



## Shepherd's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Pleasure is oftentimes mistaken for happiness. I once asked a room full of high-school boys if a Ferrari would make them “happy.” Their answer was so enthusiastic that my attempt to distinguish happiness and pleasure fell on deaf ears. Ferrari, and the world, skillfully cultivate this confusion; it sells more Ferraris.

A sinful lifestyle is an attempt to find happiness in a succession of pleasures. This can never work, for, happiness is a result of being good.

Social pressure can lead to a secret lifestyle. A “double life” is keeping up a pretense of virtue but secretly indulging in habitual sin. God said: “*Be hot or cold, but the lukewarm I spit you out...*” If this man gives up the pretense of virtue and embraces an openly sinful lifestyle, those of us who judge by appearances (ahem, that’s all of us) would say he has grown further from God.

The opposite could be the case. A pretense of virtue is not virtue, after all, and does not work toward salvation. A decision to be open may be a step in the right direction. Now he’s being more honest, more truthful than before. Paradoxically, a double life is wholly dishonest, and an openly sinful life is only half dishonest. An honest conversation necessarily precedes an honest conversion.

We can react to family members in one of three ways: 1) Reject the person and their sinful lifestyle and cut off contact, or 2) Accept the person and their lifestyle and celebrate both. These two options are the easiest. 3) Accept the person while rejecting their sinful lifestyle. This path is difficult because it is fraught with uncertainty. One might ask, ‘Am I allowed to dine with these folks? Or am I forbidden to? Or obliged to? I’ve no idea.’

Sometimes we prefer a path with clear moral certainty. But if we are obliged to bear one another’s burdens—which we are—is the easy path likely the right one? Didn’t Christ ask us to love our enemies? Isn’t it often unclear how to do that? Didn’t our Lord himself muddy the moral waters, as it were, by eating with sinners? Was he condoning sin? The Pharisees implied He was. They were ‘taking scandal’ but our Lord was not ‘giving scandal.’ Our Lord’s first priority was to call sinners. Has he changed his priorities?

The sinner is not a problem, he is a creature of God. Talk to him about his dignity and beauty as a creature of God. The implication will be clear enough: your current choices are beneath your God-given dignity and beauty.

Rejecting error and embracing the truth can be painful. Let us not shy away from this suffering—for ourselves, or for others. In this suffering there is merit, and many good things will flow from it. It should not be avoided. [To be continued.]

Thank you for your continued spiritual and material support of the parish,

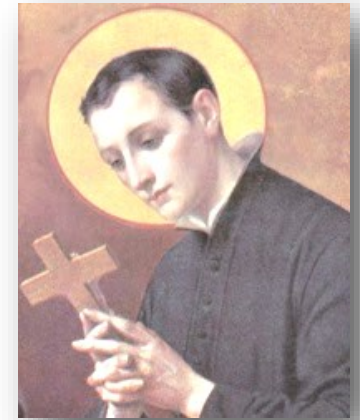
- Fr. Rob Novokowsky, FSSP

# Saint Aloysius Parish

## Bulletin of Information

4 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 4 Feb 2024	Sexagesima Sunday, 2nd cl.	<b>9 am YT</b> Pro Populo <b>11 am YT</b> Protection of the FSSP Rb <i>The FSSP</i>
Mon 5 Feb 2024	St. Agatha, V, M, 3rd cl.	<b>7:30 am YT</b> Souls in Purgatory Rb <i>Marie P. Monast</i>
Tues 6 Feb 2024	St. Titus, B, C, 3rd cl. <i>St. Dorothy</i>	<b>7 pm YT</b> The Braun Family Rb <i>Mike and Angela B.</i>
Wed 7 Feb 2024	St. Romuald, Ab., 3rd cl.	<b>7:30 am YT</b> Ted Szachowicz Rb <i>Loreen Szachowicz</i>
Thurs 8 Feb 2024	St. John of Matha, C, 4th cl	<b>7:30 am YT</b> + Mohor & Marija Kus Rb <i>D. Pickering</i>
Fri 9 Feb 2024	St. Cyril, B of Alexandria, D, 3rd cl. <i>St. Apollonia</i>	<b>11 am YT</b> Matthias Benedict Rb <i>T&amp;C Lichtenwalner</i> <b>7 pm YT</b> Luisa & Kent Gregory Rb <i>Joanna Swords</i> <b>Adoration</b> 12 pm—7 pm
Sat 10 Feb 2024	St. Scholastica, V, 3rd cl.	<b>8:30—8:55 am Confessions</b> <b>9 am YT</b> + Celina Buczek Rb <i>Robert Buczek</i>
Sun 11 Feb 2024	Quinquagesima Sunday, 2nd cl.	<b>9 am YT</b> Matthew Jagas Rb <i>Sam &amp; Laura Jagas</i> <b>11 am YT</b> Pro Populo <i>Holy Hour of Exposition 1—2 pm</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.
- Tax Receipts available:** Some are at the back; others are in the mail.
- Holy Hour** next Sunday, 11 Feb after the High Mass.
- Ash Wednesday 14 Feb:** two Masses 7:30 am and 7 pm with the distribution of ashes at the beginning of each Mass. This is a day of obligatory fast and abstinence. (See the rules published in last week's bulletin.) There's no excuse for suddenly developing a devotion to St. Valentine!
- Novena for the FSSP:** Thank you Blessed Mother. Consecration will be renewed on Sun 11 Feb. A preparatory novena will be held **2 Feb. to 10 Feb.** Please join us with a decade of the rosary, and the *Memorare* prayer. Thank you for your pious, and confident participation.
- 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](mailto:brandon_blackford@yahoo.com). FAQs: [stcharlespilgrimages.com/faqs](http://stcharlespilgrimages.com/faqs)
- 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.
- Colin and Julia are having a baby!** You are all cordially invited to their Baby Shower in the hall Sun 18 Feb after the 11am. All are welcome! Lunch will be provided. No gift is required. Love and prayers are most appreciated. Info: [cnjhay21@gmail.com](mailto:cnjhay21@gmail.com). See you there.
- Fr. Ralph Oballo, FSSP** will be preaching a retreat at Fontgombault Abbey this May 21-27, 2024 after the Chartres Pilgrimage. Registration: [www.chartres-pilgrimage.com](http://www.chartres-pilgrimage.com) or [hello@reginamagazine.org](mailto:hello@reginamagazine.org).
- 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!
- Lenten Recollections: Men 17 Feb., Women 24 Feb. See posters.**
- YouTube & Live Stream:** Visit: *TLM in Thorold South*.
- In your charity, please pray for:** +Dorothy Rakus, +Richard Zeliznak, Clare P., Fr. Richard K., +Fr. James Buckley, FSSP, Nathalie G., +James Bailey, Gabriella P., +Richard K., Andrew R., Richard B., Collette G., Noelle M., our expectant mothers, Sandi K., Jim H., Marie P, Claire C., Pierre B, Fr. J. Jackson, FSSP.



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