

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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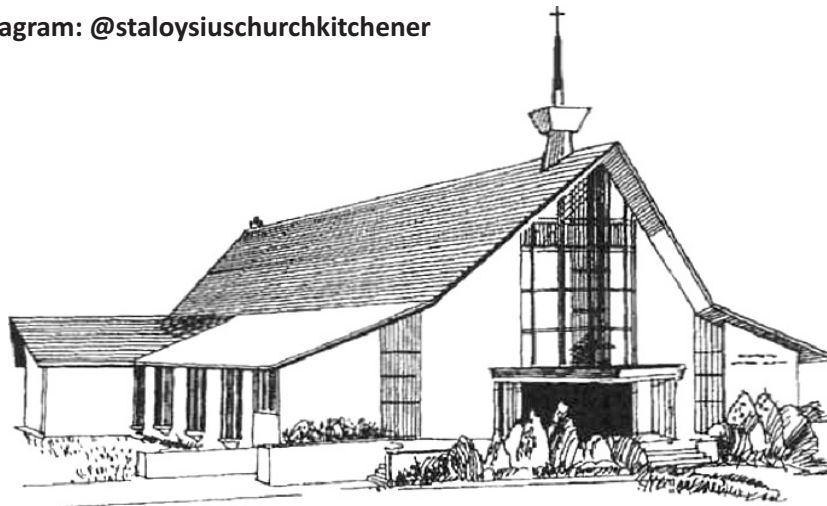
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 18 – Dec 24, 2023

- Monday** (ferial)
8:30 am + Leslie Stumpf
+ Francelina Viana
- Tuesday** (ferial)
7:00 pm + Leonard DeSouza
+ Arminda Pacheco
- Wednesday** (ferial)
8:30 am + Mary Black
+ Margo Solomon
- Thursday** (ferial)
8:30 am + Violet Altman
+ Cancio and Mercedes Jimenez
- Friday** (ferial)
8:30 am + Nicolino Pacheco
+ Flynn Reaume
- Saturday** (ferial)
8:30 am + Francelina Viana
+ Patrick Murphy

Fourth Sunday of Advent

- Saturday 5:00 pm** + Violet Altman
+ Zigmond and Evelyn Coulas
- Sunday 9:00 am** - Int. of our Parishioners
11:00 am + All Souls in Purgatory

Christmas Eve Masses:

- Sunday 4:30 pm** (Mass Includes Christmas Play) - Int. of Children/Youth of St. Aloysius Parish
- Sunday 7:00 pm** – Int. of all Priests in the Diocese of Hamilton
- Sunday 9:00 pm** – Memorial Mass

Christmas Day Masses:

- Midnight Mass - Monday 12:00 am** – Memorial Mass
- Monday 9:00 am** – Memorial Mass
- Monday 11:00am** – Memorial Mass

Schedule of Events

Dec 18 – Dec 24, 2023

- Monday**
- Children’s Liturgy practice in Hall 6:00 pm
- Tuesday**
- St. Kateri School – Christmas Mass..... 10:00 am
 - St. Timothy School – Christmas Mass..... 1:00 pm
 - Stained Glass Guild..... 1:00 pm
 - Confessions, Adoration and Mass 6:00 pm
 - Prayer Group following Mass
- Wednesday**
- St. Aloysius School Christmas Mass..... 9:30 am
 - Briarfield Gardens Mass/Communion Service..... 10:00 am
 - Children’s Liturgy Practice in Hall 6:00 pm
- Thursday**
- Doon Village Christmas Mass 10:00 am
- Friday**
- Trinity Village Christmas Mass..... 2:00 pm
 - Children’s Liturgy Rehearsal in Church..... 6:00 pm

OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection\$2100.00
 Sunday Loose Collection\$894.00
Total Offertory for Dec 9/10, 2023 \$2994.00
 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**. The practices and rehearsal this week are as follows:

- Mon Dec 18 at 6pm** practice in the Parish Hall
Wed Dec 20 at 6pm practice in the Parish Hall
Fri Dec 22 at 6pm rehearsal in the Church
 We look forward to another joyous Christmas play.



The St. Aloysius Catholic Women’s League 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.

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

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES 2023

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.

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>.

Grief Support – Diocese of Hamilton Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person’s presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? Are you wondering if your feelings are normal? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton will offer a six week grief program starting January 17, 2024. The sessions are held from 1:30-3:00pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West. You are welcome to join in person or by zoom. To register go to hamiltondiocese.com and look for the start date under upcoming events.

ALPHA 2024 at St. Mark’s Parish, Kitchener

Join them Thursday evenings, February 22 to May 2 at St. Mark’s Parish Hall (55 Driftwood Drive). Alpha is an 11-week program that brings adults together for conversations about life, faith and Jesus. Plan to join them – all are welcome! To learn more, contact Denise Case at stmarkalpha@gmail.com.

Vocations Mass and Young Adults Night – Jan 5, Hamilton

The Serra Club of Hamilton and the Hamilton Diocese Vocations Office are co-sponsoring a Mass for vocations Jan 5 at 6pm at the Annunciation of our Lord Parish (280 Limeridge Rd. W. in Hamilton). Following the Mass, Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults to attend a night of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in celebration of the Christmas Season. For more details, email; vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Hamilton, Halton and K-W Serra Club’s ‘Vocation Seeds’ -

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through his person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Vocations Director with Hamilton Diocese at 905-528-7988, by email; vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

Gospel Reflection – Third Sunday of Advent - The Gospel for today combines a brief passage from the prologue to John’s Gospel with a report about John the Baptist. As in Mark’s Gospel, the Gospel of John contains no birth narrative. Instead, John’s Gospel begins with a theological reflection that has come to be called the “prologue.” This prologue places the story of Jesus in its cosmological framework. It speaks of Jesus’ existence with God since the beginning of time. In John’s Gospel, Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the culmination of the Word, the light that is coming into the world’s darkness.

Following this prologue, John reports on the ministry of John the Baptist. We learn about the attention that John the Baptist received from the Jewish authorities. Messengers from the Jewish priests, the Levites and the Pharisees question John about his identity and the meaning of the baptisms that he is performing. John’s Gospel uses these questions to establish the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist. John the Baptist is not the Messiah, nor is he Elijah or the Prophet. In John’s denials, we hear echoes of the kind of messianic expectations that were common in first-century Palestine.

The only affirmative response that John the Baptist gives is when he quotes the prophet Isaiah. Upon answering the next question, John announces that the savior they seek is already among them, but yet unrecognized. John’s response highlights for us an important Advent theme: Jesus has already come into the world as our savior. During Advent, we pray that we will be able to recognize Jesus’ presence in our midst. Advent also reminds us that Jesus will come again to fulfill the promise of salvation. *From the Loyola Press E-Bulletin*

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