

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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# St. Aloysius Catholic Church

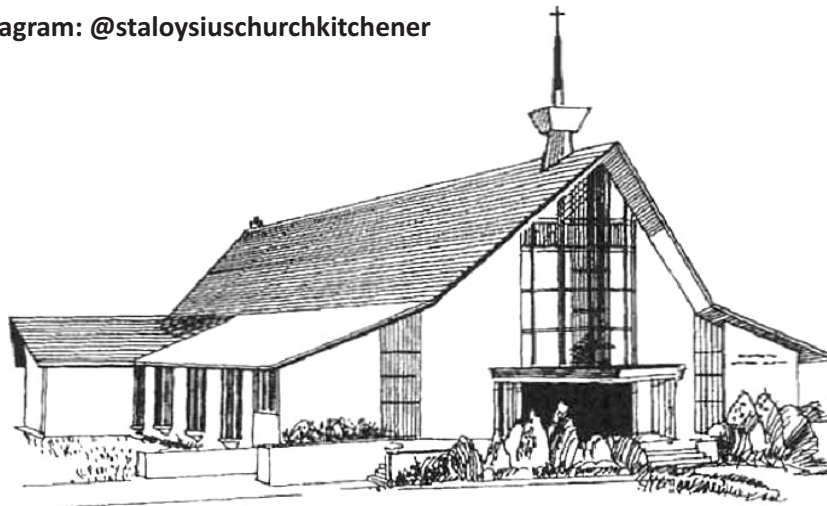
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**OFFICE HOURS:**

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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 25 – Dec 31, 2023

<b>Monday</b> 12:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord</b> Midnight Mass – Memorial Memorial Mass Memorial Mass
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 pm	<b>(Feast – St. Stephen, the First Martyr)</b> + Mary Black
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>(Feast – St. John, Apostle, Evangelist)</b> + Lucy De Amorim + Francelina Viana
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>(Feast – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs)</b> + John Kurpel
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>(Fifth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity)</b> + All Souls In Purgatory + Dmytro Pawliw
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 am	<b>(Sixth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity)</b> + Kallistheni Vuckov
<b>Feast – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b>	
<b>Saturday 5:00 pm</b>	+ Mark and Teresa Kosorin + Arminda Pacheco
<b>Sunday 9:00 am</b> <b>11:00 am</b>	- Int. of our Parishioners + Daniel Costello

### The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God. Holy Day of Obligation

Dec 31 Sunday 5:00 pm	+ Doris Donnelly
Dec 31 Sunday 11:00 pm	<i>Adoration followed by Mass</i>
Jan 1 Monday 9:00 am	+ All Souls in Purgatory
Jan 1 Monday 11:00 am	- Int. of our Parishioners

### Schedule of Events

Dec 25 – Dec 31, 2023

- Monday**
- Christmas Day – office closed .....
- Tuesday**
- Office closed .....
  - Prayer Group ..... following Mass
- Saturday**
- Adoration followed by Mass ..... 11:00 pm

### News from the St. Aloysius Children's Liturgy



The Children's Liturgy program will be hosting a **Christmas play at the Christmas Eve Mass on December 24 at 4:30 pm**. We look forward to another joyous Christmas play.

Please note, there will not be a Children's Liturgy program on Sunday December 31<sup>st</sup>. The Children's Liturgy program will resume on Sunday January 7 during the 11am Mass.

### New Year's Eve Adoration at St. Aloysius Parish

In Thanksgiving to God for all that has happened in 2023, we will be having Adoration in our Church on December 31 starting at 11pm, followed by Mass.



**The St. Aloysius Catholic Women's League** would like to wish all members and their families a Blessed Christmas season and best wishes for the new year.

A reminder, they will be having their next Executive Meeting on Tuesday January 2 at 7:30pm. Their next General Meeting is January 16 at 7:30pm with the election of their new Executive.

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

**OFFERTORY REPORT UNAVAILABLE THIS WEEK**  
*Thank you for your ongoing support!*

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### **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](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look for the start date under upcoming events.

