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St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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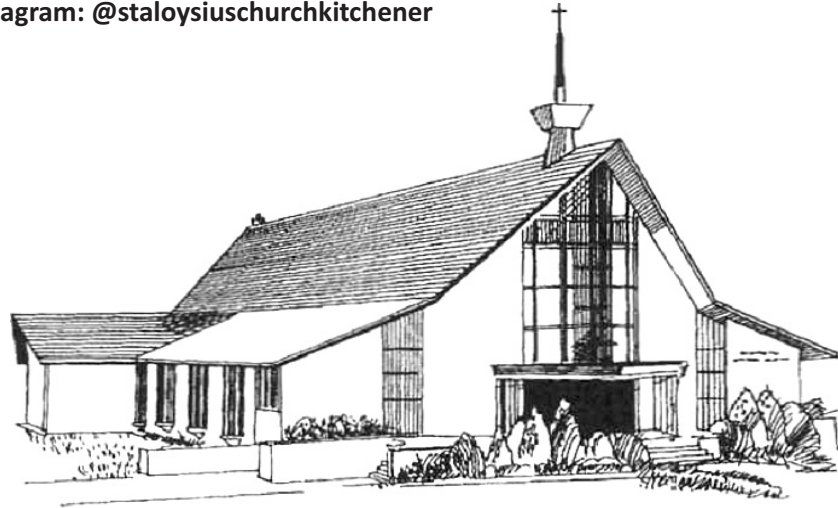
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 2 – Jan 8, 2023

Monday (Memorial – St. Basil The Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors)

8:30 am + Ramon Aguto
+ Margaret McCracken

Tuesday (ferial)

7:00 pm + David Grzesiak
- Int. of Bishop Crosby (Anniversary of his Ordination)

Wednesday (ferial)

8:30 am + Fernande Puren

Thursday (ferial)

8:30 am + All Souls In Purgatory

Friday (ferial)

8:30 am - Int. of Arminda Pacheco
First Friday Adoration and Exposition following the 8:30am Mass

Saturday (Memorial, St. Andre Bessette, Religious)

8:30 am - Int. of Lee Ann Paiva and Family

Solemnity – The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday

5:00 pm - Int. of Natasha and Family
- Int. of Luiz Gonzaga

Sunday

9:00 am + David Grzesiak
+ Frank Stuart
11:00 am + Gene Buencamino
+ Arthur Ladzik
7:00 pm - Int. of our Parishioners

Parish News

Schedule of Events

Jan 2 - Jan 8, 2023

Monday

• Office Closed

Tuesday

• Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service 10:30 am
• CWL Executive Meeting following 7pm Mass

Wednesday

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

Sunday

• Children’s Liturgy in Parish Hall..... during 11:00 am Mass

OFFERTORY REPORT unavailable this week
Thank you for your ongoing financial support!

Please note, there will be no Confessions and Adoration on Tuesday January 3rd, only evening Mass at 7pm. We will also not be having First Friday Adoration on January 6th, only morning Mass that day.



News from the St. Aloysius CWL:

Upcoming meetings:

Tuesday January 3, 2023 – Executive Meeting following 7pm Mass

Tuesday January 17, 2023 – General Meeting, following 7pm Mass

One Free Membership: The CWL will be drawing for a FREE Membership for existing and new members. To be eligible, you must have your 2023 Membership Fee of \$36.00 received before Feb 20, 2023. They encourage all women ages 16 and over to consider joining the league. All fees for 2023 must be in by Dec 31, 2022. For questions, please call Lorraine at 226-220-6948, by email; mlorrainejack@gmail.com.

January 1 – World Day of Peace

The World Day of Peace was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968 who asked that “every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come.” Each year has a specific theme, chosen by the Holy Father.



Could God be calling You?

Mary treasured all that God had done for her and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, contact Father Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or by email at vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

EVENINGS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY – Auxiliary Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for “Evenings with His Excellency.” It’s an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the second Friday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Parish in Ancaster. It is also available on St. Ann’s YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith. All are welcome.



THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS IS BACK!

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton. Registration will be available in early January at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

“Loving our Dysfunctional Families - Part 2” with Fr. Mike King. Sunday Jan 15th from 2:00-3:15pm at St. Agnes, Waterloo. The Christmas season can bring complex feelings. Sometimes we are missing the joy and connection we had hoped for. Disagreement and conflict can be painful. When family tensions run high and relationships are fractured, how do we love and forgive despite the hurt? More information can be found on their website under “Events” at www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org

Mastering Your Money: A Financial Wellness Presentation for the Diocese of Hamilton - Financial worries are the top source of stress for all Canadians, ranking above work concerns, health worries and relationship struggles. Join them for this special zoom session on Tues, Jan 24, 2023 from 7-8:30 pm., presented by Fred Masters, Author and President & Founder of Masters Money Management Inc. Register for this free virtual event at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

RESTART: Refresh, Renew Revive – A gathering for separated and divorced individuals offering learning, support, and fun! These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people on their journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. **Held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month**, you can join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. No registration required. For ZOOM link, email familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com

Bible Sunday – January 22, 2023 - Bishop Crosby and the Diocese of Hamilton have chosen the third Sunday of Ordinary Time each year as our day to reflect on how the Bible speaks to us. In Lectionary Year A, the Church reflects deeply on the Gospel of Matthew. To help us in our exploration through this synoptic Gospel, the Diocese is pleased to provide resources for adults and students for Bible Sunday and throughout the year. For prayers and resources, please visit their website at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks>

Gospel Reflection: Background on the Gospel Reading – The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Today’s reading is a continuation from the Gospel proclaimed at the Christmas Mass at midnight. In it, the shepherds act upon the message they receive from the angel and go to find Jesus in the manger in Bethlehem. In their visit to the manger, the shepherds find things just as the angel had said. The shepherds’ visit, therefore, is a moment of fulfillment, manifestation, and the beginning of the salvation we receive through Christ.

In the context of today’s Solemnity, this reading also helps us focus on Mary as the Mother of God. The reading tells us at least three things about Mary as a mother. First, Mary is described as a reflective person, keeping the reports of the shepherds in her heart. Second, we are reminded of how obedient Mary was to God when she named the baby *Jesus* as the angel Gabriel had directed. Third, this reading shows Mary and Joseph faithfully observing their Jewish tradition by having Jesus circumcised.

Mary’s faithfulness to God is evident in all three of these things. Her reflection upon the events in her life indicates that she was a person of prayer. This prayer made possible her obedience to God and God’s will, even if the outcome was not clear. Finally, her faithfulness to a community of faith grounded her relationship with God and enabled her to participate in God’s plan of salvation.

Because of Mary’s faithfulness to God, she was able to receive the gift of God’s Son and accept her role in God’s plan for salvation. By doing so, she models for us the path of discipleship and is also called Mother of the Church.

Our call to discipleship also includes these three aspects. First, discipleship means prayer and reflection on the events of our lives that we might see God’s presence and work in our lives. Second, discipleship means obedience to God and God’s will. Third, discipleship includes fidelity to a community of faith. *Taken from Loyola Press – E-Bulletin*

Thank you for your continued support of St. Aloysius Parish. We rely heavily on the help of our wonderful volunteers. Thank you to everyone who has given their time and talents to our many Ministries at St. Aloysius Parish over the past year! A big Thank You to all who have supported our Church throughout 2022. We wish all of you a Blessed New Year!

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