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St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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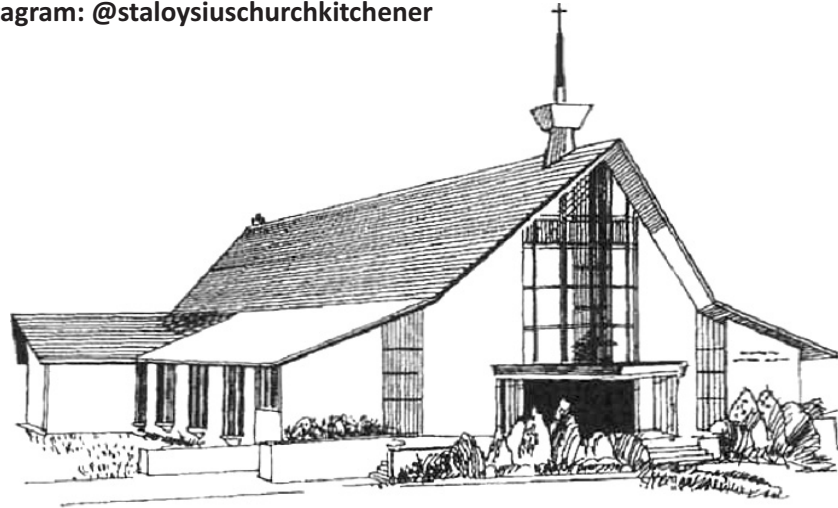
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OFFICE HOURS:

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

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 12 - Dec 18, 2022

Monday (Feast - Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas)

8:30 am + All Souls in Purgatory
- Int. of the Callan Family

Tuesday (Memorial – St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr)

7:00 pm - Int. of David Grzesiak

Wednesday (Memorial– St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor)

8:30 am + Michael Mohr
- Int. of Melojene Castro and Family

Thursday (ferial)

8:30 am - Int. of Fr. David Avila

7:00 pm **Novena Mass**

Friday (ferial)

8:30 am + Doris D’Silva

7:00 pm **Novena Mass**

Saturday (ferial)

8:30 am - Int. of Maria and Joao Costa

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sat 5:00 pm + Zigmond and Evelyn Coulas

+ Teresa Molina

Sun 9:00 am + Flynn Reaume

+ Margo Solomon

Sun 11:00am + Rita Pereira and Abilo Marques

During 11am Mass - Sunday School Liturgy for young children in the Parish Hall

Sun 7:00 pm - Int. of our Parishioners

Parish News



Dec 12 – Dec 18, 2022

Tuesday

- Trinity Village – Mass/Communion Service..... 10:30 am
- Confessions, Adoration and Mass 6:00 pm

Wednesday

- Bible Study group.....10:00 am
- Communion Service/Mass at Briarfield Gardens.....10:00 am
- Advent Reconciliation 7:00 pm

Saturday

- Food Pantry – Hamper Distribution Day in Hall
- Confessions 3:45-4:30 pm

Sunday

- Children’s Liturgy during 11 am Mass
- Children’s Christmas Party following 11 am Mass

Confessions: Our Advent Reconciliation is coming up on **Wed Dec 14 at 7:00pm.** Other Confession opportunities during Advent include Tues evenings from 6-6:45pm and Saturdays from 3:45-4:30pm.

Dec 15-23 – Simbang Gabi (9-day Novena) at St. Aloysius Church. **Join us for evening Masses beginning Thurs Dec 15 at 7pm.** The novena prayers will also be prayed during the morning Masses.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Envelope contributions.....	\$2923.00
Loose.....	\$515.00
Offertory Collection Dec 4-2022.....	\$3438.00
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....	\$830.31
Thank you for your ongoing financial support!	

The St. Aloysius Food Pantry is offering Christmas food hampers and toys for families in need this year. **Please consider donating** a new unwrapped toy or a gift card for children in need. Donations can be dropped off in the pink baskets in our Church foyer or brought into the Parish office during business hours.

Register
NOW!

