

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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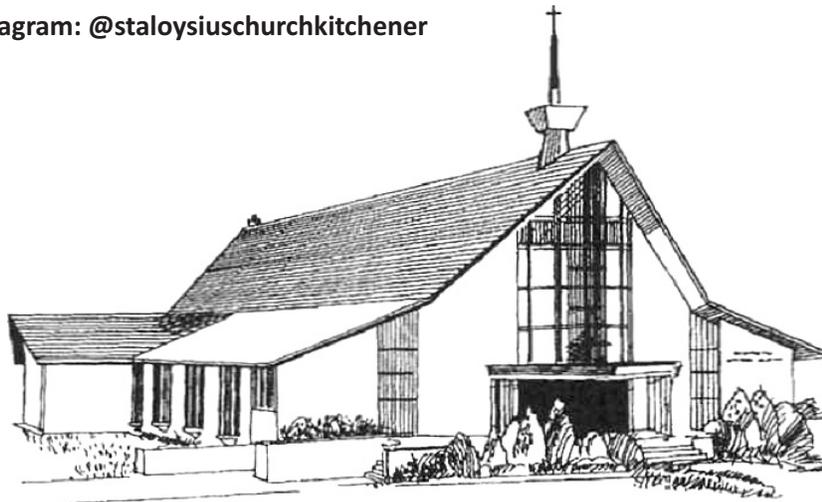
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OFFICE HOURS:

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

SATURDAY.....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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Feb 27 – Mar 5, 2023

Monday (ferial)

8:30 am - Int. of Eduarda Avila
+ Don Loncke

Tuesday (ferial)

7:00 pm + David Grzesiak

Wednesday (ferial)

8:30 am + All Souls In Purgatory

Thursday (ferial)

8:30 am + Raymond Thibodeau

Friday (ferial)

8:30 am + Mary Black and her deceased relatives
- Int. of Ann Stuart

First Friday Adoration following 8:30am Mass

7:00 pm + Oscar Navarro Sia

Stations of the Cross will follow Mass

Saturday (ferial)

8:30 am - Int. of Kathie Borys
- In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony of Padua

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday

5:00 pm + John Kosorin
+ Manuel Mota

Sunday

9:00 am - Int. of Arminda Pacheco
+ Nicolino Pacheco

11:00 am + Patricia Woods

Children's Liturgy in Parish Hall during 11am Mass

7:00 pm - Int. of Our Parishioners

Schedule of Events

Monday Feb 27 – Mar 5, 2023

- Lenten Reflection followed by Mass 6pm
- Food Pantry Open 7pm

Tuesday

- Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service 10:30 am
- Stained Glass Guild 1:00 pm
- Lenten Reflection followed by Mass 6:00 pm

Wednesday

- Briarfield Gardens Mass/Communion Service... 10:00 am
- Bible Study Group 10:00 am

Friday

- First Friday Adoration..... following 8:30am Mass
- Mass followed by Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm

Saturday

- Confessions 3:45 pm

Sunday

- Children's Liturgy in Parish Hall..... during 11:00 am Mass

OFFERTORY REPORT

Regular Envelope contributions.....\$1845.00
Loose.....\$842.00
Offertory Collection Feb 26/23 \$2687.00
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....**\$845.31**

Thank you for your ongoing financial support!



Join us for two Evenings of Lenten Reflection at St. Aloysius Church:

Join Father Sunil on Mon Feb 27 and Tues Feb 28 for Lenten Reflections in our Church. Father will be hosting a talk both evenings at 6pm followed by Mass. The theme is from Luke 15:18; I will get up and go back to my Father and say to him, "Father I have sinned against Heaven and against you."

We will be having additional Masses during Lent every Friday evening at 7pm (except for Good Friday) from Friday Feb 24-Fri Mar 31 followed by Stations of the Cross.



News from the St. Aloysius CWL:

The Catholic Women's League means many things to many people. Their core values of faith, service and justice guide them as they follow Catholic teaching, provide services locally, nationally, and internationally and work to advocate for social justice. They have taken 52 words from their National Sisterhood Map and would like to share with you this week's word; **CHARITY**.

