



Shepherd's Corner

Dear parishioners,

Does someone you know have Corinthian Syndrome? What is this, you ask? St. Paul warned us: "*Whosoever shall eat this bread or drink the chalice of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and of the blood of the Lord... Therefore are there many infirm and weak along you, and many sleep,*" (1 Cor. 11:27,30). Someone with this syndrome neither understands nor lives out their faith well. St. Paul names a cause: repeatedly receiving the body and blood of Christ unworthily.

For Western civilization, seminaries jettisoned Thomistic philosophy and theology in the 70's. This led to a vacuous catechesis for the faithful—I experienced this myself. End result: Communion lines are 10 x longer than the Confession lines.

The faithful are told the 'confiteor' at Mass is all that's needed, even with a mortal sin on the soul. This is a wicked deception. Further, they're told 'God wants you to receive Him' and, 'its a remedy for sin.' These, while very true, become a wicked deception when taken out of proper context. Even the 1997 Catechism makes this clear: "**Anyone conscious of a grave sin must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to Communion,**" (#1385).

Contrariwise, if a Catholic doesn't have to confess a mortal sin before Communion, why should they ever confess at all? Even if they do confess, why mention that mortal sin taken away by the Confiteor? Right—this means confessions are not performed properly also. So the much-needed remedy for unworthy communions has ceased to be a remedy.

If our participation in Communion and Confession is not sincere (open, honest, child-like), as St. Paul points out, then it is detrimental—*yet another mortal sin*. God indeed loves us, but if we abuse the Holy Sacraments then we do not love Him. Friendship has rules. Our sorrow for wrong-doing, and verbal admission of the same, must extend to all of our misdeeds.

Mortal sins are easily committed. Consider just two examples: 1) Missing Sunday Mass for no good reason; and 2) Any willful pursuit of venereal pleasure outside of lawful marriage. How common do you think these sins are? Right. Should not confession be as readily available as sin is common?

It's conceivable many *practicing* Catholics have spent years being in a state of sin. These *poverellos* are so poorly catechised they don't even know it, nor do they know what the state of grace is, nor why they should strive for it, nor how to go about it. *Many are infirm and weak along you, and many sleep*. Is there any wonder 'ex-Catholic' is a fast-growing group? Of course, any unstructured façade is bound to crumble in a stiff breeze.

The symptoms are overwhelming, yet the disease remains misdiagnosed. The Synod on Synodality, for instance, proclaims the Church needs to be more welcoming to people. No, the people need to be more welcoming of God—by receiving the Eucharist worthily—otherwise, we are bound have Corinthian Syndrome.

God love you,

- Fr. Rob Novokowsky, FSSP

St. Aloysius Parish

Bulletin of Information for 23 April 2023

*Traditional Latin Mass
Apostolate of the
Diocese of St. Catharines
Served by the
Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter*



Sunday Mass Times: 9 am, 11 am

Please see inside cover for weekday Mass Times.

Confessions: 20 minutes before each Mass; Saturdays 8 – 8:55 am or by appointment.

Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Fridays 12 pm to 7 pm; Benediction at 6:40 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: Wednesdays 6:30 pm.

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Schedule of Masses and Intentions



Announcements

Date	Liturgy	Masses, Confession, Intentions, 'Requested by'
Sun 23 Apr 2023	Second Sunday after Easter (Good Shepherd) 2nd cl.	9 am RLY + Joan McGillis <i>Rb T. Weston</i> 11 am RLY Pro Populo
Mon 24 Apr 2023	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, <i>M</i> 3rd cl.	12 noon Celebrant's Int. (Fr. McDonald)
Tues 25 Apr 2023	St. Mark, <i>Evang.</i> Rogation Mass 2nd cl.	7 pm LY Emilia Carnegie <i>Rb J. Carnegie</i>
Wed 26 Apr 2023	Ss. Cletus and Marcellinus <i>Popes, Martyrs</i> 3rd cl.	7:30 am LY BVM Choice Holy Souls <i>Rb N.P.</i>
Thurs 27 Apr 2023	St. Peter Canisus <i>Doctor</i> 3rd cl.	7:30 am LY + Gerald Bergie <i>Rb D&J Nohara</i>
Fri 28 Apr 2023	St. Paul of the Cross, <i>Confessor</i> 3rd cl.	11 am LY Thanksgiving for Fr. N <i>Rb Abbruscato</i> 7 pm LY Maryanne and Tayler <i>Rb Somogyvari</i> Adoration 12 pm—7 pm
Sat 29 Apr 2023	St. Peter <i>Martyr</i> 3rd cl.	8—8:55 am Confessions 9 am LY Sisters of the Visitation <i>Rb Sisters</i>
Sun 30 Apr 2023	Third Sunday after Easter 2nd cl.	9 am RLY Pro Populo 11 am RLY Rachel Arsenaault <i>Rb Arsenaault</i>

- Welcome to the parish.** If you'd like to become a parishioner, fill out a census form on the back table and place in red folder. Thank you.
- The Greater Litanies.** Tues 25 Apr 7 pm. We will have an outdoor procession beginning at 7 pm, weather-permitting, chanting the Litany of the Saints, with its prayers. Followed by the Rogation Mass. This is a penitential exercise to ask for protection from calamities, and a blessing on the farmers' fields.
- Fr. William Lawrence, FSSP:** The Fraternity's provincial will visit us next Sunday, 30 Apr. He'd like to meet with you after the High Mass. We will have a pot-luck in the hall at 12:45 pm. Please sign up.
- Confirmations.** Retreat for *confirmandi* on Sat. 27 May; Mass and Confirmations on Sat. 3 June at 10:30 am. His Excellency Bishop Bergie will be with us. (This Mass will replace the usual 9am Mass) Please pray for our candidates, inside and outside the parish.
- YouTube channel:** We will be changing to "Rumble" by May 1st.
- Toronto March for Life.** Join us on Fri 12 May to be a voice for the voiceless in Canada's largest city! The GTA is home to nearly 7 million people—and the death of thousands of pre-born children every year. More info: <http://www.torontomarchforlife.ca>.
- Mama-Baby Room.** We now have a designated area in the vestibule for mothers and small children.
- Catechism Class on Tuesday Nights.** After the 7 pm Mass, Father teaches in the hall. The class is also live-streamed to our YouTube channel. If interested, please register for class updates and weekly worksheets by emailing info@fsspniagara.com.
- Parish Family Square Dance:** Sun 21 May. Dance caller for 50+ years, Jim Lee, will be visiting us. Mass 11 am, Potluck 12:45 pm, Square Dance 2—4 pm. Mark yer calendars and sign up here: <https://saintalloysiusparish.flocknote.com/signup/121164>.
- Religious Article Exchange:** Have extra religious items, -or- in the market for a hard-to-find item? An exchange Sunday is coming. One man's treasure is another man's relief. Stay tuned for details.
- In your charity, please pray for:** All of our expectant mothers, Sandi K., Jim H., Marie P., Clare P., Fr. Scott Allen, FSSP, Fr. D. Gordon, FSSP, Fr. Stephen Innamorati, Priscilla L., Claire C., Fr. Charles Moser, Teresa W., Pierre B., Fr. J. Jackson, FSSP, Faustina A., Gabriella P.

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