Hurry, there are only a few days left to register for FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION for our 2023 Spring Sacraments! Registrations must be completed online through our website and copies of Baptism certificates must be in by Dec 15, 2022. Please visit <https://staloyusius.on.ca/>

As a Thanksgiving to God for all that has happened in 2022, we will be having an **Adoration in our Church on December 31 from 11pm-Midnight.**

St. Aloysius Church
Christmas Mass Times:

CHRISTMAS EVE—
SAT DEC 24th: 5pm, 8pm,
10pm, Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY—
SUN DEC 25: 9am, 11am
(no Sunday eve Mass)

SAT DEC 31 at 5pm
SUN JAN 1 at 9am, 11am
(no Sunday eve Mass)



The St. Aloysius Children's Christmas Party organized by the Children's Liturgy will be taking place after the 11 am mass on Sunday December 18th. Children can enjoy crafts, face painting, snacks, pizza, a Christmas movie, and Santa will be in attendance! Please sign up in the church lobby after Mass.

The Children's Liturgy Nativity Play practices will be taking place on the following dates:

Mon Dec 19 – 6pm in the Church Hall

Wed Dec 21 – 6pm in the Church Hall

Fri Dec 23 – 6pm in the Church Hall

Sat Dec 24 – 9:30am Dress Rehearsal in Church



One Free Membership: The CWL will be drawing for a FREE Membership for existing and new members. To be eligible, you must have your 2023 Membership Fee of \$36.00 received before Feb 20, 2023. They encourage all women ages 16 and over to consider joining the league. All fees for 2023 must be in by Dec 31, 2022. For questions, please call Lorraine at 226-220-6948, by email; mlorrainejack@gmail.com. There will be no Dec General meeting.

Diocese of Hamilton PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH -

Christmas is an exciting and busy time of year, a time when it is vital for parents to help their children to understand the real 'reason for the season'. Ensuring you have a nativity set and Advent wreath in your home are important reminders that it is Christ we celebrate. Attending Mass, placing Jesus in the manger, and giving to charity are ways to give a place of importance to the birth of Jesus.

DIocese OF HAMILTON 'COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS' - We know that at Christmas, our hearts will be full – we want our pews to also be full! Throughout Advent, the Diocese of Hamilton encourages the faithful to *Come Home for Christmas*. We may know people who have fallen away from regular Mass attendance, and Christmas provides a special occasion to welcome them home. All parishioners are encouraged to join in this effort. For more, visit <http://hamiltondiocese.com>.

INFORMATION REGARDING 2022 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS FOR CHURCH OFFERINGS:

Please note that you must have 2022 Offerings to the church no later than end of day **December 28, 2022** if you wish it to be reflected in the 2022 Tax Receipt. **Donations that come after this date including those made on December 31 will be put towards your 2023 Tax Receipt.**

RESTART: Refresh, Renew Revive – A gathering for separated and divorced individuals offering learning, support and fun! These get-togethers support people on their journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. **Held the 2nd & 3rd Fri of each month.** Join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. No registration required. For ZOOM link email familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.



If you have lost a loved one and would like them to be remembered during our Christmas Day Masses, consider making a Christmas Flower Memorial Donation.

Please take an envelope in our lobby and bring it back next week with your donation to help with the cost of our Christmas Flowers. Remember to include a paper with the names in whose memory the donations are made.

Gospel Reflection: 3rd Sun of Advent Dec 11/12, 2022

From the loneliness of his prison cell John the Baptist asks of Jesus: "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" The weeks before Christmas offer much to be joyous about, celebrating with family and friends, the glitter of seasonal decorations, the excitement of gift giving and receiving. But in our midst there are the lonely and neglected, the poor, the hospitalized, the wayward, the shut-ins. There are those who feel that they have no hope. To whom should they look? Discipleship in the Lord includes being good stewards of others. Are there those in our family, our neighborhood, our community to whom we can reach out to show them a sign of Christ's presence in their midst? **From ICSC December E-Bulletin**

Prayer for Third Sunday of Advent

Lord Jesus, our brother and our saviour, come into our hearts with your love, with your joy, your hope, and your peace.

Help us to reflect your love for all by loving and serving all we meet.

Lord Jesus, come into our lives, and share your gifts with all people. Blessed are you, Lord Jesus, forever and ever. Amen

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