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St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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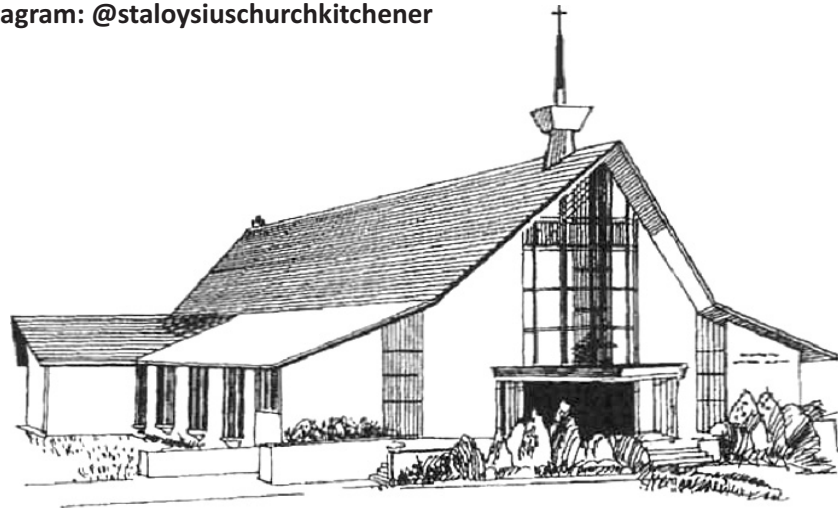
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.



Feb 21 – Feb 27, 2022

Monday (Ferial)

8:30 am + Maria de Jesus Carreiro – A. Pacheco

Tuesday (Feast – Chair of St. Peter, Apostle)

7:00 – Int. of Amelia Monte - Eduarda

Wednesday (Memorial – St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr)

8:30 am - Conversion of Sinners – Rosa Paiva

Thursday (Ferial)

8:30 am + Joyce Diebold – Lorraine Bouffard

Friday (Ferial)

8:30 am + All Souls in Purgatory – Jacinthe Thibodeau

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**Sat 5:00 pm** + Doug Cook – Raymond and Mary Catherine Smith**Sun 9:00 am** + Joyce Diebold – Frank and Theresia Burgund**Sun 11:00 am** – Int. of Parishioners**Sun 7:00 pm** + Elisa Aldea – Buencamino Family**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

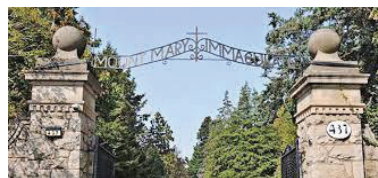
Estate, or the total of the residue of the Estate.



Marriage Support - Is your marriage experience more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? The solution may be Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. This is a practical program, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. The next Retrouvaille weekend begins March 13, 2022. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

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', visit their webpage to register at: www.hamiltondioceselearns.com

The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to a virtual screening of the film "After the Storm: Building the Pope Francis Village" on February 24, 2022 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM, part of the Reel Justice Film Festival. The film documents the transformational journey of 550 families in Tacloban, Philippines following the devastation of Super Typhoon Haiyan in 2013. The **Reel Justice Film Festival** is a partnership between Development & Peace and the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives. Visit them online at <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/> for more information.



Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre is now open and accepting group and personal retreat

bookings for 2022! With a large Chapel and acres of untouched green space, Mount Mary is an ideal location for those seeking a retreat experience. Groups of all types are welcome for a day or for an overnight stay. Individuals are also welcome to book out the "Cottage" for a personal retreat experience. For more information, please visit: www.mountmary.ca



**A Pastoral Letter from
Bishop Douglas Crosby,
OMI**

February 14, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

After significant work at both the national and local levels, I am pleased to provide an update on the participation of the Diocese of Hamilton in the national **Indigenous Reconciliation Fund**.

In late January 2022, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) announced the establishment of the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund, a charity whose mandate is to receive, manage, and disperse \$30 million in collective contributions promised by Canada's Catholic dioceses.

The Diocese of Hamilton, as an enthusiastic supporter of this initiative, will commit \$4 million to the fund over the next 5 years. While our Indigenous partners in this program will be determined in the weeks ahead, the funds will be allocated to programs that work toward accomplishing *Call to Action #61* of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission: healing and reconciliation projects; culture and language revitalization projects; education and relationship-building projects; and dialogues for Indigenous spiritual leaders and youth.

Of these funds, \$2.1 million will be allocated through partnerships within the Diocese of Hamilton, while \$1.9 million will support initiatives in other dioceses/communities of need across the country. The Diocese is committed to fulfilling its \$4 million commitment. Parishioners across the diocese will be invited to support this initiative through various means in the coming years.

While the Diocese of Hamilton ran no residential schools, we take seriously our part in supporting the CCCC effort to promote healing and reconciliation with our Indigenous sisters and brothers. With Jesus Christ as our model, the Church stands with those who suffer, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. May God, the Creator of all, bless this initiative and the journey toward healing and reconciliation.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Pray for Us!

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

+Douglas Crosby, OMI
(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton



**Gospel Reflection:
Sunday February 20**

Today's gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's gospel. We continue to hear Jesus'

Sermon on the Plain. Recall that in Luke's Gospel, this teaching is addressed to Jesus' disciples. This contrasts with the parallel found in Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus' words are addressed to both the disciples and to the crowds.

These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged.

There are several similarities between Luke's and Matthew's report of Jesus' great teaching. Both begin with the Beatitudes. Matthew includes nearly all the content that Luke does; the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is longer than Luke's Sermon on the Plain. There are, however, differences in language and nuance. For example, Matthew presents this portion of the teaching as a contrast between Jesus' teaching and the teachings of the law and the prophets. This is in keeping with Matthew's concern to address his predominantly Jewish audience. It is likely that Luke omits this contrast because it was unnecessary for the Gentile believers for whom Luke is writing.

Another point of contrast between Matthew and Luke's presentation is the terminology. In Luke, Jesus contrasts the behavior of his followers with the behavior of "sinners." In Matthew, Jesus contrasts the behavior desired with the behavior of tax collectors and Gentiles. Matthew concludes the teaching about love of enemies with the admonition to be perfect as God is perfect; Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy.

In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining.

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