

sole underlying condition is mental illness." Holland assured us he was working hard to soon provide death on demand to all Canadians.

The sick, the handicapped and the elderly are inconvenient to their caregivers. We couch assisted suicide in altruistic terms: its good for them. Truth is, we don't want the inconvenience. Anyone who assists another in suicide by counsel, encouragement or expertise is guilty of murder.

The sick can easily be tempted to escape their own suffering by suicide. Pain, fears, sorrow, shame and fatigue can be overwhelming. In their sufferings, they are vulnerable and must be comforted, strengthened and encouraged by loved ones and professionals alike. If not, we have become a nation of murderers and monsters.

Principle #1. We are NOT the masters of our own life. God is the author of our life; he is the master. He will determine when and how we will die. We need to submit to his loving providence, because God is trustworthy.

Principle #2. Pain, when considered as originating from divine providence, is an opportunity for good. Always. Providential suffering is good both for the sick *and* their caregivers. Seeking to avoid all suffering is evil. (Pain management, though, is not wrong.) Suffering is necessary to do and learn things otherwise impossible. God is infinitely good and worthy of our trust.

Principle #3. We are not wise enough to end our life or another's. Fortunately, God is; all we need to do is follow his law. "Seek first the Kingdom of God, and all else will be given to you."

Principle #4. Our enemies will encourage us to reject God's law. They will attempt to deceive us with silky-smooth arguments. Never act, therefore, contrary to the law of the Church, and the advice of a trusted counsellor.

Principle #5. Suicide, assisted or unassisted, is a sin which the Holy Ghost cannot forgive, because the opportunity to repent is removed by the sin itself. As a deterrent for those tempted by this sin, formerly, suicides were refused funerals and burial in holy ground. Sentimentality is especially dangerous in this regard as it quickly leads us astray.

Principle #6. Participants in MAiD cannot receive the sacraments. We cannot be absolved from a sin we're still planning to do. Any informed priest, therefore, will refuse to administer the sacraments. If the sacraments are received under false pretense, they will be sinful. God will not be mocked.

Principle #7. God alone is judge of a soul. If someone is not in their right mind, they may not be responsible. Premeditated suicide is very scary.

So, do you want to die peacefully in your sleep? Be careful of an overwrought avoidance of suffering. You should aim to die alert enough to receive well the sacraments of the Church, and after that, exactly as God wants, in accordance with our needs. It's liberating to let the master be the master.

Thank you for your support. God love you,

- Fr. Rob Novokowsky, FSSP

Saint Aloysius Parish

Bulletin of Information

5 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 5 May 2024	Fifth Sunday aft. Easter, 2nd cl.	9 am YT Pro Populo 11 am YT Protection of the FSSP, <i>Rb the FSSP</i>
Mon 6 May 2024	Feria in Paschaltide 4th cl.	No Mass
Tues 7 May 2024	Rogation Mass, 2nd cl. <i>St. Stanislaus</i>	7 pm YT +Katalin & Michael Somogyvari <i>Rb John & Natalia Somogyvari</i>
Wed 8 May 2024	Vigil of the Ascension, 2nd cl.	7:30 am YT +Stanley & Idella Samson <i>Rb Fougere</i>
Thurs 9 May 2024	Ascension of the Lord, 1st cl.	7:30 am YT Celebrant's Int. 7 pm YT Dreisbach Family <i>Rb D & S Pennell</i>
Fri 10 May 2024	St. Antoninus B,C, 3rd cl. <i>Ss. Gordian & Epimachus</i>	11 am YT +Richard Zeliznak <i>Rb Lise Brewer</i> 7 pm YT Felicity Simpson <i>Rb T & C Lichtenwalner</i> Adoration 12 —6:30 pm
Sat 11 May 2024	Ss. Philip & James, Ap., 2nd cl.	9 am YT + Anna Rocco <i>Rb Damian Rocco</i>
Sun 12 May 2024	Sunday after the Ascension, 2nd cl.	9 am YT Pro Populo 11 am YT Thanksgiving <i>Rb Nathalie Gautier</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.
- Rogation Mass Tuesday.** (Minor Litanies) Simple procession with the Litany of the Saints followed immediately by the Rogation Mass, 7 pm.
- Ascension of the Lord. Thursday. Two Masses: 7:30 am and 7pm.
- Lawn care:** We are currently canvassing for help to keep our property well cared for. I'd like to commend the excellent and unsung, heroic efforts of the Janzen family last year.
- Confirmation** with Bishop Bergie is scheduled: Wed. 19 June, 7 pm.
- Pope's Prayer Intention (May):** We pray that religious women and men and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.
- 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:** Gabriella P., Jim H., +Teresa Weston, +Dorothy Rakus, +Richard Zeliznak, Clare P., Nathalie G., +James Bailey, +Richard K., Andrew R., Colette G., our expectant mothers, Sandi K., Marie P, Claire C., Pierre B.



Shepherd's Corner

Dear Parishioners,

Do you want to die peacefully in your sleep?

A priest recently ran into an elderly gentleman, by chance, that he had become briefly acquainted with a year ago. On that previous occasion, this priest had talked the man out of suicide. On this subsequent encounter, the gentleman expressed his deep gratitude to the priest for his intervention, as he was indeed very happy to be alive. The priest, of course, was delighted to learn his efforts bore fruit. This highlights a dramatic truth: some decisions can have irreversible, horrible consequences both in time and eternity.

Mark Holland, ironically the Minister of Health, recently apologized because the merely depressed did not yet have doctor assisted suicide available. "The health system is not yet ready for MAID (medical assistance in dying) where the