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St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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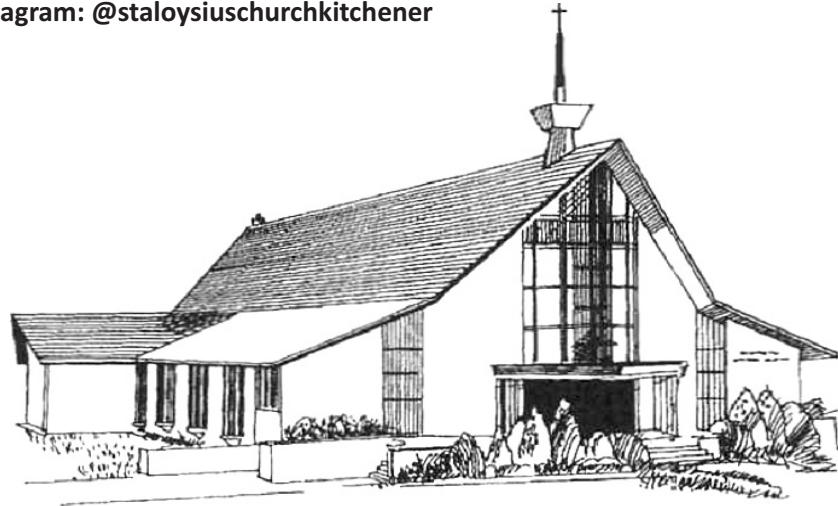
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 5 - Dec 11, 2022

Monday (ferial)

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

Tuesday (ferial)

7:00 pm - Int. of David Grzesiak
+ Nikolaus and Nikolaus Peter Ebner

Wednesday (Memorial— St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor)

8:30 am + Mary Alves
- Int. of Fr. David Avila

Thursday (Solemnity – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

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

Friday (ferial)

8:30 am + Isauro Oliveira

Saturday (ferial)

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

Third Sunday of Advent

(Bambinelli Sunday – Blessing of Baby Jesus Figurines)

Sat 5:00 pm + Basil McDougall

Sun 9:00 am + All Souls in Purgatory
+ Albert Winkel

Sun 11:00am + Arthur Ladzik

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

Sun 7:00 pm - Int. of our Parishioners

Parish News

Dec 5 – Dec 11, 2022

Schedule of Events

Monday

• Food Pantry Open – Registration for hampers 7- 8:00 pm

Tuesday

• Trinity Village – Mass/Communion Service..... 10:30 am
• Stained Glass Guild..... 1:00 pm
• Confessions, Adoration and Mass..... 6:00 pm

Wednesday

• Bible Study group.....10:00 am
• Communion Service/Mass at Briarfield Gardens.....10:00 am
• CWL Senior’s Dinner..... 6:00 pm

Saturday

• Altar Server Meeting and Christmas Party..... 10:00 am
• Monthly Baptism..... 3:00 pm
• Confessions 3:45-4:30 pm

Sunday

• Children’s Liturgy during 11 am Mass

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.**



Dec 11 – 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 10 and 11 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.

Confessions: St. Aloysius will be having Advent Reconciliation on **Wed Dec 14 from 6pm-8pm.** Other Confession opportunities during Advent include Tuesday evenings from 6-6:45pm and Saturdays from 3:45-4:30pm

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

The St. Aloysius Children’s Ministry will be hosting a Nativity



Christmas Play with the children at the Christmas Eve Mass at 5pm. We are looking for children to be shepherds, inn keepers, angels, Mary, and Joseph. Anyone interested please contact Kim Ansty at johnkimansty@gmail.com.

The St. Aloysius Children’s Christmas Party 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!



News from the St. Aloysius CWL:

The CWL will be drawing for One FREE Membership for existing and new members. To be eligible, you must have your 2023 Membership Fee received before Feb 20, 2023.

They encourage all women ages 16 and over to consider joining the league. A reminder, all fees for 2023 must be in by the end of the year. For questions, please call Lorraine Jack at 226-220-6948 or by email; mlorrainejack@gmail.com. **The CWL will not be having a General Meeting in December.**

OFFERTORY REPORT

Envelope contributions.....\$3667.00
Loose.....\$620.00
Offertory Collection Nov 27-2022.....\$4287.00
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....**\$830.31**

Thank you for your ongoing financial support!

St. Aloysius
Food Pantry Info



The St. Aloysius Food Pantry is offering Christmas food hampers and toys for families in need this year. If you or someone you know in our Parish Community could

benefit from a hamper, please contact our Food Pantry for information. **Please consider donating** of a new unwrapped toy or a gift card for older youth 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 DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION for

Spring Sacraments is Dec 15, 2022.

Registrations must be completed online through our website and copies of Baptism certificates must be in by Dec 15, 2022.

Please visit <https://staloysius.on.ca/>



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: Second Sunday of Advent Dec 3/4, 2022

In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist. John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11).

In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: ". . . the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals" (Matthew 3:11).

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. **From Loyola Press Sunday Connection**

*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)

Prayer for Second Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you came to give us abundant life. Just like every generation before us, we get attached to the hills and valleys and sins that keep you at a "safe" distance. Help us to turn back to you, to see the obstacles. Give us the grace to desire a smoother way by letting go of our sins, so you can fill our hands and hearts with new life.



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