

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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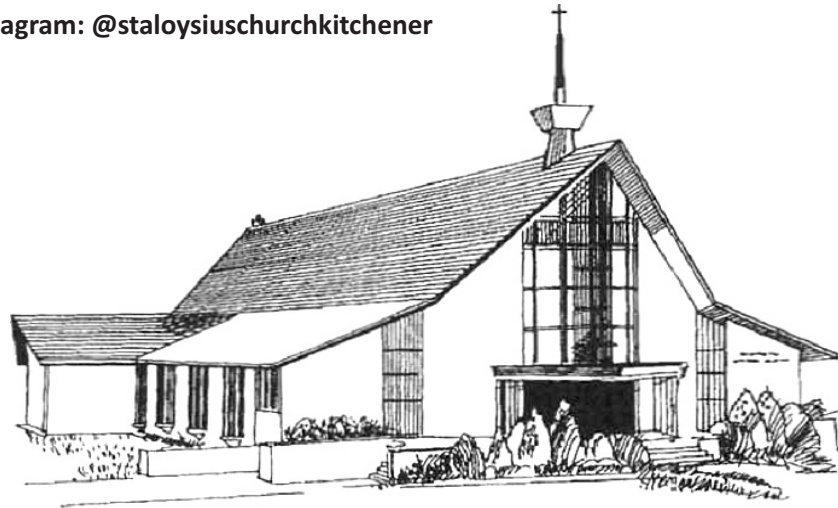
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 11 – Dec 19, 2023

Monday 8:30 am	(ferial) + Jose Mauricio + Francelina Viana
Tuesday 7:00 pm	(Feast – Our Lady of Guadalupe) + David Grzesiak - Int. of Lee Ann Paiva and Family
Wednesday 8:30 am	(Memorial – St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr) - Int. of Michael Overgaard + Raymond Thibodeau
Thursday 8:30 am	(Memorial – St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor) - Int. of Helen Creces + Arminda Pacheco
Friday 8:30 am	(ferial) - Int. of Eduarda Avila + Doris D’Silva
Saturday 8:30 am	(ferial) + Mary Black + Austin Crowe

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday 5:00 pm	+ Felix Gonsalves - Int. of Lou and Family
Sunday 9:00 am	- Int. of our Parishioners
11:00 am	+ Luz Elena Frumkin + Mr. and Mrs. Henri-Louis Roy <i>Children’s liturgy during the 11am Mass</i>
7:00 pm	+ Anthony Baldasaro - Int. of Gabriela Cebulakova

Schedule of Events

Dec 11 – Dec 19, 2023

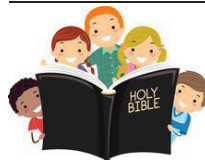
- Tuesday**
- Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service 10:30 am
 - Stained Glass Guild 1:00 pm
 - Confessions, Adoration and Mass 6:00 pm
 - Prayer Group following Mass
- Wednesday**
- Briarfield Gardens Mass/Communion Service..... 10:00 am
 - Advent Confessions 7:00 pm
- Thursday**
- St. Aloysius School - Confessions..... 9:45 am
- Friday**
- St. Aloysius School - Confessions..... 9:45am
- Saturday**
- Confessions..... 3:45 pm
 - Baminelli Sunday Blessing of Baby Jesus Figurines ..following 5pm Mass
- Sunday**
- Baminelli Sunday Blessing of Baby Jesus Figurines ..following all masses
 - Children’s Christmas Party..... following 11am Mass

OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection	\$2161.00
Sunday Loose Collection	\$886.00
Total Offertory for Dec 2/3, 2023	\$3047.00
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....	\$841.62

Thank you for your ongoing financial support!

News from the St. Aloysius Children’s Liturgy



The St. Aloysius Children’s Liturgy program will be hosting a **Christmas play at the Christmas Eve Mass on December 24 at 4:30 pm**. We will need Angels, Shepherds, Inn Keepers, Joseph, Mary and a Narrator. Please reach out to Kim Ansty at kimansty@gmail.com to confirm your child’s participation. Practice dates will be announced soon. We look forward to another joyous Christmas play.

