

# St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic Church



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**NEW PARISHIONERS...** St. Aloysius extends a warm welcome to all who are joining us for prayer, worship, or instruction. If you are new to the area or returning home to the Church, we invite you to register and make St. Aloysius your parish. Registration forms can be obtained at the church, on our website, or by calling the rectory.

**FIND A SMALL GROUP...** Find Small Group Faith Formation opportunities in our area for both adults and high school teens by visiting [www.ConnectStMarys.com](http://www.ConnectStMarys.com).

**ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA)** is the process of welcoming new members to the Catholic Church. It is intended for adults who have never been baptized or for adults who have been baptized Christian and now wish to practice the faith in the Catholic tradition. It is an ongoing process of formation, catechesis and liturgical rites. Anyone interested is asked to call the rectory to discuss the process.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM...** Parents are asked to call the parish office to register for the Baptismal Preparation Meeting and for the baptism of their child. Parents are expected to be participating members of the parish.

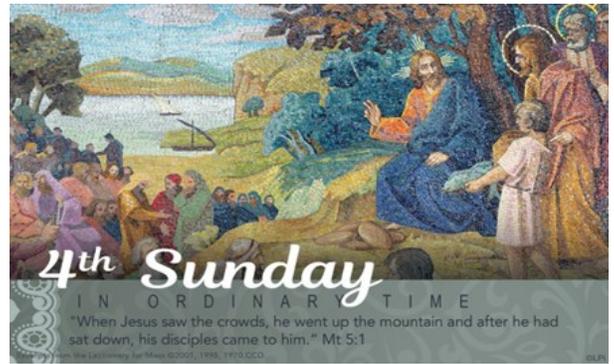
**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE...** Couples seeking to be married in the Church are to make arrangements with the pastor six months to one year in advance of their intended wedding date, in order to allow time for marriage preparation. At least one of the engaged should be a registered and practicing member of the parish.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK...** The Sacrament of the Sick is for the spiritual comfort, strength and healing of the ill. If there is a need for the sacrament in your family or household, please contact the rectory as soon as possible.

**FATHER ANDREW WHITE SCHOOL...** Pre-K-8th Grade. If interested, please contact Mrs. Lauren Breedlove in the school office Monday through Friday 8:00am - 3:00pm, 301-475-9795 for space availability.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION...** Pre-K-8th Grade, Sundays from 9:15 AM to 10:30 AM, during the school year. To register please contact Leonard Wathen at the Rectory or visit the parish website.

February 1, 2026  
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 5:00 pm  
 Sunday: 8:00 am and 11:00 am  
 Daily: 12:15 pm Tuesday & Thursday  
 8:15 am Wednesday & Friday  
 7:30 am Saturday

**HOLY DAY MASSES:** As Announced inside the Bulletin.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** 7 days a week: 6:30-7:30 AM/PM

**FIRST FRIDAYS:** Mass at 8:15 am

**FIRST SATURDAYS:** Mass at 7:30 am, Holy Hour till 9:00 am

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Thursday: 11:30-12 Noon— 12:45-1:15pm (Sept.-June)  
 Saturday: 3:30-4:30 pm

### STAFF

*Pastor*.....Rev. David W. Beaubien, V.F., ext. 14  
*Deacon*.....Deacon Joe Vavrus  
*Deacon*.....Deacon Matt Menard  
*Parish Secretary/Bookkeeper*.....Denise Becher, ext.10  
*Receptionist/Bulletin Editor* .....Izel Ventura, ext.11  
*Religious Education/Youth Ministry*.....Leonard Wathen, ext.16  
*Coordinator of Music*.....Beth Domingue  
*Custodian*.....Robert Barger  
*Principal, Father Andrew White School* .....Janet Soch

**RECTORY HOURS:** Monday-Thursday 9 am-4 pm  
 Friday 9 am-3 pm



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## PASTOR'S CORNER

### Transformational Attitudes

*Matthew 5:1-12*

From the time of my late teens and early adulthood in the 1970's, I remember that the verses at the beginning of the gospel of Matthew where Jesus calls his first disciples held a certain fascination. His invitation to "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men" (4:19), and then the opening of his Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes, "Blessed are the poor in spirit..." (5:1) were intriguing to me. His words seemed countercultural, invited nonconformity and were radical in intent. These qualities embodied the socio-political ethos of the times, yet for someone with a Christian background, they were still tied to tradition. In fact, to see Jesus' words and commands in this sense indicated a deeper insight into the tradition itself. For to live the Christian life authentically is radically countercultural and increasingly out of conformity with contemporary ways of thinking and acting.

For someone who seems to have waited around for a "vocation," that is, some kind of "calling," the term "career" was something you realize you have after decades of doing it. Jesus issued the call, but how exactly that would realize itself in my life was in no way clear or foreordained. I do remember, however, praying for an enlightenment, and a little over ten years later it came in my entering the Catholic Church.

