

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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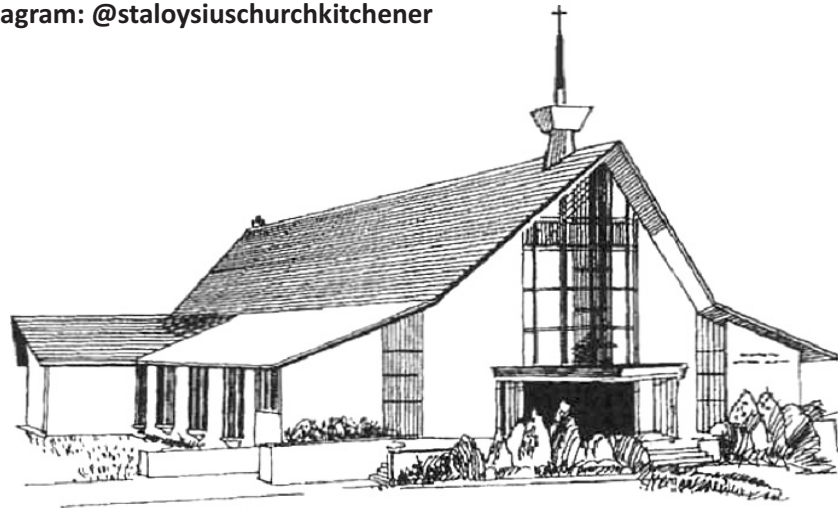
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.



Feb 28 – Mar 6, 2022

Monday (Ferial)

8:30 am - Int. of Kyle Vieira - Eduarda

Tuesday (Ferial)

7:00 + Fatima Vitorino – Karl and Ruth Ann Gmach

Wednesday (Ash Wednesday)

8:30 am + Regena Whaling – Raymond and Mary Catherine Smith

Thursday (Ferial)

8:30 am + All Souls in Purgatory – Rosa Paiva

Friday (Ferial)

8:30 am + Eric D'Silva – Puren/D'Silva Families

6:30pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

First Sunday of Lent

Sat 5:00 pm + Joyce Diebold – Dianne Cousineau

Sun 9:00 am + Mary Ngo – Hoang Family

Sun 11:00 am + Nicolino Pacheco – Arminda Pacheco

Sun 7:00 pm - Int. of Parishioners

Parish News



Our weekday and weekend public masses are continuing at St. Aloysius with reduced capacity. Physically distant seating and our Covid-19 health and safety regulations remain in place.

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.



Please remember St. Aloysius Parish in your will. (The Bequest Clause can be added to your existing Will as a codicil).

Bequest Clause

I give and bequeath to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton, under a special Act of legislative Assembly of Ontario, and whose offices are in Hamilton, ON for the benefit of St. Aloysius Parish, Kitchener; the sum of \$__dollars, or a ___ percentage of the

Estate, or the total of the residue of the Estate.



Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday March 2** and continues until the beginning of the **Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening**. The forty days represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan, and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a yearly celebration of the Church in preparation for Easter. **Lent has two major purposes:** It recalls or prepares for Baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's Word and of more fervent prayer, we are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery.

Lent is a privileged time for **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**. This season provides an opportunity to renew and deepen our relationship with Jesus, and to renew the choices we make, so that we might live as He taught. Please visit our website at <https://staloysius.on.ca/lenten-resources> for resources. to help you with your Lenten journey.

Please note, during the Season of Lent, we will have an additional Mass, Friday evenings at 6:30pm followed by Stations of the Cross



2022 Share Lent Campaign

This year, **Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's People and Planet First** campaign calls you to support our sisters and brothers in the Global South in defending their rights and the planet.

Do this by:

- Donating online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on April 3, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 85 projects in 27 countries around the world!
- Learning more by reading the mini-magazine and over available resources at: devp.org/lent/resources.
- Signing the petition for strong laws to control Canadian corporations' behaviour abroad at devp.org/act.



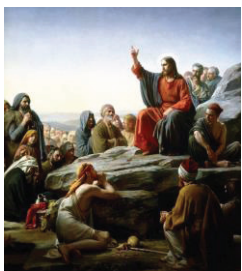
The 2023 Synod is an opportunity for everyone to share their experience of hearing and being heard. As people living in the Diocese of Hamilton, we are asked to participate in

this new experience and share our thoughts and experience of how the Church is called to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking to us today.

You can answer the survey by going online to <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod> and complete the survey electronically. **Thank you for letting your voice be heard!**

Youth ministry online learning - There are spaces open for new learners in the upcoming cycles of the Youth Ministry Certification program. If you are interested in participating in Relational ministry with Youth- A Canadian Perspective, please visit www.hamiltondioceselearns.com to register.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE is a peaceful campaign that seeks to draw attention to the abortion issue by undertaking three distinct actions during the 40 days of the campaign: encouraging prayer and fasting in support of life, constant quiet and respectful prayer vigils outside of places that provide abortion, and education for community/family/friends on the issue. In Hamilton Diocese the 40 Days for Life campaign will run throughout Lent (March 2nd – April 10th). Visit this link for more information; <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/>



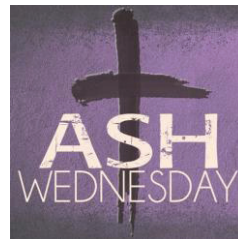
Gospel Reflection: Sunday February 27 - The third and final section of Luke's Sermon on the Plain begins: And he told them a parable. There are actually four parables, three of which we read today. They are all about how to be a good disciple. The blind cannot lead the blind.

And a disciple cannot be a good disciple unless he or she has learned from the teacher. Everyone who is fully trained is like the teacher who knows how to cure the blind. Before you can be a good disciple and teach others you must take care of yourself. Do not try to take a speck out of your brother's eye until you have taken the board out of your own. Finally, only when

you have purified yourself can you produce the good works that the teacher requires. Discipleship asks us to produce good deeds. But to produce them requires the integrity and purity of heart found in the teacher. When people see your good deeds, they will know that this is because you have a good heart.

The final parable, which we do not read today, is about building on the solid foundation of rock and not on sand. This is the only way to face the difficulties a disciple will encounter and survive.

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Gospel Reflection for Ash Wednesday: Today we celebrate Ash Wednesday, the first day of the liturgical season of Lent. In this season, we prepare ourselves to celebrate the high point of our Christian life, Easter. Each year, the readings for Ash Wednesday are the same. They call us to a change of heart and teach us about the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These disciplines are to be part of the Christian life during every season, but during the season of Lent, we renew our commitment to them.

The meaning behind tracing a cross on our foreheads with ashes (the liturgical sign of Ash Wednesday) is a summary of our Christian life. On one level, the ashes remind us of our origin and our death. (In the words of the prayer said when we receive ashes: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.") The ashes are also the sign of our victory: the cross of Christ. In his death and resurrection, Christ conquered death. Our destiny as Christians is to receive the victory over death that Christ won for us. We acknowledge that victory when we "[t]urn away from sin and [are] faithful to the gospel," words from the alternative prayer when we are signed with ashes.

Today's reading is part of the Sermon on the Mount. In the sermon, Jesus warns his followers against acting for the sake of appearance. When Jesus' disciples give alms, pray, and fast, they are to do so in such a way that only God, who sees the heart and knows what is hidden, will know. Although our Lectionary reading omits the Lord's Prayer, we can recall that Matthew presents that prayer as a model for the disciples' prayer (Matthew 6:9-15).

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