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St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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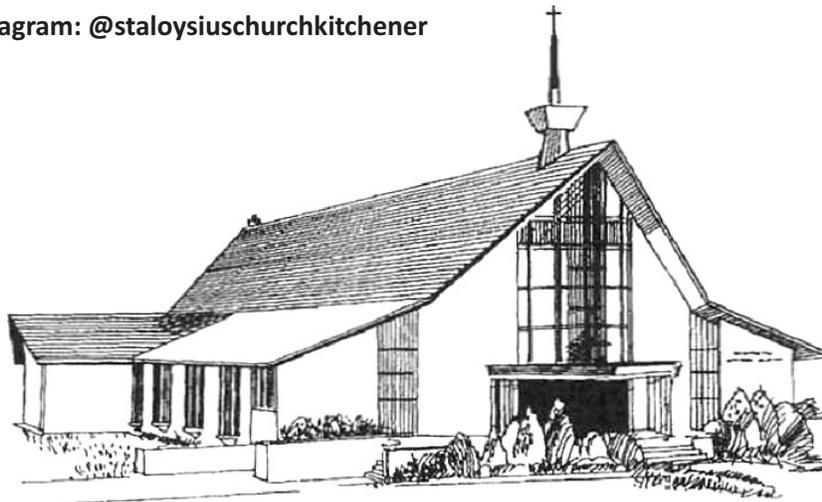
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OFFICE HOURS:

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

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



MASS INTENTIONS

Mar 13 – Mar 19, 2023

Monday (*ferial*)

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

Tuesday

7:00 pm (*ferial*)
+ Charles and Josephine Deitner
+ David Grzesiak

Wednesday (*ferial*)

8:30 am + All Souls in Purgatory

Thursday (*ferial*)

8:30 am - Int. of Arminda Pacheco

Friday (*ferial*)

8:30 am + Mary Black and her deceased relatives

7:00 pm + All Souls in Purgatory
Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

Saturday (*ferial*)

8:30 am + Dina Custodio

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday

5:00 pm + David Grzesiak
+ Norbert Rozek

Sunday

9:00 am - Int. of Rosa Paiva
+ Edward Mello
11:00 am + Mary Black and her deceased relatives
Children's Liturgy in Parish Hall during 11am Mass
7:00 pm - Int. of Our Parishioners

Schedule of Events

Monday

Mar 13 – Mar 19, 2023

- Food Pantry Open 6:00 pm

Tuesday

- Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service 10:30 am
- Stained Glass Guild 1:00 pm
- Confessions, Adoration and Mass 6:00 pm

Wednesday

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

Friday

- Mass followed by Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm

Saturday

- First Reconciliation grp1– by appointment only 9:15am
- Confessions 3:45 pm

Sunday

- Children's Liturgy in Parish Hall.....during 11:00 am Mass

OFFERTORY REPORT

Regular Envelope contributions.....\$2995.00
Loose.....\$2327.00
Offertory Collection Mar 5/23 \$5322.00
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....\$845.31
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JOIN US for an additional Mass– every Friday evening at 7pm during Lent until Fri Mar 31 followed by Stations of the Cross.

Wed Mar 29 at 7pm: Lenten Confession Service at St. Aloysius

Holy Week Schedule:

Holy Thursday April 6 at 7pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday April 7:

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

Holy Saturday April 8:

12pm - Blessing of the Easter Food
8pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday April 9: Masses 8am, 10am & 12pm *** (no 7pm Mass on Easter Sunday)*

Divine Mercy Sunday April 16:

1pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
3pm – Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Prepare for **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 16th, at 3:00pm** by picking up your novena prayer sheet available in the church foyer. Each day is a different intention saving for the last day, the most difficult intention of all; the lukewarm and the indifferent. Please, take advantage of this and be ready to begin on Good Friday.

Lenten Confessions in Kitchener-Waterloo:

Wed Mar 22, 7pm:	St. Anne, Kitchener
Thurs Mar 23, 7pm:	St. Mark's, Kitchener
Tues Mar 28, 6pm:	Lourdes, Waterloo
Tues Mar 28, 7pm:	St. Joseph, Kitchener
Tues Mar 28, 7pm:	St. Mary's, Kitchener
Wed Mar 29, 7pm:	St. Aloysius, Kitchener
Thurs Mar 30, 7pm:	Blessed Sacrament, Kitchener
Fri Mar 31, 7pm:	St. Anthony Daniel, Kitchener
Sat Apr 1, 4pm:	St. Teresa of Avila, Kitchener



News from the St. Aloysius CWL: Have you received a CWL service pin over the years? If you no longer want to keep the pins, the CWL will gladly accept them to re-use them. Drop off your pins at the Parish office during business hours or put them in the mailbox at the office door after hours. If you would like to have them picked up, please contact Lorraine Jack by phone at 226-220-6948 or by email at mlorrainejack@gmail.com.

The CWL is always looking for more members. This week's word to describe their organization is **Confidence**. The CWL relies on the teachings of the Catholic church to guide it. As a member, you can be confident that what you do will further God's kingdom here on earth. Be confident, come walk with them! For more information about St. Aloysius Catholic Women's League; please contact Lorraine Jack (contact information above).



Potluck Dinner

Help to Build Community Through Food!

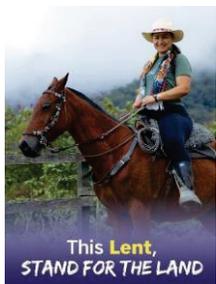
Volunteers are needed to form a St. Aloysius potluck committee. No experience necessary, just enthusiasm! If you are interested in helping to build

fellowship through food, please contact our Parish office at 519 893-1220 or email info@staloyusius.on.ca.

Solemnity St. Joseph - Mass on Mon Mar 20, at 3pm in the newly renovated Chapel at the Carmel of St. Joseph, St Agatha. The celebrant will be Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. Light refreshments to follow.

Domestic Church Information Session:

Sun Mar 26 - 1pm at Blessed Sacrament Kitchener, Parish Hall. Domestic Church is a long-term formation for Sacramentally married couples seeking to grow in holiness and with other couples. Learn more by attending the information session. Children are welcome, and snacks will be provided. For more information, contact Marta & Jacek Nawrot, 519 896-8979, domestic.church.ontario@gmail.com



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peace through filmmaking and art.

This Lent, learn more at devp.org/lent.

Third Sunday in Lent, Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public.

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come.

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshipping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

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