

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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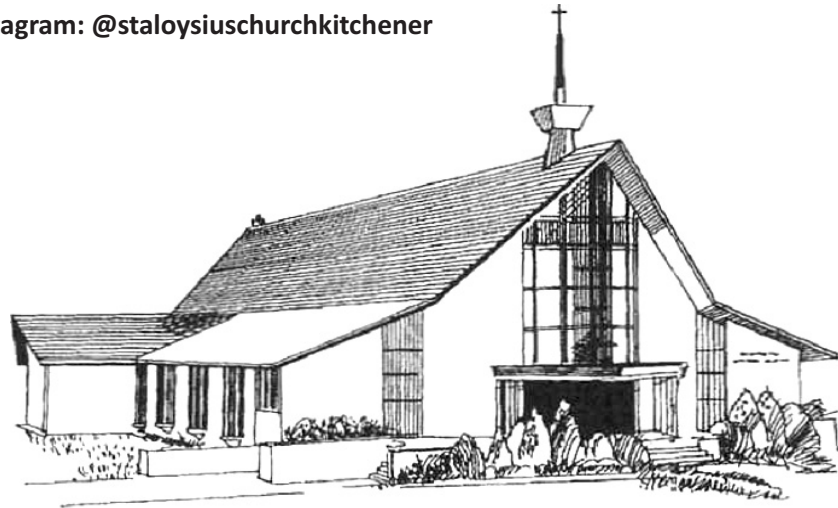
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 20 – Nov 26, 2023

- Monday** (ferial)
8:30 am - Int. of Eduarda Avila
 - Int. of David Cosentino
- Tuesday** (Memorial - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
7:00 pm - Int. of Gene and Family
 + Tony Du Charme
- Wednesday** (Memorial – St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr)
8:30 am + Manuel and Hortencia Avila
 + Mary Yarmey
- Thursday** (ferial)
8:30 am + Christine and Stephen Altman
 + Arminda Pacheco
- Friday** (Memorial – St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs)
8:30 am + Jose Mauricio
 + Fatima and Goretti
- Saturday** (ferial)
8:30 am + Mary Black
 + Eleanor Freeman
- Solemnity – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
- Saturday**
5:00 pm + Dominic and Esperanca Goveas
- Sunday**
9:00 am - Int. of Father Melvin
 + Georgette and Leila Baker
 + Arminda Pacheco
- 11:00 am** + Richard Roy
Children's liturgy during the 11am Mass
- 7:00 pm** - Int. of our Parishioners

Schedule of Events

Nov 20 – Nov 26, 2023

- 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
 - CWL General Meeting following Mass
- Wednesday**
- Briarfield Gardens Mass/Communion Service 10:00 am
- Thursday**
- Doon Village Mass/Communion Service 10:00 am
- Friday**
- St. Aloysius Parish Potluck..... 6:00 pm (Doors open 5:30pm)
- Saturday**
- Baptisms 3:00 pm
 - Confessions 3:45 pm
- Sunday**
- Children's Liturgy during 11:00 am Mass

OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection	\$2071.00
Sunday Loose Collection	\$1130.00
Total Offertory for Nov 12/2023	\$3201.00
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....	\$853.00
Thank you for your ongoing financial support!	

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 the St. Aloysius CWL



The Catholic Women's League is happy to announce their **Seniors Christmas Dinner** is coming back this year! It will be held in our Parish Hall on Wed Dec 6 from 6-8:30pm. Doors will open at 5:30pm. The CWL will be handing out a limited number of tickets on a first come, first served basis after the 5pm, 9am and 11am Masses on the weekends of Nov 25/26 and Dec 2/3. Tickets are free and are only for seniors aged 65 and over who belong to St. Aloysius Parish.

Thank you to everyone who came out to the CWL's Annual Bazaar on November 18! It was a big success thanks to the help of their dedicated CWL members, parishioners and local businesses who donated prizes.



Upcoming: CWL General Meeting on Tues November 21 following the 7pm Mass. They will have a dessert potluck and discuss the results of their Christmas Bazaar.

Parish Potluck Fri Nov 24



Our next Parish Potluck will be taking place Friday November 24 in the Parish Hall. Doors open at 5:30 and dinner will start at 6pm. Sign up this weekend in our church lobby. Remember to list the dish you are bringing and your number of guests.



News about the St. Aloysius 2023 Christmas Hamper Program:

As we prepare for Advent and the celebration of Christmas, we are reminded of the less fortunate. St.

Aloysius Parish has always responded in kind by sharing our blessings, joy, and the meaning of Christmas with those in need.

As the St. Aloysius Parish Christmas Program volunteers prepare to work in your service, they can only do so because of your generous donations to help those households which apply for aid. For our Christmas Food Hampers, they have found it is more beneficial to supply a gift certificate, so applicants can purchase their preferred food items for their Christmas celebration. The Pantry would appreciate monetary donations to assist them with purchasing gift cards.

The **Toy Program** will continue this year, and all donations of new toys are welcome. The aim is for each child to receive a bundle of toys so they know they haven't been forgotten, even though there may be financial challenges in the household.

If you would like to help, look for the ANGEL BOARD in our church foyer. Angels with a child's age, gender and toy wish will be pinned to the board. Take an angel home and purchase a toy for your angel. All toys need to be returned to St. Aloysius Church by December 9th to allow for distribution to families. Please ensure toys are unwrapped.



Thank you for your continued support!

In 2022, over 7577 households received support during the Christmas Season through Community agencies including our own St. Aloysius Food Pantry.

6,651 of those households received food assistance

3,919 households received toy assistance

Thank you again for remembering those less fortunate in our Community.

A message from the St. Aloysius 2023 Christmas Hamper Program Volunteers



St. Aloysius Church - Prayer for the Unborn at St. Aloysius - Dec 2

Let us assist the unborn in a one hour prayer Liturgy, on Saturday December 2 following the 5pm Mass. Exposition will begin shortly after Mass. Planned prayers will be offered.

Coping with the Holidays; When You Have Lost A Loved One

The Diocese of Hamilton will host an afternoon of reflection with strategies on coping at Christmas. Where: Chancery Office, 700 King St. West in Hamilton. When: Sun Dec 3 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm. Join the session in person or by zoom. To reserve a seat, or to receive the zoom link, call 905-528-7988 or online: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/family-ministry/healing-and-or-counselling/coping-with-the-holidays/> Event is FREE.

Interpreters Needed – Do you speak Arabic (Modern Standard Arabic or Colloquial (*Ammiya*) Arabic of Iraq), Blin (Bilen), Cantonese, Croatian, Hausa, Igbo, Korean, Mandarin, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish, Thai, Tigre, Tigrinya, Vietnamese, Yoruba, or Zulu? Our diocesan marriage tribunal needs your help. In some marriage annulment cases, witnesses prefer to speak these languages when they give their formal testimony. Would you like to serve as an interpreter? To find out more, please contact Lori Lewis at tribunal@hamiltondiocese.com.

Gospel Reflection – Thirty - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A *talent* is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

This parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven. *From Loyola Press E-Bulletin*

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