While the non-materialistic strain of the Beatitudes is more explicit in Luke's version ("Blessed are you who are poor..." 6:20), the call to rise above worldly conventionalism and the pursuit of a job, money, possessions and creature comforts toward a more sublime happiness is unmistakable. In the same passage from Matthew, Jesus goes on to say: "Learn from the way the wild flowers grow...not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them." (vss. 28, 29) While those immersed in family life and the raising of children must experience it as immensely rewarding, replete with opportunities for the closest of human bonding, married life does bind one to the material world. There is just something about the call of Jesus which says, "Let us look elsewhere," and he seized my heart.

Neither the titles "Beatitudes" nor "Sermon on the Mount" are found literally in the sacred text. They are customary designations for the series of phrases and teachings Jesus delivered on some promontory, traditionally considered to be near the shore of the Sea of Galilee. The list of attitudes and perspectives are "ways of blessedness," which immediately strike one as counterintuitive, but when lived, indicate that one is truly intent on the kingdom of heaven. Each of the "ways of blessedness" are tips of a pyramid, much like the Ten Commandments. The gospel writers typically condense the sayings of Jesus so that the gospels could function as compact resources for catechesis. Each saying could serve as the basis of a complete sermon in itself, and likely did.

The Beatitudes continue today to challenge customary ways of thinking and call us to a radical change of heart. The voice of Jesus heard within them pierces through every vocation in life and transforms it into a way of following him without compromise with an eye set on a fulfillment that is attainable only in the life to come.

~Fr. David

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

### MASS INTENTIONS this WEEK

**Tuesday, Feb. 3:**

12:15 pm

John A. Abell

**Wednesday, Feb. 4:**

8:15 am

Ceci Hoffman

**Thursday, Feb. 5:**

12:15 pm

**St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**

Eugene & Lucille Carozza

**First Friday, Feb. 6:**

8:15 am

**St. Paul Miki and Companions,  
Martyrs**

Deborah Johnson

**First Saturday, Feb. 7:**

7:30 am

Carl Guy & Eleanor M. Guy

5:00 pm

Mr. & Mrs. King P. Bond, Sr.

**Sunday, Feb. 8:**

8:00 am

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

11:00 am

*Pro populo*

Francis X. McCarthy



**PLEASE  
REMEMBER**

**IN  
PRAYER**

*The Sick and Homebound in our Community*

**We lift up in prayer all those in our parish community who are ill or hospitalized.**

**May God's healing grace comfort and strengthen them.**

Jeanne Bean, Rita Bond, Wally Bowles, Michael Brooks, Loretta Broxson, Timothy Butler, Evelyn Candelaria, Fr. Rory Conley, Donna Corcoran, Susie Crocco, Selma Curtis, Ann Davis, Charles Davis Sr., Nolma Diamond, Jr., Beth Domingue, Jeff Flick, Mary Claire FitzGerald, Stephanie Gonzalez, Jim Hutchison, Paula Kidwell, George Lancaster, Sherry Marigliano, Virginia McKeen, Irene Michaud, Chuck Miller, Kristy Nelson & Madison, DeShawn Plater, Mary Pyle, Harry Rogers and Jerry Thompson.

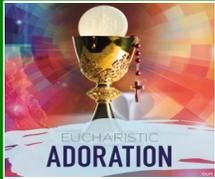
## RESPECT LIFE



A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of fraternal love. Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned. *Pope Francis, Message for the 29th World Day of the Sick 2021* © 2020, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

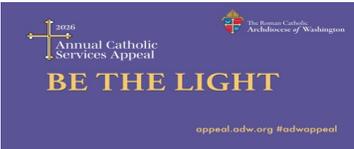
### EVANGELIZATION & PARISH LIFE



Join us for **DAILY AM and PM Holy Hours** for adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament and silent prayer *in the Sacred Heart Chapel.*  
7 days a week: **6:30-7:30 AM and PM**  
*Come for all or a portion of the hour as your time allows.*

**MORNING PRAYER** on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays** at **7:30 AM** in the Sacred Heart Chapel.

**FLOCKNOTE-** To receive email and/or text updates from St. Aloysius Church, please visit our website at [www.saintaloyuschurch.org](http://www.saintaloyuschurch.org), and sign up for Flocknote. Scroll down to bottom of home page under Receive Flocknote Updates.



**The 2026 Annual Catholic Services Appeal** is here! This weekend, we're asking parishioners to prayerfully consider making a gift to the

Appeal. Our mission to "Be the Light" manifests itself in countless ways in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington. From faith formation and catechesis, to outreach and evangelization, your gift will have a wide-ranging impact benefiting thousands across the Archdiocese. Commitment forms will be available the weekend of February 7 & 8, or you can make your gift from home by visiting [give.adw.org](http://give.adw.org). It is our goal that every parish family will participate this year. Your gift will be credited toward our parish goal. Learn more about how the Annual Catholic Services Appeal benefits our parish and serves local people in need at [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org).



