

St. Aloysius Religious Education 2017-2018
3rd Grade

4:00pm Welcome (To ensure accuracy, **class attendance must be accurately recorded by a catechist** and not another student - class attendance is an official document retained by the parish and the diocese) and all about the Vocations coloring page.

4:05pm We Gather - in Prayer at the prayer table
(use colored table covering for appropriate liturgical season)
Use the Gospel Reading “Hearing the Word” from the previous Sunday in Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families book in the prayer box.

4:10pm Review previous lesson using Sharing Faith *(chapter test in student book)*

4:20pm **Chapter #11 “The Parish is our Home”**
Chapter #12 “God Call us to Holiness”

As a parish, we reach out beyond our doors to welcome and strengthen our community, our town and our world! Jesus chose imperfect human beings to carry on his work because that is the only kind of human beings there are. God calls each of us to Holiness. *Discuss how you are called to be a catechist!* A vocation expresses our gifts and talents. A vocation is an ongoing response to a creative God who knows everything about us.

- *We Believe –*

Parish – community of believers who worship and work together.

Pastor – the priest who leads the parish in worship, prayer and teaching.

Deacon – a man who is not a priest but has received the Sacrament of Holy Orders and serves the Church by preaching, baptizing and assists the bishop and priests.

Vocation – God’s call to serve him in a certain way.

Vows – promises to God.

Laypeople – baptized members of the Church who share in the mission to bring the Good News of Christ to the world.

- *We Respond –*

Read about St. Aloysius Gonzaga (attached)...the Saint our parish is named for.

- *We Respond –*

Have the children each **write a note** to one of the priests or deacons in our parish thanking them for their service to God and us. If the children can think of something personal about a priest (*they like his homilies, they see him in town, they like seeing him at the coffees, etc...*) that should be included in the note!

Parish Priests:

Father Rob Kinnally Father Cyrus Bartolome

Father Ignacio Ortigas

Father Bob Uzzilio

Parish Deacons:

Deacon Steve Pond Deacon Bill Santulli

Please leave the Thank You notes in your attendance folder and RE will distribute them to the priests and deacons.

- *We Respond –*

Write the following **vocation** columns on the board (*the children should write them on a piece of paper*): **name, single, married, priest, deacon, religious (nun or brother)** and then list the names of everyone in their

family under the name column and check the vocation column they fall under. See how many children know people in different vocations!

“Doers and Tellers” – read the parable of “The Unforgiving Servant” and distribute the story, mission and erasers to your class.

4:45pm Closing Prayer – John 1:14

“And the Word became flesh, and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory,
the glory as of the Father’s only Son, full of grace and truth.”

Ask the children to say a petition aloud for someone or something they would like to pray for.

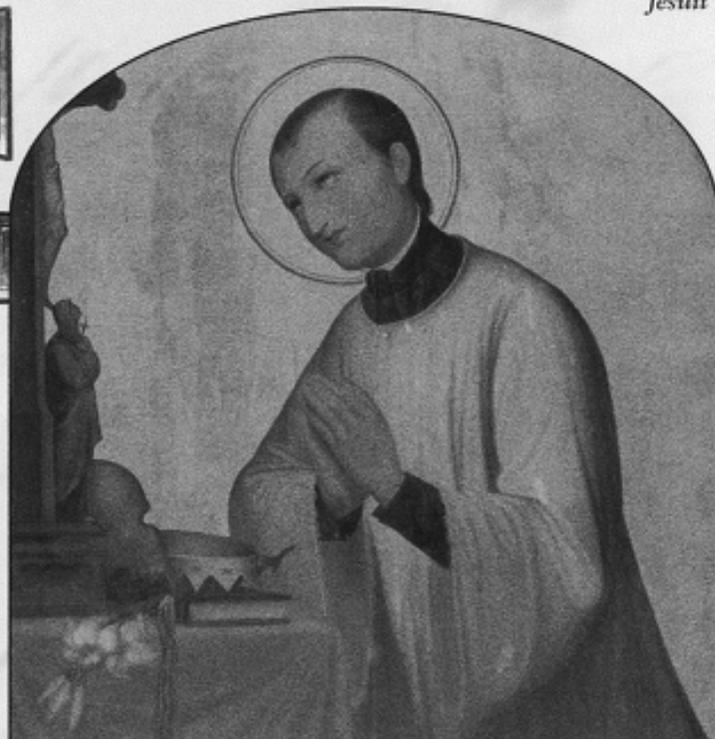
“How do I show support for my Parish?”
“How can I say yes to God today?”

