

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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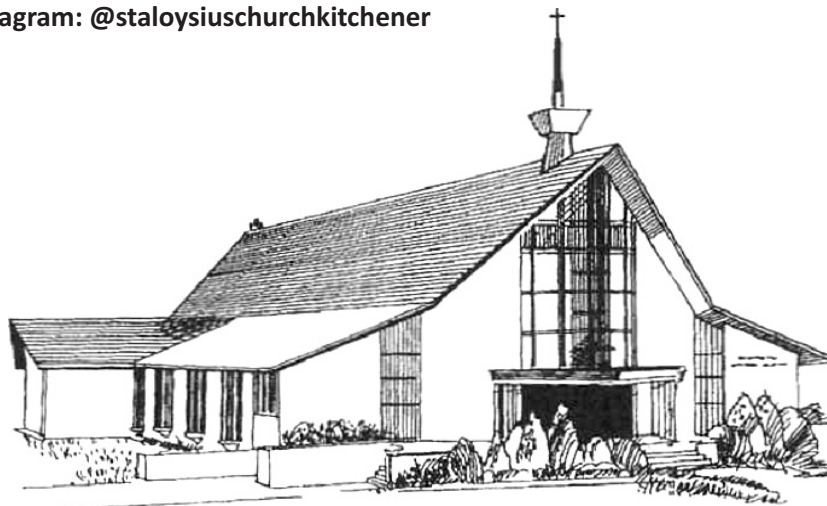
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Mar 14 – Mar 20, 2022

Monday (Ferial)

8:30 am - Conversion of sinners – Rosa Paiva

Tuesday (Ferial)

7:00 – Int. of the former St. Aloysius Prayer Shawl Ministry – Laurie Lowe

Wednesday (Ferial)

8:30 am + Rudy Vuckovich – Barry, Lydia and Tina

Thursday (Ferial)

8:30 am + Mary Alves – Rosa and Carlos

Friday (Ferial)

8:30 am + Manuel Vitorino – Legion of Mary

6:30pm (Stations of the Cross followed by Mass)

+ Mrs. Marilyn Norris – Betty Reaume

Third Sunday of Lent

Sat 5:00 pm + Joyce Diebold – The CWL

Sun 9:00 am + Lucy De Amorim - Parents

Sun 11:00 am + All Souls in Purgatory – Jacinthe Thibodeau

Sun 7:00 pm - Int. of St. Aloysius Parishioners

Parish News



Welcome to St. Aloysius Parish! Great news, we are now permitted to open our Church at full capacity!

As of March 1, 2022, the Ontario Government has relaxed most Covid-19 Health protocols in many public settings. What this means for Churches is we can now accommodate the full capacity of our Church, and social distancing mandates are no longer in place. Masks continue to be required for all who attend Mass, and for visitors to our office.



The St. Aloysius CWL is happy to announce their first General Meeting since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic will take place **Tuesday March 22 in the Parish Hall** following the 7pm Mass, All members are urged to attend to

discuss some important motions set forth by the Diocesan executive. The group will also need to vote at the meeting. Masks are required for entry, as per current health regulations. They look forward to seeing everyone again.



St. Aloysius is looking to restart the Children's Liturgy during our 11am Sunday Masses. Young school age children participate in the Liturgy in the Parish Hall during Readings and the Homily.

Children can hear the Word of God in simplified terms, talk about the Gospel, and take part in fun, hands-on activities. In order to begin the Ministry again, we need more volunteers to assist. Please consider helping out. For more details, please send an email to Kim Ansty at johnkimansty@gmail.com or by phone at 519-500-0157.

Do you, or does someone you know play an instrument? St. Aloysius Church is looking for a volunteer instrumentalist, preferably a pianist or organist, to lead the Saturday 5:00pm Mass. If you are interested in sharing your time and talent, please contact our Pastor by email at pastor@staloyusius.on.ca or through our parish office at info@staloyusius.on.ca or by phone at 519-893-1220.



Hamilton Diocese tip on celebrating the Lenten Season with family: SET THE SCENE

Create an intentional space for prayer. Working together to create a prayer centre in the home can be a lovely opportunity for the creativity of your family members to shine. Make sure the space you choose is comfortable and inviting for all children present. Think about utilizing signs and symbols from the Church to heighten awareness to the importance of this prayer time; candles, a Crucifix, a purple cloth, a Bible and signs and symbols of spring. If someone in the family is musical, the inclusion of music always elevates prayer. For more tips and Lenten Resources, please visit our website at <https://staloyusius.on.ca/lenten-resources>

Fridays During Lent, please join us at 6:30pm for Stations of the Cross, followed by Mass from Fri Mar 4 – Fri Apr 8, 2022



The 2023 Synod is an opportunity for everyone to share their experience of hearing and being heard. As people living in the Diocese of Hamilton, we are asked to participate in this new experience and

share our thoughts and experience of how the Church is called to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking to us today. You can answer the survey by going online to <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod> and completing the survey electronically. **Thank you for letting your voice be heard!**

Sunday March 13, 2022 – Day of Prayer for Victims of Sexual Abuse

In 2019, His Excellency Bishop Crosby decreed that the Second Sunday of Lent each year would be observed in every Parish in the Diocese of Hamilton as a day of Prayer for the Victims of Sexual Abuse. This year's observance is on March 13, 2022. The Diocese has prepared a pamphlet about Safeguarding Children, and it will be available in our Church foyer in our information centre.



2022 Share Lent Campaign -

Madagascar: an ecological village to cope with climate change

Development and Peace's *People and Planet First* campaign celebrates what solidarity can achieve, even against seemingly impossible odds.

In Madagascar, for instance, Development and Peace's partner, the Development Council of Andohatapenaka (CDA), empowers people to manage and transform their neighbourhoods.

In the capital region, which is afflicted by flooding and poor waste management, CDA has helped the residents of one vulnerable area to turn their environs into a thriving ecological village. Today, each of the 50 households involved in the project has a vegetable garden, a stove and solar panel. This transformation reflects a true ecological conversion.

Watch the video at devp.org/lent/act.



Gospel Reflection – Second Sunday of Lent

This week, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter's confession that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus'

prediction about his Passion. After the prediction there is a discussion of the cost of discipleship in each of these Gospels.

The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. These are among the first disciples that Jesus called in Luke's Gospel. We recently heard this Gospel at Mass, on the fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Only Luke's Gospel, which often describes Jesus at prayer, indicates that Jesus is praying as his appearance changes to bright white. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. They will be sleeping again as Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane before his Passion and death.

As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus. Elijah and Moses, both significant figures in the history of Israel, represent Jesus' continuity with the Law and the Prophets. In Matthew's and Mark's Gospels, there is reference to conversation among Jesus, Elijah, and Moses, but only Luke's Gospel explains that this conversation is about Jesus' later accomplishments in Jerusalem. Luke describes this as his exodus, connecting Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection with the Israel's Exodus from Egypt.

On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. Having just awoken, perhaps Peter's offer was made in confusion. We also notice that Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus "master" instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him. This voice from heaven recalls the voice that was heard at Jesus' baptism which, in Luke's Gospel, spoke directly to Jesus as God's Son.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.

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