

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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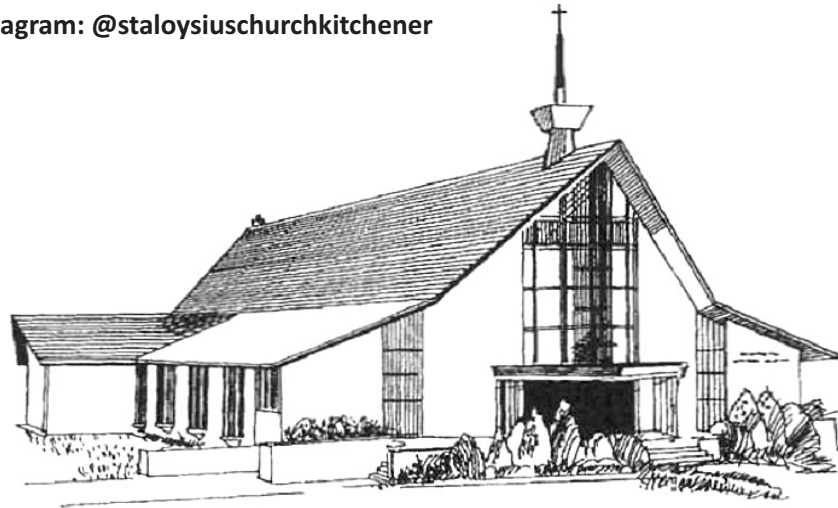
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**OFFICE HOURS:**

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.

# PALM SUNDAY



## MASS INTENTIONS

Apr 3 – Apr 9, 2023

### Monday (ferial)

**8:30 am** + Norbert Rozek  
- Int. of Father Sunil D'Souza

### Tuesday (ferial)

**7:00 pm** + Mary Black and her deceased relatives  
+ David Grzesiak

### Wednesday (ferial)

**8:30 am** - Int. of Father Sunil D'Souza  
- Int. of Arminda Pacheco

### Holy Thursday

**7:00 pm** *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

### Good Friday

**12:00 pm** *Celebration of the Lord's Passion*  
**3:00 pm** *Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion*

### Holy Saturday

**12:00 pm** *Blessing of the Easter Food*

### Holy Saturday

**8:00 pm** *Easter Vigil – The Resurrection of the Lord*

### Easter Sunday

*The Resurrection of the Lord*  
**8:00 am** *Memorial Mass*  
**10:00 am** *Memorial Mass*  
**12:00 pm** *Memorial Mass*

## Schedule of Events

Apr 3 – Apr 9, 2023

### Monday

- Food Pantry Open ..... 7:00 pm

### Tuesday

- Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service ..... 10:30 am
- Confessions, Adoration and Mass ..... 6:00 pm
- CWL Executive Meeting ..... following 7pm Mass

### Wednesday

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

### Friday

Good Friday – Office Closed.....

### First Communion Information

**Wed Apr 12 at 6:30pm** – First Communion Rehearsal for St. Aloysius and St. Timothy students

**Thurs Apr 13 at 6:30pm** – First Communion Rehearsal for St. Kateri Students, and public/private school students

**Sat Apr 15 at 10:00am** – First Holy Communion for St. Aloysius and St. Timothy Students

**Sat Apr 15 at 1:00pm** – First Holy Communion for St. Kateri, public and private school students

### OFFERTORY REPORT

Regular Envelope contributions.....\$2222.00  
Loose.....\$714.00  
**Offertory Collection Mar 26/23..... \$2936.00**  
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....\$843.70

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



**Holy Thursday April 6 at 7pm:** Mass of the Lord's Supper

### Good Friday April 7:

**12pm** - Celebration of the Lord's Passion (*Ideal for families*)  
**3pm** - Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

### Holy Saturday April 8:

**12pm** - Blessing of the Easter Food  
**8pm** - Easter Vigil

### Easter Sunday April 9: Masses 8am, 10am & 12pm

\*\**(no 7pm Mass on Easter Sunday)*

### Divine Mercy Sunday April 16:

**1pm** – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
**3pm** – Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet



Prepare for **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** on April 16, by picking up your novena prayer sheet available in the church foyer. The Novena will begin on Good Friday. Did you know that when this chaplet is said at the bedside of a dying person, God's anger is placated, and unfathomable mercy envelops the soul? (*Diary 811*). *Take advantage of this enormous offering of God's great mercy.*

**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. Currently, they are creating windows and other projects for the church using blessed glass. 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.

### Confirmation Information

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

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

**You are invited to pray the Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests**, beginning Tues Apr 11 after the 7:00 pm mass at St. Aloysius Parish. This will be an ongoing event, weekly after the Tuesday evening Mass. Our Lady says, "It should be simple, spontaneous, quiet and fraternal... Spread these cenacles everywhere, like rays of light which come down to lighten up the earth, in these days of great darkness."

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

1. Invocation to the Holy Spirit (song)
2. Recitation of 5 or more decades of the Holy Rosary
3. Prayers for the Holy Father
4. Reading and meditation on one or more messages given in the book, **"To the Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons."** Our Lady's call made known in her messages to Fr. Gobbi
5. Fraternity
6. Act of Consecration

There are a few books of "To The Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons." available for purchase for \$10.. Please contact Valerie at [grzesiakvd@rogers.com](mailto:grzesiakvd@rogers.com) to purchase a book.

**Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land April 7:** The Good Friday Collection is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Church's holy places in the Holy Land. It is so important to the faith of Christians everywhere. This Pontifical Collection will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on April 7. Online donations are also welcome at <https://commissariat.ca/news/2023-holy-land-collection>

**KW Right to Life Prayer Vigil - Thurs April 13 from 10-11am**

Opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener  
All are welcome to pray quietly for babies being aborted.  
Parking - across the road, Schneider Park.

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



**News from the St. Aloysius CWL** - The Catholic Women's League's 103rd Diocesan Convention will take place in Hamilton on May 6 and 7. To register online, visit [www.cwlhamilton.ca](http://www.cwlhamilton.ca).

Please register by April 15. Paper registration is also available.

**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 group will carpool from St. Aloysius between 5:30 and 5:40pm. They will return to the church hall for some refreshments. The Mass will be an early celebration of The Feast Day of the CWL's Patron Saint; 'Our Lady of Good Counsel', on April 26. To mark the Feast day, the 8:30am Mass on April 26 will be said for all St. Aloysius CWL members.

**CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING:**

Liturgical Publications will soon be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in June 2023 and supports the bulletin service. Please support our bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of our Lord - Gospel Reflection**

Today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

The events of Jesus' Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today's Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, and the Easter Vigil

Throughout the Passion narrative, Matthew cites and alludes to Scripture to show that the events of Jesus' Passion and death are in accordance with all that was foretold. And if the events were foretold, then God is in control. In addition, Matthew is particularly concerned that the reader does not miss the fact that Jesus is the Suffering Servant of the Old Testament.

Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. Matthew makes this clear in the story of the Lord's Supper. As Jesus blesses the chalice, he says: ". . . for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matthew 26:28)

There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus' Passion. In the characters of Matthew's Gospel, we find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven.

The events of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus' obedience won for us.

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