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St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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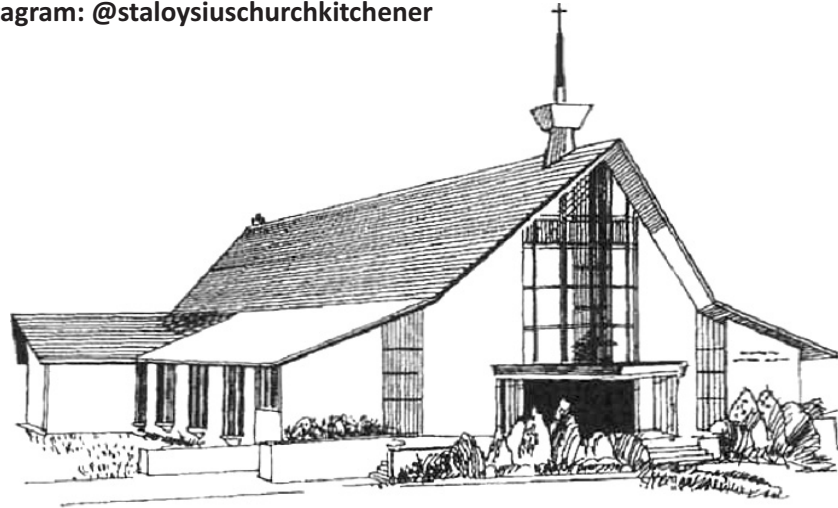
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.

NATIVITY OF THE LORD



MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 26 – Jan 1, 2023

Monday (Feast – St. Stephen, The First Martyr)

No Mass today

Tuesday (Feast – St. John, Apostle, Evangelist)

7:00 pm + Lucy De Amorim

Wednesday (Feast – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs)

8:30 am - Int. of Lee Ann Paiva and family

Thursday (Fifth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity)

8:30 am + Jamie Fitzgerald

+ Dmytro Pawliw and Annie

Friday (Feast – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph)

8:30 am + Dan Costello

+ Edward Delaney

There will be no morning Mass on Sat Dec 31 at 8:30am

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Saturday Dec 31

5:00 pm + Doris Donnelly

11:00 pm Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday January 1, 2023

9:00 am – Int. of our Parishioners

11:00 am + All Souls in Purgatory

+ Deceased Members of the Scappatura and

Palangio Family

Parish News

Dec 26– Jan 1, 2023

Schedule of Events

Monday

• Office Closed

Tuesday

• Office Closed

• Confessions, Adoration and Mass 6:00 pm

Wednesday

• Communion Service/Mass at Briarfield Gardens.....10:00 am

Saturday

• Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament . 11:00 pm

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

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.**

OFFERTORY REPORT Unavailable this week

Thank you for your ongoing financial support!



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.

EVENINGS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY – Auxiliary Bishop Wayne

Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for “Evenings with His

Excellency.” An opportunity to learn more about our Catholic

Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is

the second Friday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at St.

Ann Parish in Ancaster. It is also available on St. Ann’s

YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity

to learn about our faith. All are welcome.

RESTART: Refresh, Renew Revive – A gathering for separated

and divorced individuals offering learning, support, and fun!

These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for

people on their journey through the divorce/separation

process and beyond. **Held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each**

month, you can join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton),

or by ZOOM. No registration required. For ZOOM link, email

familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com

*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)**



DIocese of Hamilton

A Christmas Message from the Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, OMI – Bishop of Hamilton

“Fear not, for behold I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And

this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger.” Luke, Chapter 2

Dear Friends;

Christmas is a time of familiarity. We sing familiar songs, share familiar greetings, we pray and gather and celebrate in all those ways to which we are accustomed. Yet does this familiarity numb us to the awe-inspiring reality of the Lord’s Nativity? Look into the Christmas creche: what do we see here? The King of the Universe – lying helpless in a manger. The Lord God Almighty – wrapped in swaddling clothes. The Eternal Word – an infant, unable even to speak!

