

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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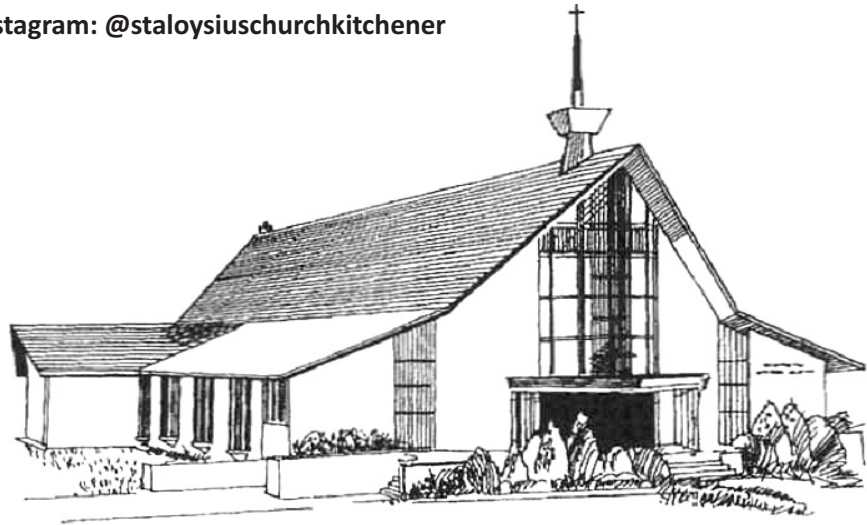
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OFFICE HOURS:

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 contact our parish office for more details.

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)



MASS INTENTIONS

Apr 8 – Apr 14, 2024

Monday (Solemnity – the Annunciation of the Lord)
8:30 am + Rona Fox Allen

Tuesday (ferial)
7:00 pm + Luiz Gonzaga and Manuel Cabral

Wednesday (ferial)
8:30 am - Int. of Ron Frumkin

Thursday (Memorial – St. Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr)
8:30 am - Int. of Fr. David Avila

Friday (ferial)
8:30 am + Mary Black

Saturday (ferial)
8:30 am + All Consecrated souls in purgatory

Sunday – The Third Sunday of Easter

Sat 5pm + Dmytro Pawliw

Sun 9am + Richard Roy

Sun 11am + Anne Lintzeris

Children’s Liturgy during 11am Mass

Sun 7pm - Int. of our Parishioners

Schedule of Events

Apr 8 – Apr 14, 2024

Monday
• Food Pantry Open 7-8 pm

Tuesday
• Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service 10:30 am
• Stained Glass Guild 1:00 pm
• Confessions, Adoration and Mass..... 6:00 pm
• Prayer Group..... following 7pm Mass
• CWL Executive Meeting following 7pm Mass

Wednesday
• Briarfield Mass/Communion Service 10:00 am
• Sacrament of Confirmation 7:00 pm

Thursday
• Doon Village Mass/Communion Service..... 10:00 am

Saturday
• Secular Carmel Meeting (Ocds) 9:30 am
• Baptisms 3:00 pm
• Confessions 3:45 pm

Sunday
• *Children’s Liturgy during 11am Mass*

Bulletin Advertising: Liturgical Publications will soon be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in June 2024 and supports the bulletin service. Please consider supporting the bulletin, and advertise your product or service. For more information, call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Good Friday Collection\$2934.00
Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday Collection\$8352.00
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....\$842.30

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Today is Divine Mercy Sunday - April 7

Join us for Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 1pm followed by 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.

Confirmation Information

Wed Apr 10 at 7:00pm

Sacrament of Confirmation for all registered candidates with His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby

First Communion Information

First Communion Rehearsals for registered candidates:

Mon Apr 15 at 6pm – First Communion Rehearsal for St. Aloysius students

Wed Apr 17 at 6pm – First Communion Rehearsal for St. Kateri students

Wed Apr 24 at 6pm – First Communion Rehearsal for St. Timothy and Public/Private school students

Sacrament of First Holy Communion for registered candidates:

Sat Apr 20 at 10:30am – Sacrament of First Communion for St. Aloysius students

Sun Apr 21 at 2pm – Sacrament of First Communion for St. Kateri students

Sat Apr 27 at 10:30am – Sacrament of First Communion for St. Timothy and Public/Private school students

News from the St. Aloysius CWL:

There will be a CWL executive meeting on April 9 following the 7pm mass. Their next general meeting will be Tuesday, April 23 following the 7pm mass. They will have a small presentation about caring for our environment during the meeting. All are welcome to attend and bring a friend!





Indigenous Reconciliation Fund

Apr 14 – Special Collection

Next Sunday, we will hold a collection in support of the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund.

In 2022, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) announced the establishment of the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund, a charity whose mandate is to receive, manage, and disperse \$30 million in collective contributions promised by Canada's Catholic dioceses.

The fund was created in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's calls to action. The Commission identified the Catholic Church as one of the institutions responsible for the residential school system's harm inflicted on Indigenous peoples. The Hamilton Diocese has committed to providing \$4 million dollars towards the fund over the next few years. Look for the envelope in your offertory box and please be generous.

Step/Blended Family - Smart Steps for Building Family:

Are you a parent or stepparent adjusting to blended family life? Smart Steps offers practical insights and suggestions on building relationships. Join the seminar, Sat Apr 20 from 9:15am-3:30pm at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. Price: \$50 per person (includes lunch). Register and find more information online at hamiltondiocese.com.

The 2000 Hail Mary's Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary

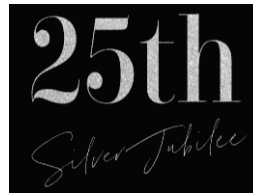
will be prayed on Saturday May 11, 2024, at St. Agnes Parish, 75 Bluevale St. N. Waterloo. The day begins at 7:30am, and they anticipate the devotion will finish by 7:30pm. Join them for all or part of the day. For information contact Marilynne at canadianrosarybrigade@gmail.com.

Vocations Recognition Dinner 2024

- The Serra Club of Hamilton invites you to gather on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at Liuna Station in Hamilton to celebrate the service of our Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, Permanent Deacons and Consecrated Virgins Living in the World. Doors open at 6:00pm. Tickets are \$90 per person. For tickets and information, please contact serrahamilton1965@gmail.com. Co-sponsored by the Diocese of Hamilton's Vocations Office.

Diocesan Choir:

The Diocesan Choir leads and supports the assembly's song at major Diocesan liturgies such as the Chrism Mass and Ordinations and is looking for new members. Should you wish more information, please contact Mrs. Sharon Fazari, Choir Director, at sfazari@hamiltondiocese.com.



Save the Date - Fri June 21!

This year, our Pastor, Father Melvin Pinto is reaching a huge milestone! He is celebrating the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood. We will be having a solemn Mass on Friday June 21 at 5pm to thank God for the gift of Priesthood for Father Melvin. Following the Mass, we will have a delicious catered dinner in our parish hall! Dinner tickets will be going on sale Monday April 15 through 'Eventbrite'. *Stay tuned to our parish website for more details.*

Marriage Enrichment Seminar:

The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to take the time, with your spouse, to find new and creative ways to increase your connection with each other, to discover fresh techniques for being in relationship and to deepen the love you already share. Saturday June 1 from 9:30am – 3:00pm at St. Catherine of Sienna Parish in Hamilton. Cost is \$50 per couple and includes lunch. For more details visit hamiltondiocese.com/events.

Today's Gospel Reflection – April 7, 2024

Today's Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.

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