

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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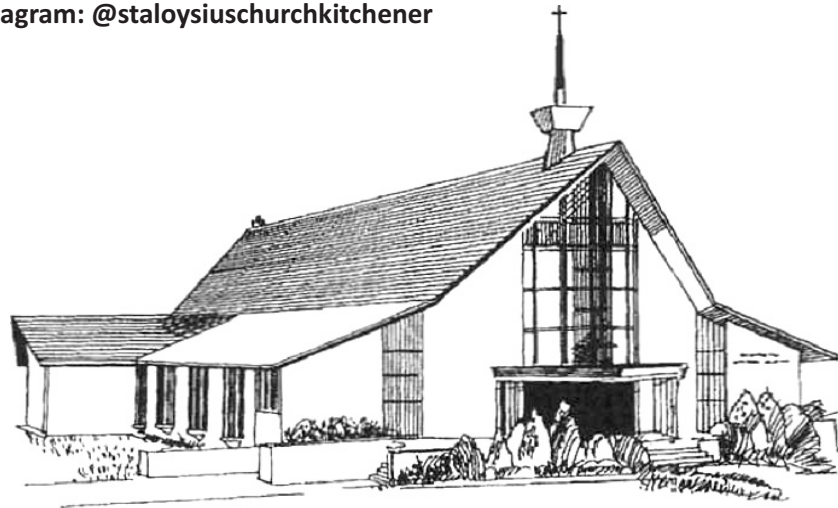
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**OFFICE HOURS:**

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

**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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD



**Jan 10 – Jan 16, 2022**

- Monday** (Ferial)  
**8:30 am** - Int. of Rick Brushette – Wilf and Family  
**Tuesday** (Ferial)  
**7:00 pm** - Int. of Rosa Paiva  
**Wednesday** (Memorial – St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Virgin)  
**8:30 am** - Int. of Fr. David Avila – Lee Ann Paiva  
**Thursday** (Ferial)  
**8:30 am** - Int. of Maria Costa and Family - Eduarda  
**Friday** (Ferial)  
**8:30 am** + Lucy De Amorim - Parents

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Sat 5:00 pm** + Deceased Members of the Rothfischer Family  
**Sun 9:00 am** - Int. of Christine and Mike Lana-Sarrate – Rosa and Carlos  
**Sun 11:00 am** – Int. of Parishioners of St. Aloysius  
**Sun 7:00 pm** + All Souls in Purgatory – Jacinthe Thibodeau

## **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.

**Due to the latest regulations announced by the Provincial Government, our office is currently closed to the public and we are working remotely.** Please email our Parish email address at [info@staloyusius.on.ca](mailto:info@staloyusius.on.ca) or call 519-893-1220 as we are monitoring phone calls during our office closure.

**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.

Thank you for continuing to follow our Covid-19 safety measures to help keep everyone safe and healthy.



Please remember St. Aloysius's 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.



### **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.

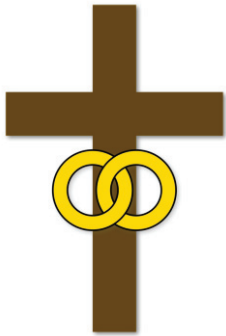
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### **YEAR OF AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY - HAMILTON DIOCESAN SPEAKER SERIES**

The kickoff to the Diocesan speaker series, meant to celebrate the year, will be in January, with a special three-part virtual Zoom presentation by Bishop Lobsinger, with input from the Pastoral Offices staff. The evening sessions will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. on Jan. 12th, 19th and 26th, and will unpack the great wisdom in Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love in Families and Church. Visit the Diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> for more information about both the year and the Diocesan Speaker Series. Online registration will be necessary to receive the link, where you can join in by phone or by internet.



**MARRIAGE SUPPORT** - Is your marriage experience more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their

marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend begins March 13, 2022. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email [teamrecine@gmail.com](mailto:teamrecine@gmail.com).

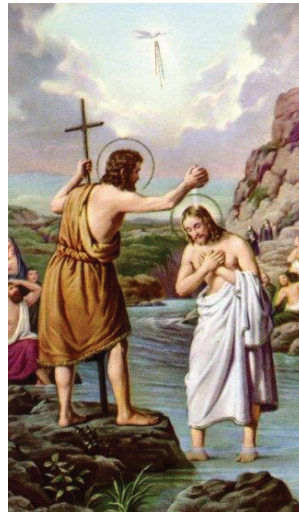


**THE 2021 – 2023 SYNOD OF BISHOPS** brings an invitation from Pope Francis to embark on a journey together. How can you get involved?

Offer your thoughts on how we can deepen our communion in the Lord and how all members of the Church can participate more fully Visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about>

**YOUTH MINISTRY CERTIFICATION AND ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES** - The

Diocese of Hamilton is pleased to have The University of Dayton: Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) as a partner in adult faith formation. The VLCFF is a living adult faith community offering online learning opportunities to address the learning needs of adults in our Diocese. Whether taking courses for professional development in ministry or for personal nourishment, the VLCFF provides a breadth of opportunity for learning including full certificate programs, five-week online courses and three-week intensive online seminars. For more information, visit the Hamilton Diocese page at: <https://www.hamiltondioceselearns.com/> or contact the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis: (905) 528-7988 ext. 2339 or [catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com)



**Gospel Reflection: Sunday January 9, 2022 – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.**

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will

inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another “epiphany.” On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.



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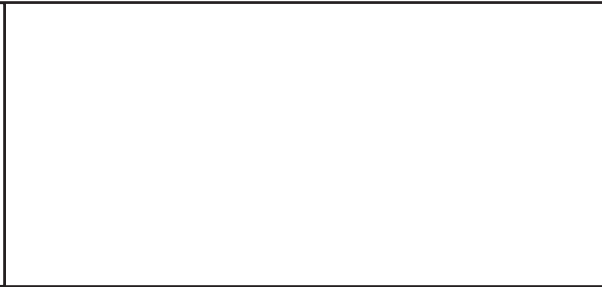
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