

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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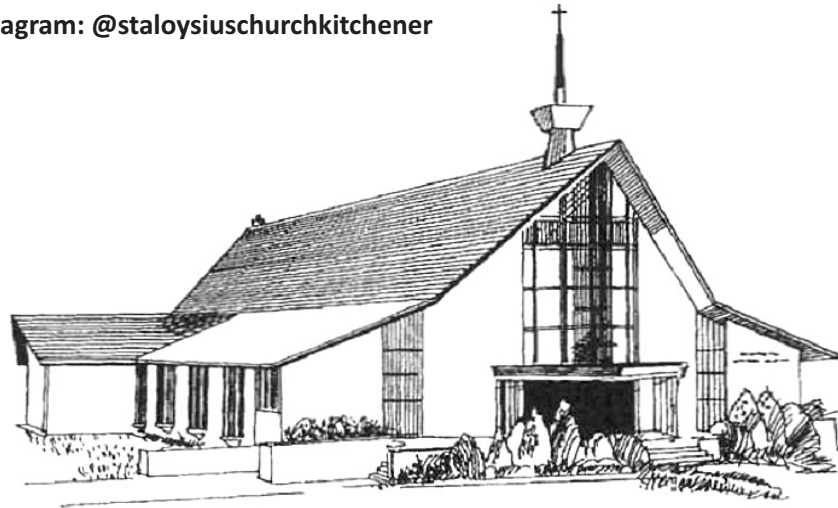
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 8 – Jan 14, 2024

- Monday** (Feast – *The Baptism of the Lord*)
8:30 am - Int. of Herb Altman
 - Int. of Fr. Melvin Pinto
- Tuesday** (ferial)
7:00 pm + Luiz Gonzaga and Luiza Cabral
 - Int. of Fr. Melvin Pinto
- Wednesday** (ferial)
8:30 am + Yvonne Cormier
 + All Souls in Purgatory
- Thursday** (ferial)
8:30 am - Int. of Herb Altman
 + Mary Black
- Friday** (Memorial – *St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Virgin*)
8:30 am + Lucy DeAmorim
 + Addaikkalam Schwartz
- Saturday** (ferial)
8:30 am - Int. of Gladys McMullin
 - Int. of Fr. Melvin Pinto

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Saturday 5:00 pm** + David Grzesiak
 - Int. of Fr. Fernando Pinto
- Sunday 9:00 am** + John McCotter
 + Arminda Pacheco
- Sunday 11:00 am** + Mary Black
Children's Liturgy in our Parish Hall during 11:00 am Mass
- Sunday 7:00 pm** – Int. of our Parishioners

Schedule of Events

Jan 8 – Jan 14, 2024

- Monday**
- Food Pantry.....7:00-8:00 pm
- Tuesday**
- Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service 10:30 am
 - Stained Glass Guild 1:00 pm
 - Confessions, Adoration and Mass..... 6:00 pm
 - Prayer Group..... following Mass
- Wednesday**
- Briarfield Mass/Communion Service 10:00 am
- Thursday**
- Doon Village Mass/Communion Service..... 10:00 am
- Saturday**
- Secular Carmel Meeting (Ocds) 9:30 am
 - Confessions 3:45-4:30 pm
- Sunday**
- Children's Liturgyduring 11:00 am Mass

OFFERTORY REPORT UNAVAILABLE THIS WEEK
Thank you for your ongoing support!



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 the 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.

Pre-Authorized Giving - To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, St. Aloysius Parish depends entirely on the generosity of our parishioners. Pre-authorized giving allows you to give to your parish intentionally and faithfully through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account. On or near the 15th day of each month, your account will be debited an amount you specify. These funds are then deposited directly into the Parish's account. To enroll, pick up a brochure in the church lobby, or download the forms online at this link; <https://staloyusius.on.ca/pre-authorized-giving>. Contact the parish office for questions and more information.



News from St. Aloysius Catholic Women's League

The CWL's next General Meeting is January 16 at 7:30pm with the election of their new executive. Want to know more about the Catholic Women's League? Visit; <https://catholicwomenunite.ca/>. For questions, email; StAloysiusCWL@gmail.com.



Bible Sunday – January 21, 2024

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (January 21, 2024) marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known. The celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how the Bible speaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday 2024. Visit; <https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/>.



Grief Support – Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton will offer a six week grief program starting Jan 17. The sessions are held from 1:30-3:00pm at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. West in Hamilton. Join in person or by zoom. To register go to hamiltondiocese.com and look for the start date under upcoming events.

Separated/Divorced Support Group in Waterloo

After a separation or divorce, you may be feeling isolated or need of support and healing to adjust to your new life. Join the support group on the 3rd Tuesday of every month - 7:30-8:30pm – January 16, February 20, March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18 at St. Michael's Church in Waterloo.

Feel free to come early and join them Parish in prayer at the 7:00pm Mass. They will meet in the Parish Centre (basement) at 7:30pm. To register: Phone 519-884-9311, or Email: parish@stmichaelw.ca.

The Reel Justice Film Festival kicks off the 2024 season on Jan 25 from 7-9pm with the film *Gather*, an intimate portrait of the movement among Indigenous communities to reclaim their spiritual, political, and cultural identities. Featured guest speakers are Kitty R Lynn Lickers and Dr. Adrienne Xavier from McMaster University's Indigenous Studies Department. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register at: <https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com/>. The film series is a partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace.

ALPHA 2024 at St. Mark's Parish, Kitchener

Join them Thursday evenings, February 22 to May 2 at St. Mark's Parish Hall (55 Driftwood Drive). Alpha is an 11-week program that brings adults together for conversations about life, faith and Jesus. Plan to join them, all are welcome! To learn more, contact Denise Case at stmarkalpha@gmail.com.

Smart Steps – Supporting Step-Families is a workshop designed to assist all parents and step-parents who are adjusting to blended family life.

Location: Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, 28 Norfolk Street, Guelph, ON N1H 4H8

Date and Time: Sat Apr 20, 2024 from 9:15am - 3:30pm

Price: \$50 per person

Register at hamiltondiocese.com.

Adult Faith Formation Through VLCFF - The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. Three and five week e-seminars are available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese. For more information visit; www.hamiltondioceselearns.com.

Hamilton, Halton and K-W Serra Club's 'Vocation Seeds'

The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church.

If you think that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Fr. Mark Morley, The Hamilton Diocese Director of Vocations at 905-528-7988 by email at vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.



Gospel Reflection – The Epiphany of the Lord – Jan 6/7, 2024 - The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different

than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana. *From the Loyola Press Sunday Connection*

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