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St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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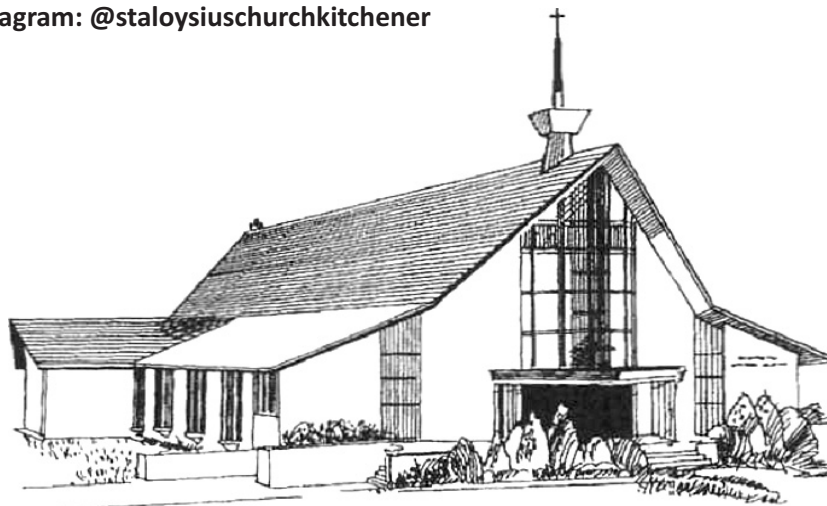
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.



Jan 31– Feb 6, 2022

Monday (Memorial – St. John Bosco, Priest)
8:30 am + Ambrose Fausto – Puren/D’Silva Families
Tuesday (Ferial)
7:00 pm + All Souls in Purgatory - Eduarda
Wednesday (Feast – The Presentation of the Lord)
8:30 am - Int. of Shirley DuCharme – Legion of Mary
Thursday (Ferial)
8:30 am + Nikolaus Ebner Jr. – Helen Delaney
Friday (Ferial)
8:30 am - Int. of Jacob Corke – Eduarda

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 5:00 pm + Nikolaus Ebner Jr. – Marilyn Thomas
Sun 9:00 am - Int. of St. Aloysius Parishioners
Sun 11:00 am - Int. of Hamilton Diocese Seminarians - Eduarda
Sun 7:00 pm + Fatima Vitorino – The CWL

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.

Protect each other.
Wear a face covering.
 Nose, mouth and chin must be covered.



2022 First Communion and Confirmation Sacraments

Registration for 2022 Sacraments is now open through our Parish Website. Please register by February 15, 2022. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation is currently happening in our Catholic School system for children in Grades 2 and 7. If your child is not attending a Catholic School and you would like them to receive a Sacrament at St. Aloysius, please contact our Parish office as soon as possible for more information.



The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord will be celebrated on Wed Feb 2.

This occurs 40 days after the birth of Jesus, also known as ‘Candlemas day’. We will have a blessing of candles included in the Wednesday morning mass on Feb 2 at 8:30am. If you are unable to attend on Wednesday morning, we will have a candle blessing on our Tuesday evening Mass on February 1 at 7pm. We will have candles for sale for \$5.00 or you can bring your own candle from home to be blessed.



Friday Feb 4 is the First Friday of the Month. Join us after our 8:30am Mass for Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



ReStart – This is program aimed at starting over after separation or divorce with support, care, and tools for your journey. They invite you to check out the Hamilton Diocesan website at:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php>
 to see the programs they offer and to find out dates of the new programs to be offered in early 2022. If you have questions, please call the Diocese of Hamilton Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.



Job Opportunity with the Waterloo Catholic District School Board: They are currently accepting applications for Occasional Teachers

Please visit their website for job details and application criteria: <https://www.wcdsb.ca/>



There will be a prayer vigil Thursday February 3 from 10am-11am in front of Freeport Hospital in Kitchener. The group will be inviting people to pray quietly for unborn children. Parking is

available across the road at Schneider Park. For more details send an email to Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

Hamilton Diocese – Parenting Tip of the Month

Our children are, in many ways, like sponges absorbing all we say and do. Even when we think they aren't watching or listening, they are often taking in our comments, actions, and attitudes. In fact, our influence lasts their entire lives and impacts them throughout their lifetime. Equally important is what we don't say about something they are seeing or hearing or doing, since silence is considered consent.

Parenting takes constant work, which is why it is considered a vitally important vocation. The rewards, however, of seeing your children grow into healthy, strong adults is worth the effort.



Gospel Reflection: Sunday January 30 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

This Sunday we read from the Gospel of Luke, continuing immediately from last week's Gospel. Recall that in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus

read from the prophet Isaiah and announced that this Scripture was now fulfilled. In today's Gospel, we learn that the people of Nazareth are impressed by Jesus' words, and yet they seem surprised. They still think of Jesus as merely Joseph's son. They do not expect such words from someone they believe that they know.

This Gospel is about who Jesus is and who people believe him to be. The story of Jesus' preaching and rejection at Nazareth is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels. In Luke's Gospel, this incident is told in a way that foretells Jesus' passion and death and helps explain the inclusion of the Gentiles in the promise of salvation. In Luke's Gospel this incident appears at the beginning of Jesus' ministry; in Matthew and Mark, this event is placed considerably later, after Jesus has preached and taught elsewhere. Only Luke identifies the content of Jesus' teaching in any detail, telling us that Jesus read from the book of the prophet Isaiah in the synagogue. In Mark and Matthew's Gospels, Jesus teaches in the synagogue in Nazareth, and the townspeople take offense because Jesus is only the son of a carpenter. They reject his authority to teach them. In Matthew and Mark, it is only after Jesus is rejected that he observes times when Israel has rejected prophets.

In Luke's Gospel, the people are surprised but not immediately offended by Jesus' words in the synagogue. It is the words that follow his reading from the prophet Isaiah that seem to offend them. Jesus challenges and provokes the people of Nazareth by referring to examples in which Israel rejected the prophets. He also challenges them to respond to his message, the message of a prophet, in a way that is different from their ancestors. This call for a new response leads to his rejection.

It is helpful to consider the historical context of Luke's Gospel. Luke has witnessed the acceptance of the gospel message among many Gentiles. He endeavors to explain why the Good News of Jesus has not been as well-received by his Jewish contemporaries. Luke's report interprets the cause of Jesus' rejection at Nazareth in the context of this later Christian history. Just as the people at Nazareth did not welcome the Good News that Jesus announced, so too many among the people of Israel will not accept the preaching of the gospel.

After Jesus' words of challenge, Luke reports that there was a movement to kill Jesus by throwing him over a cliff. This differs from the reports found in Mark and Matthew's Gospels, where Jesus is said to be unable to perform miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Luke says that Jesus walks away from the crowd that intended to kill him; it is not yet his time. The animosity of the people of Nazareth prefigures and prepares the reader of Luke's Gospel for the cross. Luke wants all to understand that it is through his death on the cross that Jesus offers God's salvation to all. **Loyola Press E-Bulletin**

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