

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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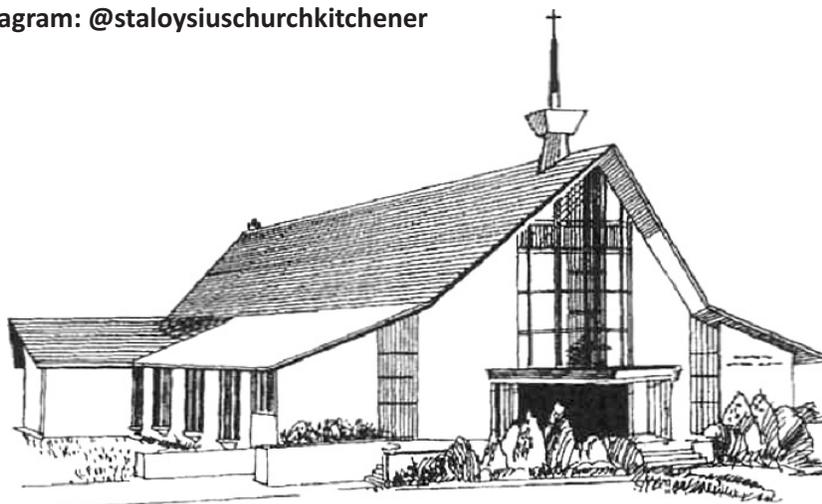
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**OFFICE HOURS:**

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.



Dec 6 – Dec 12, 2021

**Monday** (ferial)  
**8:30 am** + Deceased Friends and Family of Lois Tessner  
**Tuesday** (Memorial – St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor)  
**7:00 pm** - Int. of Fr. David Avila – A. Pacheco  
**Wednesday** (Solemnity – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)  
**8:30 am** + Isauro Oliveira – Elisa Oliveira  
**Thursday** (ferial)  
**8:30 am** + James Stone – Helen Delaney and Family  
**Friday** (ferial)  
**8:30 am** + All Souls in Purgatory - Eduarda

**Third Sunday of Advent**  
*National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples*

**Sat 5:00pm** - Int. of Parishioners of St. Aloysius  
**Sun 9:00am** - Int. of the Indigenous People of Canada – Diocese of Hamilton  
**Sun 11:00am** + Deceased Parishioners of St. Aloysius  
**Sun 7:00pm** + Nick Ebner Jr. - Dianne Cousineau

**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!

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**CHRISTMAS EVE—FRI DEC 24th: 4pm, 6pm, 10pm**

**CHRISTMAS DAY—SAT DEC 25: 8am, 10am, 12pm**  
*(no Saturday evening Mass)*

**SUN DEC 26—Feast of the Holy Family: 9am, 11am, 7pm**

**DEC 31/JAN 1—Feast of Mary, Mother of God:**  
**FRI DEC 31 at 5pm and SAT JAN 1 at 9am, 11am**  
*(no Saturday evening Mass)*

**SUN JAN 2: 9am, 11am and 7pm**

**Seating is first come first served**  
**Doors open 30 mins prior to Mass**  
**Masks must be worn**

**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.



prayer taken from cccb.ca

**ADVENT CONFSSION OPPORTUNITIES**

Weeknights:

**Tues Nov 30 6:00 - 6:45pm**  
**Tues Dec 7 6:00 - 6:45pm**  
**Tues Dec 14 6:00 - 6:45pm**  
**Tues Dec 21 6:00 - 6:45pm**  
**Wed Dec 22 5:00 - 7:00pm**

Weekends:

**Sat Dec 4 3:45 - 4:30pm**  
**Sat Dec 11 3:45 - 4:30pm**  
**Sat Dec 18 3:45 - 4:30pm**  
**Sat Dec 18 6:00 - 7:00pm**

**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 31<sup>st</sup> will be put towards your 2022 Tax Receipt.**



**Gospel Reflection – Dec 5, 2021 -The Second Sunday of Advent**

This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.



**Dec 12 – National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples**

On the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Church in Canada celebrates the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. This project, with the approval of the Bishops of Canada, has been coordinated since 2002 by the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council (formerly the Canadian Catholic Aboriginal Council). This year, the reflection by the Council centres on the theme: *We are called to Healing, Forgiveness, Reconciliation.*



**Bambinelli Sunday Dec 12 –**

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity scenes that belong to families, in St. Peter's Square in Rome, on the third Sunday of Advent. All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines to Mass on **Sunday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>** to be blessed, as we celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. 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.

The three Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke—attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3.

The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.

In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

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, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did. **Loyola Press December E-Bulletin**

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