



## Shepherd's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

**God has a face.** The face of God is not just a poetical or metaphorical, but real. *"He who sees me, sees the Father."* God gave us a face too. Heaven is a face-to-face encounter with God. The face of Jesus was transfigured on the mountain and shone like the sun: *"Lord, it is good for us to be here."* God looks upon us and we can look upon God. A mutual glance between lovers is the richest and most powerful communion.

**The Divine Glance** is multifaceted: a) the look of the creator on his creature, b) the look of a loving father on his child, c) the look of the bridegroom on his bride. In all of these looks, there is a deliberate choice, a commitment, a covenant. The divine glance is not initiated due to our worthiness, but simply God's merciful choice. The mystery of our calling, our vocation is a glance of God. The divine glance is not judgmental or condemnatory. *"I have not come to judge."* *"Neither do I condemn you."* The divine glance is inviting, welcoming, liberating, encouraging, and compassionate, hopeful. The divine glance is a glance of love, for God is love. It is creative or recreative. It seeks to recreate his own perfection in us; to imprint the image of Christ in us. The divine glance purifies with the fire of love. It clothes us with beauty, and holiness. The divine glance seeks a interpersonal union with the beloved.

**We have a face.** The greatest thing we can do is consent to the invitation of bathing in the loving countenance of our God. The greatest impurity is to refuse this gift. We hang our head, or shy away, or turn our face from God because of our sins. *"Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."* God sees not only our current state of imperfection, but also our future state in glory. The imperfection is but temporary, but the glory will be permanent.

**Serving the face of God.** If God accepts our lowliness, we need to accept our lowliness too. If God accepts our neighbours, we need to accept them too, and see the face of God in them. *"When you did it to the least of my brethren, you did it to me."*

**Consoling the Suffering Servant.** The Holy Face of Jesus is a revelation of infinite love. The most dazzling and beautiful face, the Holy Face, was horribly disfigured by our sins, and rendered lifeless on the cross. Our compassion is called for: *"I looked for one to console me but found none."* St. Theresa of Lisieux: *"Your face is my only wealth; I ask for nothing more. Hiding myself in it unceasingly, I will resemble you, dear Jesus."*

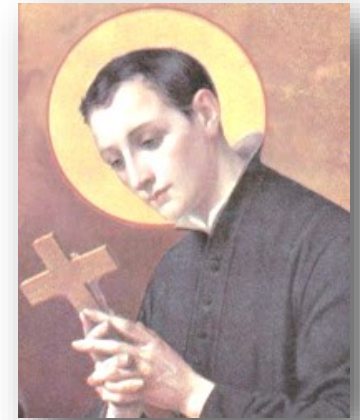
- Fr. Rob Novokowsky, FSSP

# Saint Aloysius Parish

## Bulletin of Information

**25 February 2024**

*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**

Weekday Masses — Please see inside cover for current times and intentions.

**Confessions:** 20 minutes before each Mass; Saturdays 8:30 – 8:55 am or by appointment.

**Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Fridays 12 pm to 7 pm; Benediction at 6:45 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 25 Feb 2024	2nd Sunday of Lent <i>1st cl.</i>	<b>9 am YT</b> +Kenneth Leblanc <i>Rb J &amp; P Leblanc</i> <b>11 am YT</b> Pro Populo ~ <b>12:30—1:30 pm</b> Holy Hour of Reparation
Mon 26 Feb 2024	Feria of Lent <i>3rd cl.</i>	<i>No Mass</i>
Tues 27 Feb 2024	Feria of Lent <i>3rd cl.</i>	<b>7 pm YT</b> Nina Shtanenberg <i>Rb J &amp; N Somogyvari</i>
Wed 28 Feb 2024	Feria of Lent <i>3rd cl.</i> <i>St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	<b>7:30 am YT</b> Jasmine Mastraacci <i>Rb G. Nohara</i>
Thurs 29 Feb 2024	Feria of Lent <i>3rd cl.</i>	<b>7:30 am YT</b> +Brian Cullen <i>Rb Eileen Cullen</i>
Fri 1 Mar 2024	Feria of Lent <i>3rd cl.</i>	<b>11 am YT</b> Elishia & Kristina N. <i>Rb D &amp; J Nohara</i> <b>7 pm YT</b> +Stanislaw Nowobilski <i>Rb L&amp;H Fuks</i> <b>Adoration</b> 12 pm—7 pm Stations of the Cross 8 pm
Sat 2 Mar 2024	Feria of Lent <i>3rd cl.</i>	<b>8:30—8:55 am Confessions</b> <b>9 am YT</b> +Douglas James Brewer <i>Rb D&amp;L Brewer</i>
Sun 3 Mar 2024	Third Sunday of Lent <i>1st cl.</i>	<b>9 am YT</b> Pro Populo <b>11 am YT</b> Fr. Chad Grennan <i>Rb Lara Huynh</i> ~ <b>12:30—1:30 pm</b> Holy Hour of Reparation

- 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.
- Holy Hour of Reparation:** Sundays in Lent, following the 11 am.
- Vocations:** Matthew Jagas was ordained a subdeacon in Denton Nebraska yesterday. We look forward to his deaconate on March 16th. In addition, Colin Frayne has entered the Carmelite Monastery in Wyoming to continue his discernment with that community. *Deo gratias!*
- Stations of the Cross:** Fridays, following the 7 pm Mass.
- The 40 Days for Life** consists of prayer and fasting outside the Niagara Falls hospital where abortions are performed; Ash Wed to Palm Sun. Our parish day will be **Sat 9 March**. Please stand up for the defenseless. Together we can make a difference—one soul at a time.
- Huge Conversion Story:** a former Planned Parenthood clinic manager, Ramona Trevino, author of “Redeemed by Grace!” is coming to speak. Wed. 13 March, 8:15 pm, St. Alfred’s Church Hall, 272 Vine St. Info: Angela Braun 905-931-0363. Free admission.
- Fasting:** St. Augustine provides the merits of fasting, especially for those living a life of celibacy: “Fasting purifies the soul. It lifts up the mind and brings the body into subjection to the spirit. It makes the heart contrite and humble, scatters the clouds of desire, puts out the flames of lust and enkindles the true light of chastity.”
- Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for February:** For the terminally ill: Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical & human care, accompaniment.
- Pilgrimage to IRELAND** with the Confraternity of St. Peter 14-23 Oct 2024; chaplain Fr. J. Smith FSSP; Host: Brandon B., (916) 223-9766, brandon\_blackford@yahoo.com. FAQs: stcharlespilgrimages.com/faqs
- Colin and Julia** extend their heart-felt gratitude to all who participated in their baby shower last Sunday. Thank you!
- St. Aloysius’ Choir:** We are attempting to establish a good music program. We will need your support. Please audition: 289-929-2792.
- Coffee after High Mass Sundays:** Come down to the basement!
- YouTube & Live Stream:** Visit: *TLM in Thorold South*.
- In your charity, please pray for:** +Dorothy Rakus, +Richard Zeliznak, Clare P., Nathalie G., +James Bailey, Gabriella P., +Richard K., Andrew R., Colette G., our expectant mothers, Sandi K., Marie P, Claire C., Pierre B.



**Special Schedule**    **YT—YouTube**    **Rb—Requested by**