

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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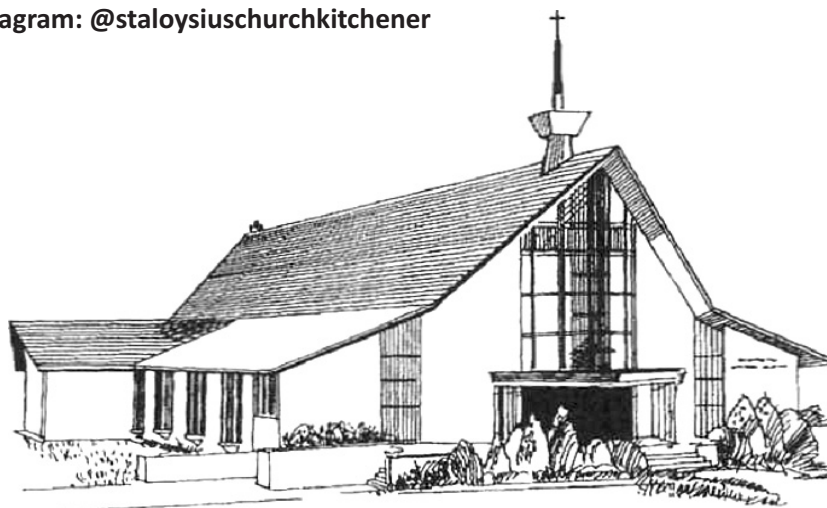
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**OFFICE HOURS:**

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.

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**Nov 29 – Dec 5, 2021**

**Monday** (ferial)

**8:30 am** + Bernadette Taylor – Kathie and Bob Borys

**Tuesday** (Feast – St. Andrew, Apostle)

**7:00 pm** - Int. of David Grzesiak – Helen Delaney

**Wednesday** (ferial)

**8:30 am** - In Thanksgiving for St. Aloysius Parish - Rosa

**Thursday** (ferial)

**8:30 am** + Arthur Ladzik

**Friday** (Memorial-St. Francis Xavier, Priest)

**8:30 am** + David Smith – Stella Hendry and Family

## Second Sunday of Advent

**Sat 5:00pm** - Int. of Joao and Maria Costa

**Sun 9:00am** - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Aloysius

**Sun 11:00am** + Istvan and Etelka Dicsi - Family

**Sun 7:00pm** + Deceased Members of the  
Ouano/Famador/Anderson Families – Walter Ouano

## Parish News



**We are happy to see you!**  
**We now have more space to welcome you at our public Masses!** Physically distant seating and our Covid-19 health and safety regulations remain in place. **Our Parish**

**Office is open by appointment only.** Please contact us in advance by phone or email to arrange an appointment during office hours.

**The Obligation to attend Sunday Mass has 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 and will lock during Mass or prior to Mass if we have reached our Church capacity.
- Please arrive at the main door of St. Aloysius at least 15 minutes before Mass time.
- Follow the direction of Ushers will seat you at the available designated seats.

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



**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.**

**Join us Friday December 3<sup>rd</sup>** for our First Friday Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. It will take place following our 8:30am Mass.



**Bambinelli Sunday – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent:**

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent. It reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy.

All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from to Mass on Sunday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> to be blessed as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing, you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.



**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 in its mission. See resources about the Synod of Bishops and take a survey to share your thoughts at this link; <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about>

**Catechetical Correspondence Courses** - Programs available for children from Kindergarten through to High School not currently receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children not in Catholic Schools also available. Families work through the programs at home. Contact Monica in the Catechesis Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or check out our website at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) and click on the Catechesis Office for more information, printable registration forms or to register online.



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Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? Contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

By email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
online: <http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>



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through CanadaHelps!**

If you are financially able, you can support St. Aloysius Parish through our CanadaHelps donation portal. You can choose a one-time or a monthly gift with your credit card or Pay-Pal account. To make a donation to St. Aloysius Church through CanadaHelps, visit this link;

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/119110450RR0049-st-aloysius-parish/> or visit our website at [staloysius.on.ca](http://staloysius.on.ca) and click on the 'Donate' button on our homepage. We thank everyone who is financially able to support us during these difficult times.

## Prayer for First Sunday of Advent

God, the potter, mold us and make us your people. When we become impatient, help us remember that these seasons of waiting are also shaping us.

Give us the grace to breathe deeply into the wait, to anticipate the beauty you are working while we wait.

Amen

prayer taken from [ccb.ca](http://ccb.ca)



## Gospel Reflection – Nov 28, 2021 -The First Sunday of Advent

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unending love for us in all circumstances.

Jesus' predictions about the end times may sound dire, but in the next paragraph Luke tells us that people woke early to listen to Jesus' teaching in the Temple area. In his person and in his message, those who heard Jesus found strength and consolation. Like the first Christians, we may encounter events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer, however, we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world.

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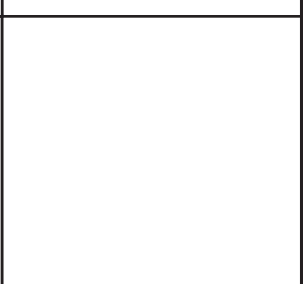
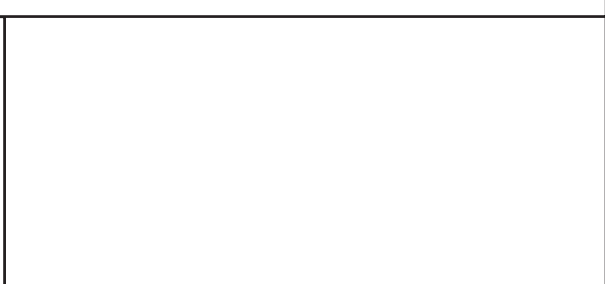
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