

Saint Aloysius Parish

Contrariwise, the Roman centurion (I am not worthy...say but the word...) was praised: "And Jesus hearing this, marvelled; and said to them that followed him. Amen I say to you, I have not found so great faith in Israel." Our Lord promises to judge by interior faith: "And I say to you that many shall come from the east and the west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven: But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into the exterior darkness," (Mt.8:10-12). True for Jews and Catholics.

So, whose in the kingdom? Whoever has the kingdom dwelling within is a member of the kingdom without. Listen to St. John: "No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abideth in us, and his charity is perfected in us. In this we know that we abide in him, and he in us: because he hath given us of his spirit," (1Jn.4:12). Faith and love are decisions and deeds; exterior labels are not. It's easy to hate. "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer. And you know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in himself. In this we have known the charity of God, because he hath laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (1Jn.3:15).

Etty Hillesum, in her day, was criticized for her positive attitude and for refusing to hate the Nazis. Try to imagine: 1000 of her clients/acquaintances/family/friends were carted away to their deaths—every week—for 60 weeks—out of hatred. Etty purposely chose to love her enemies, as Christ commanded: "But he that keepeth his word, in him in very deed the charity of God is perfected; and by this we know that we are in him...He that loveth his brother, abideth in the light, and there is no scandal in him. But he that hateth his brother, is in darkness, and walketh in darkness," (1Jn 2:5-11).

Etty gives no scandal, nor took any. She said, "From your hands, my God, I accept everything as it comes. It is always good; I know it. I have learned that by putting up with all the trials, we can turn them to good. Always, as soon as I show myself ready to face them, the trials have changed into beauty."* Her decisions to accept Divine Providence could be found in the biography of any canonized Catholic saint, and yet Etty is not Catholic. Doesn't she show grace?

But, if we talk about being Catholic without acting Catholic, are we Catholic? Again, St. John has a comment: "He who saith that he knoweth him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him," (1Jn.2:4).

Jesus praised a pagan, whose words we repeat at every Mass; the Apostle Paul murdered St. Stephen; the psalmist King David committed adultery and murder; St. Augustine fornicated, and yes, Etty was a sinner too. These messy realities don't fit *theometry*. They do fit authentic theology, which I recommend you read here: ***Fire and Light, Learning to Receive the Gift of God, by Jacques Philippe, who dedicates an entire chapter to Etty Hillesum.**

Thank you. *Oremus pro invicem,*

- Fr. Rob Novokowsky, FSSP

Bulletin of Information

26 May 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 26 May 2024	Trinity Sunday, <i>1st cl.</i>	9 am YT + Nora Deluca <i>Rb Chris & Pat Merrick</i> 11 am YT Pro Populo
Mon 27 May 2024	St. Bede the Venerable, C, D. <i>3rd cl.</i> <i>St. John I</i>	No Mass
Tues 28 May 2024	St. Augustine of Canterbury, B, C. <i>3rd cl.</i>	7 pm YT Eleanor Cormier <i>Rb Octavie Monast</i>
Wed 29 May 2024	St. Mary Magda- lene of Pazzi, V. <i>3rd cl.</i>	7:30 am YT Lucy Luis & Family <i>Rb Burton Family</i>
Thurs 30 May 2024	Corpus Christi, <i>1st cl.</i>	7:30 am YT +Cynthia Brown <i>Rb Tait, Erin & Dan Brown</i>
Fri 31 May 2024	Queenship of Mary, <i>2nd cl.</i> <i>St. Petronilla</i>	11 am YT Br. Telesphorus <i>Rb Baruk Family</i> 7 pm YT +Behijy Kheir Sammour <i>Rb J & D Nohara</i> Adoration 12 —6:30 pm
Sat 1 June 2024	St. Angela Merici, V. <i>3rd cl.</i> Imm. Heart of Mary	9 am YT + Stanley&Idella Samson <i>Rb A&V Fougere</i>
Sun 2 June 2024	External Solemnity of Corpus Christi, <i>2nd cl.</i> 2nd Sun. aft. Pent.	9 am YT Pro Populo 11 am YT Protection of the FSSP, <i>Rb the FSSP</i>



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

- 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.
- Corpus Christi (External Solemnity):** Procession after the 11 am High Mass. The savior needs us to bring Him to his lost sheep. See the emails regarding making this celebration happen. Ice Cream social to follow.
- Annual financial Report 2023:** included in last week's bulletin.
- Youth Group:** Parish teens meet monthly for social fun. Friday evenings after Mass. SOLI Sisters leading. Simone for more info: 289-214-7390.
- Parish Picnic:** Sunday June 30 to celebrate St. Aloysius, Ss. Peter Paul, and the Sacred Heart and Precious Blood of Jesus!
- Pope's Prayer Intention (June):** Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities.
- St. Aloysius' Choir:** We need your talent. 289-929-2792.
- Coffee after High Mass Sundays:** Come on down to our social hall.
- YouTube & Live Stream:** Visit: *TLM in Thorold South*.
- In your charity, please pray for:** Benoit Family, Gabriella P., Jim H., +Teresa Weston, +Dorothy Rakus, +Richard Zeliznak, Clare P., +James Bailey, +Richard K., Andrew R., Colette G., our expectant mothers, Sandi K., Marie P, Claire C., Pierre B.



Shepherd's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

I've mentioned Etty Hillesum who died at Auschwitz in 1943. Etty was not received into the Church, and further, she lived a gravely sinful life before she knew God. Should you be scandalized by this? No. As a convert said to me once, "I was Catholic in my beliefs long before I knew those beliefs were Catholic." Can we be Catholic, or worse, *non-Catholic*, and not even know it? Yes.

The pharisees were the best. Jesus, not one to judge by appearances, called them sons of the devil: "*If God were your Father, you would indeed love me... You are of your father the devil: and the desires of your father you will do.*" (Jn.8:42-44). The pharisees had it all figured out: since the messiah came not from Nazareth they were free to murder Jesus. They didn't do theology, but *theometry* (like geometry), which is a vain attempt to mechanize religion and reduce God to a thing.