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### **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](mailto:stmarkalpha@gmail.com).

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### **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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

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### **Hamilton, Halton and K-W Serra Club's 'Vocation Seeds' -**

We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon. If God is calling you, call Fr. Mark Morley, Hamilton Diocese Director of Vocations at 905-528-7988 or by email; [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

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### **Gospel Reflections Fourth Sunday of Advent - Weekend of December 23/24, 2023**

- In today's Gospel reading we hear proclaimed the story of the Annunciation, when the angel of the Lord announced to Mary that she would give birth to Christ through the intercession of the Holy Spirit. Mary allowed God's messenger to speak to her. She was attentive, not afraid to enter into a dialogue, then unconditionally obedient. Mary's acceptance of this mystery is a stewardship model for us. Good stewards remain open to the incursions of divine life into the normal course of their daily lives. How open are we to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our own lives? What might we do this last week of Advent to be more attentive to the Lord?

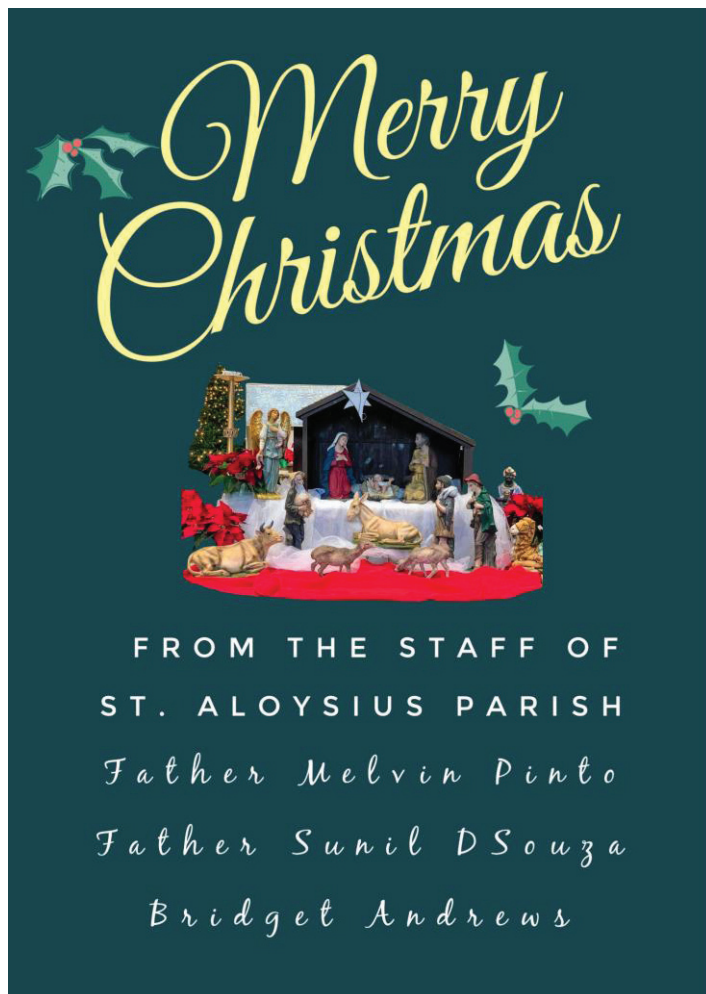
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### **Gospel Reflection - The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day) Monday, December 25, 2023**

- In today's Christmas Mass at dawn we hear from the Gospel reading that God has entered quietly into the world. Not into the great city of Jerusalem, but into a small village about five miles south. Not into a noble family, but to an outcast couple keeping the newborn in a manger. Not announced by royal edicts, but to common shepherds, the first human heralds of Christ's birth. As Christian stewards we simply allow Christ to live in us no matter what our circumstances happen to be. We allow Christ to share his love with us and reflect that love out to others. We now are the heralds of Christ's Incarnation. What an unimaginable gift from a generous Lord. Good stewards rejoice in this gift and give glory to God.

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