

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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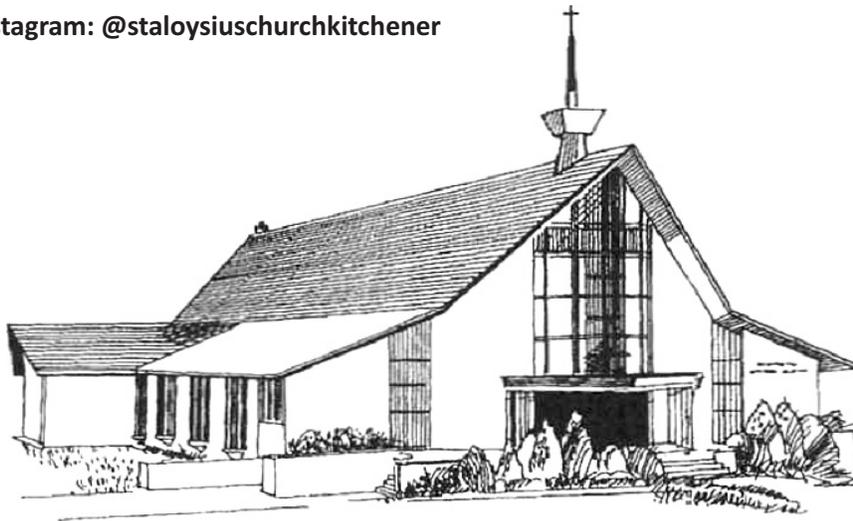
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OFFICE HOURS:

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 contact our parish office for more details.

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.

PALM SUNDAY



Mar 25 – Mar 31, 2024



Monday of the Holy Week

8:30 am + Hortencia and Manuel Avila

Tuesday of the Holy Week

7:00 pm - Int. of Manuel Avila
+ Cecilia Rojas

Wednesday of the Holy Week

8:30 am - Int. of Veronica and Family
+ Mr. and Mrs. Stuart

Holy Thursday

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

12:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
3:00 pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday

8:00 pm Easter Vigil – The Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord

9:00 am Memorial Mass
11:00 am Memorial Mass

Holy Thursday March 28 at 7pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper –
No 8:30am Mass on Holy Thursday



Good Friday March 29:

12pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion
(Ideal for families with children)
3pm - Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday March 30:

12pm - Blessing of the Easter Food
8pm - Easter Vigil – includes Baptisms

Easter Sunday March 31: Masses 9am, 11am
No Children's Liturgy on Easter Sunday
*** (no 7pm Mass on Easter Sunday)*

Divine Mercy Sunday April 7:

1pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
3pm – Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
Prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday by picking up your novena prayer sheet in the church foyer. The Novena will begin on Good Friday. Did you know that when this chaplet is said at the bedside of a dying person, God's anger is placated, and unfathomable mercy envelops the soul? *(Diary 811).* Take advantage of this enormous offering of God's great mercy.

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. 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.



Mar 25 – Mar 31, 2024

Monday

- Food Pantry Open 7-8 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 7pm Mass

Wednesday

- Briarfield Mass/Communion Service 10:00 am

Friday

- Good Friday..... Office closed today

Saturday

- Blessing of the Easter Food..... 12:00 pm

OFFERTORY REPORT	
Sunday Envelope Collection	\$2052.00
Sunday Loose Collection	\$1060.00
Total Offertory for March 17, 2024	\$3112.00
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....	\$814.62

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Thank you for supporting the Discalced Carmelite Fathers through our special collection. Thanks to your generous donations, **\$2507.00** has been collected for their religious order to support the formation of their Seminarians.

MARCH 24, 2024

Confirmation Information

Sat Apr 6 at 10:00am – Confirmation Rehearsal for all candidates and sponsors

Wed Apr 10 at 7:00pm – Sacrament of Confirmation for all candidates with His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby

First Communion Information

First Communion Rehearsals:

Mon Apr 15 at 6pm – First Communion Rehearsal for St. Aloysius students

Wed Apr 17 at 6pm – First Communion Rehearsal for St. Kateri students

Wed Apr 24 at 6pm – First Communion Rehearsal for St. Timothy and Public/Private school students

Sacrament of First Holy Communion:

Sat Apr 20 at 10:30am – Sacrament of First Communion for St. Aloysius students

Sun Apr 21 at 2pm – Sacrament of First Communion for St. Kateri students

Sat Apr 27 at 10:30am – Sacrament of First Communion for St. Timothy and Public/Private school students

Step/Blended Family' Smart Steps for Building Family: Are you a parent or stepparent adjusting to blended family life? Smart Steps offers practical insights and suggestions on how to make the relationships work well for all. The next session will be held on Sat Apr 20 from 9:15am-3:30pm at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. PRICE: \$50 per person (includes lunch). Register online at hamiltondiocese.com. For details, call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988.

Card Party: Tickets are now available for St. Anthony Daniel Church's annual card party on Wednesday, April 24th in the Parish Life Centre. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$20 per person. Plan to join them. Hosted by the St. Anthony Daniel CWL. For tickets contact the parish office at 519-893-6960 or Linda at 519-893-2534.

The 2000 Hail Mary's Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary: will be prayed on Saturday May 11, 2024, at St. Agnes Parish, 75 Bluevale St. N. Waterloo. The day begins at 7:30am, and they anticipate the devotion will finish by 7:30 pm. Join them for all or part of the day. For information contact Marilynne at canadianrosarybrigade@gmail.com.

Pontifical Collection for the Church in the Holy Land on Good Friday:

The annual Good Friday collection is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishes throughout the world to assist the church in the Holy Land. The monies collected support its pastoral, educational and social works and help to maintain the holy places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere. For the sake of our brothers and sisters enduring hardships, please give generously on March 29. More information can be found online at <https://commissariat.ca/>.

Marriage Enrichment Seminar: The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to take the time, with your spouse, to find new and creative ways to increase your connection with each other, to discover fresh techniques for being in a relationship and to deepen the love you already share. SATURDAY, JUNE 1, FROM 9:30 – 3:00 PM at St. Catherine of Sienna Parish in Hamilton. Cost is \$50 per couple and includes lunch. For more details visit hamiltondiocese.com/events.

Employment Opportunity: St. Anne and St. Joseph Parishes in Kitchener are looking for a **part-time House Cleaner (10 hours per week)**. Reporting to the Parish Priest, this position requires a commitment to work the required hours with some flexibility when needed. Primary responsibilities include cleaning of the Rectories, washrooms, and office spaces, and any additional duties that may be assigned by the Pastor. Please visit www.hamiltondiocese.com/jobopportunities/ for more information.

Bulletin Advertising:

Liturgical Publications will soon be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in June 2024 and supports the bulletin service. Please consider supporting the bulletin, and advertise your product or service. For more information, call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.



Palm Sunday Gospel Reflection - March 24, 2024

This weekend we participate in the proclamation of the passion and death of Jesus according to the Gospel of Mark. In the extended version of this weekend's Gospel reading, Jesus is at Gethsemane, praying to his Father, in much emotional distress. He knows he can save himself. He can escape over the Mount of Olives in the dead of night and make his way safely into the Judean desert. Instead, Jesus chooses obedience to his Father and waits for his persecutors. As Saint Paul puts it in the second reading, Jesus is "obedient to the point of death." Jesus' obedience is a lesson for those who are good stewards of their life in Christ. Let us reflect on how we might be more obedient to the will of God instead of our own will. *Taken from ICSC E-Bulletin*

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