

"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

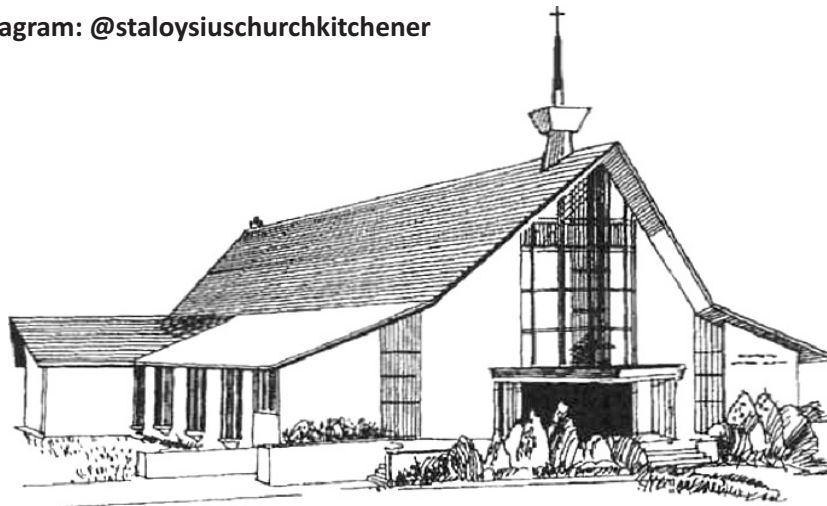
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**OFFICE HOURS:**

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.

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 4 – Dec 10, 2023

- Monday** (ferial)  
8:30 am - Int. of Maria and Joao Costa  
+ Arminda Pacheco
- Tuesday** (ferial)  
7:00 pm - Int. of Maggie and Family  
+ Frank and Pat Lustic
- Wednesday** (ferial)  
8:30 am + Gene Buencamino  
+ Nick Sr. and Nick Jr. Ebner
- Thursday** (Memorial – St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor)  
8:30 am - Int. of Fr. David Avila  
+ Arminda Pacheco
- Friday** (Solemnity – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)  
8:30 am - Int. of Fr. David Avila  
+ Francelina Viana
- Saturday** (ferial)  
8:30 am + Mary Black + Allan O’Neill
- Second Sunday of Advent**  
**Saturday 5:00 pm** + Susan Barclay + Luiz Gonzaga & Luiza Cabral  
**Sunday 9:00 am** + Basil McDougall + Arminda Pacheco  
11:00 am + Tony DuCharme  
*Children’s liturgy during the 11am Mass*  
7:00 pm - Int. of our Parishioners

## Schedule of Events

Dec 4 – Dec 10, 2023

- Monday**
- Food Pantry ..... 7-8pm
- Tuesday**
- St. Aloysius School – Advent Mass ..... 9:30 am
  - Stained Glass Guild ..... 1:00 pm
  - St. Timothy School – Advent Mass ..... 1:00 pm
  - Confessions, Adoration and Mass ..... 6:00 pm
  - Prayer Group ..... following Mass
- Wednesday**
- Briarfield Gardens Mass/Communion Service..... 10:00 am
  - CWL Senior’s Christmas Dinner ..... 6:00 pm
- Thursday**
- St. Timothy School – Confessions ..... 9:45 am
  - Doon Village Mass/Communion Service..... 10:00 am
  - St. Kateri School – Advent Mass ..... 10:00 am
- Friday**
- St. Timothy School Confessions ..... 9:45am
- Saturday**
- Secular Carmel Meeting (Ocds) ..... 9:30am
  - Altar Server Christmas Gathering ..... 10:00 am
  - Baptism ..... 3:00 pm
  - Confessions..... 3:45 pm
- Sunday**
- Children’s Liturgy..... during 11:00 am Mass

## OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection .....\$3040.00  
 Sunday Loose Collection .....\$1295.00  
**Total Offertory for Nov 26/2023 ..... \$4335.00**  
 Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....\$853.00

**Thank you for your ongoing financial support!**



**Christmas can be a very difficult time financially for many people and this year is no exception with the rising cost of food and household items.**

Our St. Aloysius Food Pantry is offering Christmas food hampers (in the form of a gift card), and toys for families in need this year.



**The St. Aloysius Food Pantry** is organizing the **Angel Tree/Board** again this year. Please look in our church foyer for angels with the ages of children in our Parish neighborhood who need your support this Christmas. Take an angel from the board, and bring in a new unwrapped toy or gift card for the child. Donations need to be returned by December 9<sup>th</sup>. Drop off your new unwrapped toys in the pink baskets in the church foyer, or to our parish office during business hours. *Thanks in advance for your continued support!*

## Children’s Liturgy Christmas Play

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](mailto:kimansty@gmail.com) to confirm your child’s participation. In addition, you can sign up with Kim after the 11 am Mass on Dec 2. Practice dates will be announced soon. We look forward to another joyous Christmas play.

## ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES 2023

- Tues Dec 5 at 6pm - Our Lady of Lourdes - Waterloo
  - 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
  - Mon Dec 18 at 6pm – 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 scheduling changes*

### News from the St. Aloysius CWL



The Catholic Women's League's Annual **Seniors Christmas Dinner** is coming up Wed Dec 6 from 6-8:30pm in our Parish Hall. Doors will open at 5:30pm. The CWL will be handing out a limited number of tickets on a first come, first served basis after the 5pm, 9am and 11am Masses this weekend. Tickets are free and are only for seniors aged 65 and over who belong to St. Aloysius Parish.

**St. Aloysius CWL is a proud supporter of the annual ToastyToes Campaign** which provides warm socks to those in need in Waterloo Region. This year, Toasty Toes is accepting monetary donations at <http://toastytoeswr.ca/>. Cheque donations should be made payable to "Waterloo Region Community Foundation" with 'Toasty Toes Fund' on the memo line. Cheques can be dropped off at the Parish office until December 10.

### 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. Also include your name, address and contact information on the outside of the envelope for tax receipt purposes.

### Dec 17 – Bambinelli Sunday

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed Baby Jesus figurines, in St. Peter's Square in Rome, on the Third Sunday of Advent. We will be having our own Bambinelli Sunday at St. Aloysius Church. All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines to Mass on Dec 16 and 17 to be blessed. After the blessing, you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas Day.

### Advent Retreat at St. Anne Parish

Please join School Sisters of Notre Dame, Sister Celeste Reinhart and Sister Barbara Paleczny, for a mini-retreat on Sun Dec 10 from 1-3 pm at St Anne Church, Parish Hall in Kitchener. The theme, "Waiting in Hope", will explore Mary's life in the Gospel of Luke. Refreshments will be provided. Please contact St Anne Parish at 519-745-5302 or [stannekitchener@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stannekitchener@hamiltondiocese.com) to register.

### Gospel Reflection – First Sunday of Advent

Today we begin the season Advent which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face. The passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

*From the Loyola Press E-Bulletin*

### 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**

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