The St. Aloysius Children’s Christmas Party will be taking place after the 11 am mass on Sunday December 17. Children can enjoy crafts, face painting, snacks, pizza, a Christmas movie, and Santa will be in attendance! Sign up in the lobby at the back of the church.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES 2023

- Tues Dec 12 at 2pm – St. Francis of Assisi - Kitchener
 - Tues Dec 12 at 7pm – St. Joseph’s - Kitchener
 - **Wed Dec 13 at 7pm – St. Aloysius - Kitchener****
 - Thurs Dec 14 at 7pm - St. Mark’s - Kitchener
 - Tues Dec 19 at 7pm – St. Anne’s - Kitchener
 - Wed Dec 20 8:30 am - 8:30pm – St. Michael’s - Waterloo
 - Wed Dec 20 at 6pm – St. Teresa of Avila – Elmira
 - Wed Dec 20 at 7pm – St. Anthony Daniel – Kitchener
 - Thurs Dec 21 at 11am – St. Mary’s - Kitchener
 - Thurs Dec 21 at 7pm – Blessed Sacrament – Kitchener
- * Please confirm with individual Church prior to attending in case of schedule changes*



Flower Donations and Memorial Masses

- If you have lost a loved one and would like them to be remembered during one of our Christmas Day Masses, consider making a Christmas flower memorial donation. Please take an envelope from our lobby and bring it back next week with your donation to help with the cost of our Christmas flowers. Remember to include a piece of paper with the names in whose memory the donations are made.



News from the St. Aloysius CWL - The CWL will be holding elections in January for several positions. They ask that you pray on this calling to serve God and the CWL. Elections packages are available at the back of the church. The CWL would also like to thank everyone who came out as a guest and those who volunteered their time to make their Senior's Dinner on Dec 6 a wonderful event.

Want to know more about the Catholic Women's League? Visit; <https://catholicwomenunite.ca/>. For questions, email; StAloysiusCWL@gmail.com.

Dec 12 – National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. The Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council, founded by the CCCB in 1998 proposes that the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe (Dec 12) be a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. All are invited to join our Indigenous Sisters and Brothers through prayer and acts of solidarity. *From the Ordo Liturgical Calendar 2023-2024*

Dec 17 – Baminelli Sunday - For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed Baby Jesus figurines in Rome, on the 3rd Sunday of Advent. We will be having our own Baminelli Sunday at St. Aloysius Church. Bring your Baby Jesus figurines to Mass on Dec 16 and 17 to be blessed. After the blessing, take your 'Baminelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas.

Advent 'Evening of Reflection' at St. Michael's - Join Father Thomas Rosica, CSB for "Emmanuel; the Plea and the Promise" an Advent evening of Reflection. Friday Dec 15th at St. Michael's Church on University Avenue in Waterloo. Mass will begin at 7pm with the Reflection at 7:45pm.

Advent Resource for Teens - The Diocese of Hamilton's Office of Youth Ministry has developed the 2023 Advent Resource, 'Shine Your Light' for youth ages 13-16. The resource inspires prayerful reflection on the Sunday Gospels during the Advent Season. Special links and videos are included to help teens meditate on the weekly themes. Click here; <https://tinyurl.com/2s3h2ejs>.

Hamilton, Halton and K-W Serra Club's 'Vocation Seeds' - John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Mark Morley, Diocese of Hamilton Director of Vocations at 905-528-7988 or by email at; vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

St. Aloysius Church Christmas
Mass Times:
SAT DEC 23 - 5pm regular Mass
SUN Dec 24- 9am and 11am are regular Sunday Masses
CHRISTMAS MASSES
SUN DEC 24th: 4:30pm, 7pm, 9pm, Midnight
MON DEC 25: 9am, 11am
Sat Dec 30 - 5pm regular Mass
Sun Dec 31 - 9am and 11am are regular Sunday Masses
NEW YEAR'S EVE
SUN DEC 31 Mass at 5pm
SUN DEC 31 Adoration at 11pm followed by Mass
NEW YEAR'S DAY
MON JAN 1 at 9am, 11am

Gospel Reflection – Second Sunday of Advent

On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us.

Mark combines quotations from the Old Testament books of Malachi, Isaiah, and Exodus. Mark's description of John as an ascetic, living in the desert, clothed in camel hair, and eating locusts and wild honey, is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah found in Second Kings. The people of Judea and Jerusalem flock to him, listening to his message of repentance and forgiveness; they also come to him to be baptized. Mark's Gospel is clear, however, that John the Baptist's role is only to prepare the way for another greater one who will come.

In today's Gospel we hear John say that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John's baptism was not yet a Christian baptism, but a preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus.

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