Catholic Women's League councils provide an opportunity for others to contribute monetary aid through fundraising activities that create awareness and community building. Be part of this organization that gives to others. For more information about the St. Aloysius Catholic Women's League, please contact Lorraine Jack at 226-220-6948 or by email mlorrainejack@gmail.com

St. Aloysius CWL invites all members and friends to the 'Awaken Your Hearts' Retreat led by Barbara Paleczny, SSND, PhD/SThD

THEME: Are parents ever right? Connecting to the Spirit

DATE: Mar 11, 2023, 10am-1pm – includes a soup lunch

LOCATION: St. Aloysius Church Hall

Free admission – optional donations for South Sudan

Register by Mar 4: Lorraine Jack, 226-220-6948 or by email mlorrainejack@gmail.com or to Leanne Harper, 519-503-6550 by email Harper.Leanne@hotmail.com

KW Right to Life Prayer Vigil

Join the group on Thurs Mar 2, from 10am-11am opposite Freeport Hospital on King Street East in Kitchener. They invite you to pray quietly for the unborn. Parking is available across the road in Schneider Park. For more information, please contact kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

2023 World Day of Prayer Services – Fri Mar 3

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (www.wicc.org) annual World Day of Prayer will be celebrated in Kitchener on **Fri Mar 3**. The program material this year was prepared by the Churches of Taiwan, with the theme, "I Have Heard About Your Faith". **Ways to participate:**

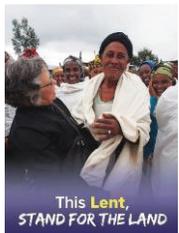
- Watch the video on Rogers Cable channel 20 on Fri, Mar 3, at 8:30am or 5pm
- Join a Zoom viewing session, followed by a discussion and prayer session at 7pm. Email Church for link at office.coordinator@standrewskw.com
- In person at St George's of Forest Hill Anglican Church Fri Mar 3 10am (or by livestream; <https://livestream.com/accounts/42588512>)
- Go directly to www.wicc.org and view the video

"Trusting God in the Storm" - Mar 5, 2pm:

Life's circumstances can sometimes feel overwhelming: relationships, finances, health, family issues & loss. You're invited to an event focusing on trusting in God, relying on Him to calm our internal storms of fear, doubt & uncertainty. Sun Mar 5th, 2pm at St. Agnes, Waterloo with guest Fr. Vivek Trindade at St. Anthony Daniel. Find out more information at www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org/events

Day of Prayer for Victims of Sexual Abuse – Mar 5, 2023

In 2019, His Excellency Bishop Crosby decreed that the Second Sunday of Lent each year would be observed in every Parish in the Diocese of Hamilton as a day of Prayer for the Victims of Sexual Abuse. This year's observance is on March 5, 2023. Please pray for all who have been victims of abuse that they may experience healing and have their dignity restored.



Share Lent - Development and Peace: a movement of solidarity

Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. They partner with organizations in the Global South that promote alternatives

to unjust social, political and economic structures and support women in their quest for equality and justice. Their Lenten campaign, **Stand for the Land** focuses on people's defence of their territories in Colombia and Honduras. Find out more at devp.org.

Support those in need in Turkey and Syria

On February 6th, parts of Turkey and Syria experienced a devastating earthquake. It is estimated that over 46,000 people have lost their lives and many more have been injured. The Diocese of Hamilton encourages those wishing to support the relief efforts to contribute to one of the following Catholic entities:

- **CNEWA – Catholic Near East Welfare Association** <https://cnewa.org/ca/work/emergency-syria/>
- **CARITAS International** <https://www.caritas.org/>
- **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES:** https://support.crs.org/donate/earthquakes?ms=agirs2023eqk00her00&_ga=2.58454440.387174977.1675953053-1953421407.1675953052
- **CAN: Aid to the Church in Need** <https://acn-canada.square.site/>



First Sunday in Lent, Gospel Reflection

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God. *Taken from Loyola Press – E-Bulletin*

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