be added to the contact list for this group, contact Maria at mariasarahdelduca@gmail.com.