

"It is better to be a child of God, than king of the whole world!"

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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# St. Aloysius Catholic Church

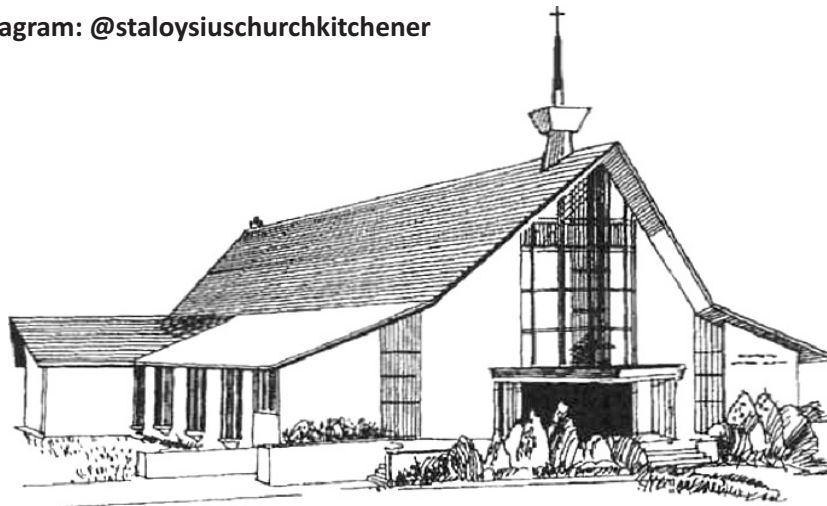
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**OFFICE HOURS:**

MONDAY: Closed, TUESDAY-THURSDAY: 9am-12pm & 1pm-4:30pm, FRIDAY: 9am-12pm

**SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

SATURDAY..... 5:00pm

SUNDAY.....9:00am

(interpreted for the deaf)

....11:00am

.....7:00pm

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

MONDAY.....8:30am

TUESDAY.....7:00pm

WEDNESDAY...8:30am

THURSDAY.....8:30am

FRIDAY.....8:30am

SATURDAY.....8:30am

**CONFESSIONS** - Tuesday: 6 - 6:45pm, Saturday: 3:45 - 4:30pm, or by appointment.

**BAPTISM** - Please fill out an application form and contact our parish office for more details. Application forms can be found online or in our front foyer.

**BECOMING A CATHOLIC** - Please contact our Parish Office for more information.

**FUNERALS** - When death occurs or is expected in your family, please contact the parish office and we will assist you in making the necessary arrangements. For information on Catholic Funeral Rites, Cremation & Catholic cemetery locations, please visit thecatholiccemeteries.ca or call 1-800-661-5985.

**MARRIAGE** - Please contact the parish office at least Twelve (12) months in advance.

**PARISH RECORDS AND REGISTRATION** - New to the parish? You can pick up Registration forms in the Church foyer, in our parish office, or download one from our website. Please help to keep our parish records up-to-date and please inform us if you are moving.

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK** - Please contact the parish office to notify the Priest if a friend or family member is in the hospital or would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

**PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE** - If you feel called to the Priesthood or religious life, please speak with one of our Priests for more information.

# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



## MASS INTENTIONS

Apr 17 – Apr 23 2023

**Monday** (*Memorial – St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin, Protectress of Canada*)

8:30 am + Joseph Hy and Mary Do

**Tuesday** (*ferial*)

7:00 pm - Int. of Eduarda Avila  
+ David Grzesiak

**Wednesday** (*ferial*)

8:30 am + Lucy DeAmorim

**Thursday** (*ferial*)

8:30 am + Bobby Shenkel

**Friday** (*ferial*)

8:30 am + Gilberte Roy

**Saturday** (*ferial*)

8:30 am + Annita Raco

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**Saturday**

5:00 pm - Int. of Simon and Genevieve Borys  
+ Valorie Brown

**Sunday**

9:00 am - Int. of our Parishioners  
11:00 am - Int. of Lee Ann Paiva and family  
*Children's Liturgy in Parish Hall during 11am Mass*  
7:00 pm + Mr. and Mrs. Ormie Boan

**Schedule of Events**

**Apr 17 – Apr 23, 2023**

**Tuesday**

- St. Kateri School Bible Celebration ..... 10:15 am
- Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service ..... 10:30 am
- Stained Glass Guild ..... 1:00 pm
- Confessions, Adoration and Mass..... 6:00 pm
- Carmelite Mass in St. Agatha – CWL..... 6:30 pm
- Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests following 7pm Mass