**SUSTAIN THE FLAME: LIFE IN THE SPIRIT** This Lenten Season, we are encouraging all parishioners to participate in a new program called "Sustain the Flame: Life in the Spirit".

The program is free and designed to give participants a greater knowledge of, and openness to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. For those who participated in the Life and the Spirit seminar we did 8 years ago, the program will be a tune-up. For newcomers, it will be a fresh opportunity to grow spiritually. The program will be on six Monday evenings beginning **Feb. 23 from 6:30 to 8:30** and will include potluck refreshments. The first time we offered the Life in the Spirit Seminar we had a tremendous turnout, and it was life-changing for many people. We hope to see similar fruit from this effort. You can sign up on the parish website, link below or in the vestibule of the church. To sign up: <https://saintaloyuschurch.org/mission>. Please Note: **Space is limited to the first 100 people.** If you have any questions about it please contact **Leonard Wathen or Deb Vavrus.**

**VOCATIONS CROSS**—Ronnie & Denise Guy will take the cross home and pray for vocation this week: <https://saintaloyuschurch.org/vocations-cross>



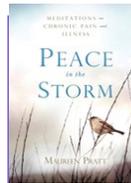
**First Wednesdays of the month at 9:30am in the Parish Hall.**  
Contact **Chris Guy** at **301-481-1502**



**MOMS** (of all ages)-**St. Aloysius Mothers' Group**  
**Feb 11 every 2nd Wednesdays of the month 7pm**  
[StAloysiusMoms@CatholicMomsGroup.com](mailto:StAloysiusMoms@CatholicMomsGroup.com)



**Contribution letters** are available for pickup at the parish office during regular business hours. Parishioners who require their letter to be mailed or emailed may contact the office at **301-475-8064**



The **Peace in the Storm Project** is here at St. Aloysius! Our parish hosts a faith group for caregivers and individuals living with chronic pain and illness. Through inspired books and discussion guides by Maureen Pratt, we pray, reflect, and grow closer to Jesus and each other. Please join us monthly in person meetings are held in the Parish Hall on the **First Friday** of each month.

**2:00-3:00 PM.**

**Dates: Feb. 6, Mar. 6, Apr. (tbd), May 1, & Jun. 5**

Contact **Liz Tomaszkeski**

Email: [liz.tomaszkeski@gmail.com](mailto:liz.tomaszkeski@gmail.com)

### STEWARDSHIP

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**2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK— Debt Reduction**  
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### POOR BOX



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*"Blessed are they"*~ Volunteers with helping organizations in St. Mary's County are invited to attend a gathering on **Saturday, February 7, 2026 from 9:00 AM to 12 noon** in the church hall at St. Aloysius, Leonardtown. The morning will begin with light breakfast fare and a presentation, *"Blessed are they," a reflection on the Beatitudes and Catholic social teaching with Rev. David Beaubien.* This is also an opportunity to meet and learn about organizations which provide help to our neighbors in need. Following the presentation and discussion, organizations are invited to have one member speak briefly about their organization and mission. Organizations are welcome to bring information to share and copies of handouts. All are welcome! **Please RSVP by February 5** if you plan to attend. RSVP to Teresa, [svdp@saintaloyuschurch.org](mailto:svdp@saintaloyuschurch.org) or call [301-481-2942](tel:301-481-2942)

**RELIGIOUS ED & YOUTH MINISTRY**

**First Fridays** First Friday Adoration & Game Nights  
6:30 to 8:30 pm, the first Friday of each month

**FAMILY OF FAITH CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM-** For details go to <https://saintaloyuschurch.org/familiesoffaith>.

**INTERESTED** in learning more about the Catholic Faith or becoming Catholic?

Contact Leonard Wathen

at [lwathen@saintaloyuschurch.org](mailto:lwathen@saintaloyuschurch.org) for more info.

**COMMUNITY**

**APOLOGETICS- MONDAY, 02/02** at 7:00-8:15pm

Where: St. John Francis Regis Parish (St. Jude Room in Msgr. Harris Center)

The topic will be: **Religion and Human Nature**

Google Meeting: Apologetics 2026

<https://meet.google.com/woq-finef-djg>

*Heavenly Morning*  
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**2026 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala will celebrate the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass honoring the Vocation of Marriage on **Saturday, February 14 at 10:00 AM** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. *This special Mass celebrates the enduring witness of all couples who reflect the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony through their commitment and love.* Couples wishing to attend the Mass and/or receive a commemorative certificate from Cardinal Robert McElroy in recognition of their anniversary year must **register with the parish office by Friday, February 6.**

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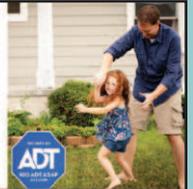
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