The Creator of Heaven and Earth is held in the arms of one he has created, and upon opening his eyes *looks up at his mother* – and so looks up at each of us. God so loves us that *he comes to us*, he lowers himself for us, he refuses to be distanced from us and so becomes one of us – taking on the frailty of the human form, yet losing nothing of the greatness of his Divine power.

May we never grow tired of discovering anew these jarring truths, which turn upside-down our expectations of power, greatness, kingship, and so much else. May we renew with fervour our adoration of the God who has become a child, who for love of each one of us has inserted his very self into our human story. This is the blessing of Christmas – may it fill our hearts during these holy days!

*May God, who by the Incarnation
Brought together the earthly and heavenly realm,
Fill you with the gift of his peace and favor
And make you sharers with the Church in heaven!
(From the solemn blessing of Midnight Mass)*

Merry Christmas!

+ Douglas Crosby, OMI
(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton.

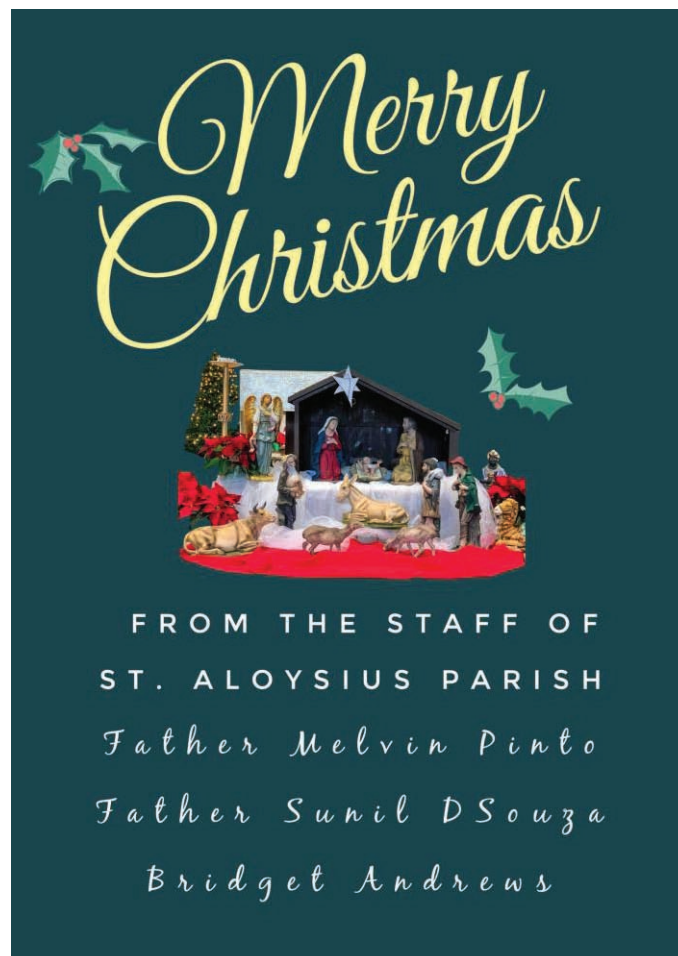
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THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS IS BACK! Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton. Registration will be available in early January at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Mastering Your Money: A Financial Wellness Presentation for the Diocese of Hamilton - Financial worries are the top source of stress for all Canadians, ranking above work concerns, health worries and relationship struggles. Join us for this special zoom session on Tues, Jan 24, 2023 from 7-8:30 pm., presented by Fred Masters, Author and President & Founder of Masters Money Management Inc. Register for this free virtual event at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Gospel Reflection: The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) December 25, 2022

Amidst the beautiful Christmas readings at today’s Masses is a reading from a small New Testament letter from Saint Paul to his protégé, Titus, read at Midnight Mass. Saint Paul reminds Titus that God has given us a gift in the person of Jesus Christ. This gift represents God’s active presence in our lives and in our world. This gift redeems us from evil and death. This gift purifies us as God’s people. This is a gift that also comes with an expectation: that we receive it with thanksgiving, allow it to transform us into Christ’s image; and from it, learn how to live a life “eager to do what is good.” Take time the next few days to reflect on the marvelous gift we celebrate at Christmas, and how we might become better stewards of this gift. *From ICSC December Bulletin*



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