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

GROUP 3 CARD 59

Overcoming Obstacles

Jesuit Student



Birthplace:
Lombardy, Italy

Feast Day:
June 21

Born in the sumptuous Castle of Castiglione, Aloysius Gonzaga was the son of a great nobleman who was related to one of the most important princely families of Renaissance Italy. While still in his early teens, Aloysius was determined to join the Society of Jesus. But his father, the powerful Marquis of Castiglione, was equally determined that his son join

the military, a worthy career for someone of his social standing.

There were bitter family fights, and the Marquis even summoned bishops to talk Aloysius out of his decision—only to have them admit that Aloysius seemed suited for a religious life. Finally, the Marquis locked the boy in his room. But when he found him kneeling in prayer and whipping himself in penance, the old man relented.

Piety in the Extreme

Finally, at the age of 17, Aloysius renounced his title and entered the Jesuit novitiate in Rome. His piety surpassed even the most religious of the Order. He annoyed the other novices by saying a Hail Mary on every step while climbing the stairs. He fasted three times weekly, scourged himself nightly and took on the most menial tasks in the monastery. He even refused to look at women, lest he be led into temptation.

His extreme austerities weakened his already delicate health, which concerned his Jesuit superiors, who wanted him to ease his strict lifestyle. Yet this was not possible for the driven young man, for what he truly desired was an early death. When an epidemic of plague broke out in Rome in 1589 he begged to be allowed to nurse the victims. Finally, he became ill and died praising God when he was only 23 years old.



Job training gives stabilized AIDS patients a chance to re-enter society.

In Their Footsteps

Aloysius died nursing plague victims at a time when they had few places to turn to. In a similar climate hundreds of years later, Bailey House was founded to care for AIDS patients in New York City.

In 1983, a time when AIDS was poorly understood, Bailey House offered refuge for people who faced a long and painful death. Since that time, Bailey House has cared for thousands of people with AIDS and their families:

- In 1984, Bailey House initiated a program to find permanent housing for AIDS patients.
- In 1986, Bailey-Holt House, a 44-room residential facility, was opened in New York City's Greenwich Village.

Together, these facilities offer job training and placement for people whose health has stabilized; case management and referrals; and technical assistance to other AIDS organizations around the nation.

Aloysius and Bailey House volunteers followed Christ's example by helping societal outcasts. Open your heart to someone in need of comfort.

Prayer

O Holy Mary! My Mother; into thy blessed trust and special custody, and into the bosom of thy mercy, I this day, and every day, and in the hour of my death, commend my soul and body. To thee I commit all my anxieties and sorrows, my life and the end of my life, that by thy most holy intercession, and by thy merits, all my actions may be directed and governed by thy will and that of thy Son.

—St. Aloysius Gonzaga



Life of St. Aloysius Gonzaga (1568–1591)



John Harvey publishes his discovery of the circulation of blood (1628)

1560 1570 1580 1590 1600 1610 1620 1630 1640 1650 1660



Potato is introduced to Europe from South America (c. 1565)



King James version of the Bible is published (1611)



Peace of Westphalia ends the Thirty Years' War (1648)

**YOUR MISSION....
IS TO BE
A DOER AND A TELLER**

TELL THE STORY...

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant (Matthew 18:21-35)

“Then Peter came and said to Him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven." For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. "When he had begun to settle them, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him." But since he did not have the means to repay, his lord commanded him to be sold, along with his wife and children and all that he had, and repayment to be made. "So the slave fell to the ground and prostrated himself before him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will repay you everything.' "And the lord of that slave felt compassion and released him and forgave him the debt." But that slave went out and found one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and he seized him and began to choke him, saying, 'Pay back what you owe.' "So his fellow slave fell to the ground and began to plead with him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will repay you.' "But he was unwilling and went and threw him in prison until he should pay back what was owed." So when his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were deeply grieved and came and reported to their lord all that had happened. "Then summoning him, his lord said to him, 'You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.' Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, in the same way that I had mercy on you?' "And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him." My heavenly Father will also do the same to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart."

BE A DOER...

Jesus knew that if he said we should forgive seventy times seven times, we would never be able to keep count and we would forgive over, and over again, just as he forgives us. It doesn't matter who we are, we all need God's forgiveness. We also need to remember that Jesus taught that we are to forgive others just as God forgives us.

“Dear Jesus, we all make mistakes, thank you for coming to **erase** those mistakes. Help us to forgive others the same way you forgive us -- over, and over, and over again. Amen.”

Use this eraser as a reminder to forgive someone who has wronged you. Ask Jesus to help you forgive that person and to fill your heart with love instead of hate and anger. Give that person a hug and then say a prayer for them at night.