**Wednesday**

- Briarfield Gardens Mass/Communion Service..... 10:00 am
- Bible Study Group ..... 10:00 am

**Saturday**

- Confirmation Rehearsal ..... 10:00 am
- Confessions ..... 3:45pm

**Sunday**

- Children's Liturgy .....during 11am Mass

**OFFERTORY REPORT**

Good Friday Collection.....\$3055.00  
Easter Sunday Collection.....\$5255.00  
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....\$843.70

**Thank you for your ongoing financial support!**

**You are invited to pray the Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests**, every Tuesday evening after the 7:00 pm mass at St. Aloysius Parish. This will be a weekly event. It will include prayer, song and readings, and will take about an hour each week. Please join us!

*The cenacle format is below; (Approx. 1 hour)*

- Invocation to the Holy Spirit (song)
- Recitation of 5 or more decades of the Holy Rosary
- Prayers for the Holy Father
- Reading and meditation on one or more messages given in the book, **"To the Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons."**
- Fraternity
- Act of Consecration.



**Today is Divine Mercy Sunday - April 16**

Join us for Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 1pm and prayer and a recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm.

Divine Mercy Sunday takes place on the Second Sunday of Easter. In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930's, our Lord

called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Jesus asked that the feast day be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy, which would begin on Good Friday. It is now known as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina in the year 2000. Divine Mercy Sunday focusses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial, and resurrection.

**Apr 23 – Indigenous Reconciliation Collection**

Next Sunday, the Third Sunday of Easter, all parishes in the Diocese of Hamilton will hold a collection in support of the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. This collection supports local initiatives of healing and reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters and forms part of the larger \$30 million-dollar national commitment made by dioceses across Canada. Please pick up your Indigenous Reconciliation collection envelope in the foyer after Mass, and return your envelope next weekend. See more information in a special letter from Bishop Crosby available in our Church foyer.

**Confirmation Information**

**Sat Apr 22 at 10:00am** – Confirmation Rehearsal for all candidates and sponsors

**Wed Apr 26 at 7:00pm** – Sacrament of Confirmation for all candidates



**News from the St. Aloysius CWL**

The Annual CWL Mass at the Carmelite Monastery in St. Agatha will take place Tues Apr 18 at 6:30pm. Father Melvin will preside.

The Mass will be an early celebration of The Feast Day of the CWL's Patron Saint; 'Our Lady of Good Counsel.'

Carpooling will take place between 5:30-5:40pm with a reception to follow in the St. Aloysius Church Hall.

**St. Aloysius 'Stained Glass Guild'**

Do you have experience working with stained glass, or would you like to learn a new skill? The St. Aloysius 'Stained Glass Guild' is looking for more people to join their group. They meet every Tuesday in the church hall from 1 until 3pm. All skill levels are welcome from beginner to advanced and the tools and glass are supplied. Come for fellowship and a fun opportunity to give back to the church community.

**Beyond the Pew – What Now?** Tues Apr 18, 6:30-8:30pm at St. Clement's Church, Cambridge. Following a successful Beyond the Pew, speaker series, join Father Ed Hinsperger as he guides the group through a process that will help everyone emerge with a clear vision of community action. These conversations will help determine positive action steps on several community issues. Contact their church office to register at 519-653-6123 or [stclements@rogers.com](mailto:stclements@rogers.com).

**Aging Issues: Listening to Indigenous Voices** Join the Diocese of Hamilton for a chance to learn about aging from the perspective of three Indigenous speakers. The Diocese, through the Family Ministry Office, is co-sponsoring this Zoom event on Saturday, April 22 from 2-4 pm. To register and for more details email; [hamiltonagingcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:hamiltonagingcommunity@gmail.com) or call 905-648-0437.

**Loving Our Grown Children When Beliefs Collide**

Sometimes our beliefs about our faith can clash with those of our grown children. When choices clash, divisions run deep & tension exists, how do we trust God's plan and keep communicating? Find out more; Sunday April 30th from 2-3:30pm at St. Agnes Parish in Kitchener with guest Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, Diocese of Hamilton. For details visit [www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org](http://www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org).

**The Serra Club of Hamilton** is holding their annual Vocations Recognition Dinner on Tuesday May 2, 2023 at Liuna Station in Hamilton. Tickets are \$90. Please email [SerraHamilton1965@gmail.com](mailto:SerraHamilton1965@gmail.com) or leave a message at 905-628-5682 if interested.

**Second Sunday of Easter - Gospel Reflection**

The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.

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