

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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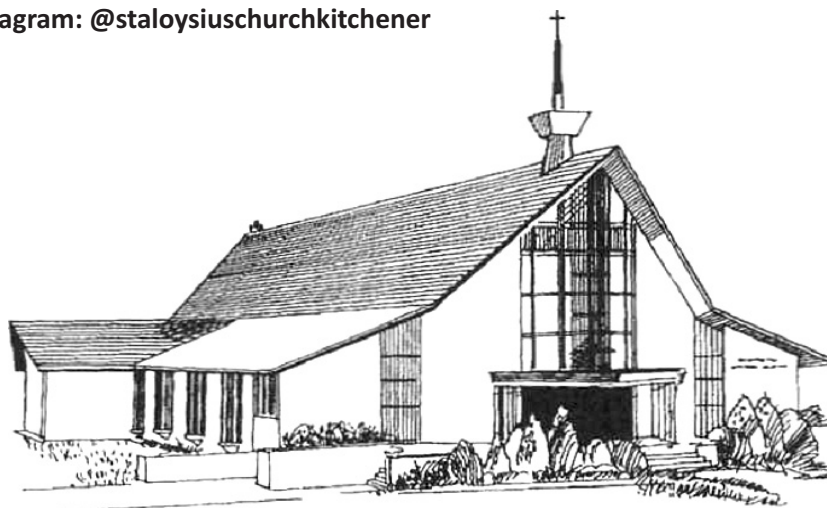
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OFFICE HOURS:

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

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.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



MASS
INTENTIONS

Dec 27, 2021 – Jan 2, 2022



MASS
INTENTIONS

Jan 3 – Jan 9, 2022

Monday (Feast – St. John, Apostle, Evangelist)
8:30 am + Lucy De Amorim - Parents
Tuesday (Feast – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs)
7:00 pm + David James Witzel – Kathy Witzel
Wednesday (Fifth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity)
8:30 am + Jamie Fitzgerald – Mom, Dad and Tina
Thursday (Sixth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity)
8:30 am - Int. of Arminda Pacheco – Lee Ann Paiva

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

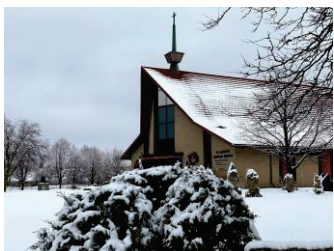
Friday
5:00 pm + Doris Donnelly – Joyce and Family

Saturday 9:00 am + Nick Ebner – Betty Reaume
Saturday 11:00 am – Int. of St. Aloysius Parishioners

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday 9:00 am + Margaret McCracken – Ann Stuart
Sunday 11:00 am + Ramon Aguto – Lerma and Family
Sunday 7:00 pm + Nick Ebner Jr. – Prayer Shawl Ministry

Parish News



We are happy to see you! We now have more space to welcome you at our public Masses! Physically distant seating and our Covid-19 health and safety regulations remain in place. **Our Parish Office is open**

by appointment only. Please contact us in advance by phone or email to arrange an appointment during office hours.

The Obligation to attend Sunday Mass is suspended until further notice. *If you choose to return to Mass at this time, please read these important guidelines;*

- All Masses are first come first served
- Masks must be worn at church
- Physical distancing measures are in place.
- Doors Open 30 minutes prior to Mass
- Please arrive at the main door of St. Aloysius at least 15 minutes before Mass time.
- Follow the direction of Ushers who will seat you at available designated seats.

Thank you for continuing to follow our Covid-19 safety measures to help keep everyone safe and healthy.

Monday (ferial)
8:30 am - Int. of Tracy Flores - Rosa
Tuesday (ferial)
7:00 pm - Int. of David Grzesiak – St. Aloysius Food Pantry
Wednesday (ferial)
8:30 am - Int. of all Priests in Hamilton Diocese - Eduarda
Thursday (ferial)
8:30 am + All Souls in Purgatory – Rosa Paiva
Friday (Memorial – St. Andre Bessette, Religious)
8:30 am + Basil McDougall – Kate and Family

Feast - The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday 5:00 pm + Frank Stuart – Ann Stuart
Sunday 9:00 am - Int. of Fr. Melvin
Sunday 11:00 am - Int. of Fr. Melvin
Sunday 7:00 pm - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Aloysius



2022 First Communion and Confirmation Sacraments

Registration through our Parish Website is set to begin in early 2022 for our Spring Sacraments. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation is currently happening in our Catholic School system for children in Grades 2 and 7. If your child is not attending a Catholic School and you would like them to receive a Sacrament at St. Aloysius, please contact our Parish office as soon as possible for more information.



THE 2021 – 2023 SYNOD OF BISHOPS brings an invitation from Pope Francis to embark on a journey together. How can you get involved? Offer your thoughts on how we can deepen our communion in the Lord and how all members of the Church can participate more fully Visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about>

Christmas Season Office Hours:

*Please note, we are not open to walk-in traffic
Call or email our office to book an appointment time*

Mon Dec 27: Closed
Tues Dec 28: Closed
Wed Dec 29-Thurs Dec 30: 9am-12 and 1-4:30pm
Fri Dec 31: 9am-Noon
Mon Jan 3, 2022: Closed

INFORMATION REGARDING 2021 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS FOR CHURCH OFFERINGS:

Please note that you must have 2021 Offerings to the church no later than end of day **December 29** if you wish it to be reflected in the 2021 Tax Receipt. **Donations that come after this date including those made on December 31st will appear on your 2022 Tax Receipt.**



Gospel Reflection: Sat Dec 26, 2021, The Feast of the Holy Family -

This feast is part of the Christmas season, and

we should place today's Gospel in the context of what Luke's Gospel tells us about the birth of Jesus. Luke has been answering the question "Who is Jesus?" through his stories of the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. Today's Gospel reading continues this theme.

Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are presented in this Gospel as a faithful Jewish family. They are participating in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, an event shared each year with family and friends. When Jesus is found, Luke describes him as seated in the Temple in the midst of the Jewish teachers. Although he is young, Jesus seems not to need teaching about his Jewish tradition. In his dialogue with these learned teachers, Jesus astounds them with his insight and understanding. Jesus is a child of Israel. His Father is God.

The dialogue between Mary and Jesus contains many references to family relationships. In fact, in this Gospel reading Mary and Joseph are never identified by name. Instead, they are referred to by their relationship to Jesus. Ultimately, this emphasizes Luke's point about the identity of Jesus. When Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple, they question Jesus and express their anxiety. Jesus replies in words that many have thought to be disrespectful. Jesus says that he was never lost; he was at home. Jesus is God's Son, and he is in his Father's house. Luke will continue to suggest that faith in Jesus establishes new family relationships as he describes Jesus' public ministry.

In Luke's Gospel, Mary's importance is even greater than her role as Jesus' mother. Mary is the first disciple and will be present with Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection at Pentecost.

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Gospel Reflection: Sunday Jan 2, 2022 – The Epiphany of the Lord



The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the

days of King Herod" The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

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Thank You!

**Thank you for your continued support!
We rely heavily on the help of our volunteers.
Thank you to everyone who gives their time and talents to our many Ministries at St. Aloysius Parish!**

2021 has been another challenging year and we Thank all who have supported our Church during these trying times.

Those who are financially able to support us, have been helping us greatly. We wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

May God keep you healthy and safe through this pandemic.

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