

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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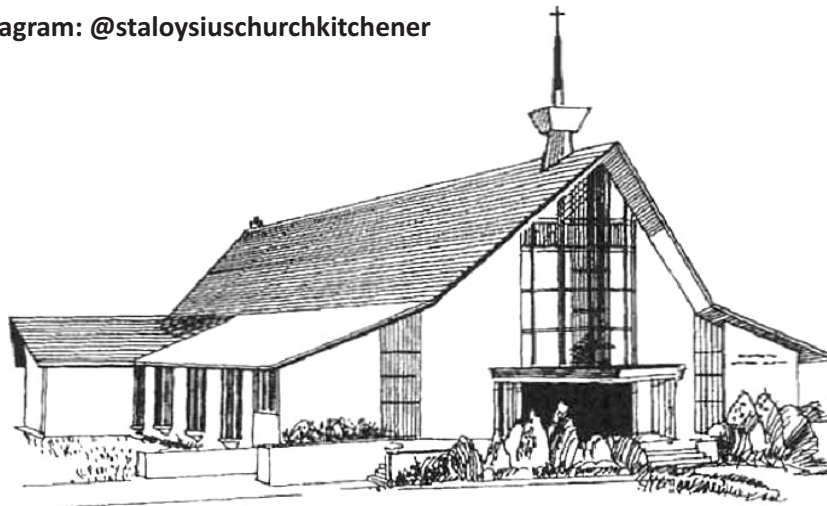
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**OFFICE HOURS:**

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.

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sept 18 – 24, 2023**

**Monday**

*(ferial)*

**8:30 am**

- Int. of Father Venil D'Souza
- + Roberto D'Souza

**Tuesday**

*(ferial)*

**7:00 pm**

- Int. of Alexander and family
- Int. of Lee Ann Paiva and family

**Wednesday** *(Memorial – St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon Priest, Paul Chong Ha-Sang and Companions, Martyrs)*

**8:30 am**

- + Lucy De Amorim
- + Norbert Rozek

**Thursday**

*(Feast – St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist)*

**8:30 am**

- Int. of Nathan and Sam Borys
- + Mary Black

**Friday**

*(ferial)*

**8:30 am**

- Int. of Eduarda Avila
- + Jose Cabral and family

**Saturday** *(Memorial – St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest)*

**8:30 am**

- + Anne Donnelly
- Int. of Arminda Pacheco

**Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Saturday**

**5:00 pm**

- + Pat Buffone
- + Nancy Devereaux

**9:00 am**

- Int. of our Parishioners

**11:00 am**

- + John McLaughlin
- + Anne Steffler

**7:00 pm**

- + Maria Fatima Vitorino

**Sept 18 – 24, 2023**

**Schedule of Events**

**Tuesday**

- Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service ..... 10:30 am
- Stained Glass Guild..... 1:00 pm
- Confessions, Adoration and Mass ..... 6:00 pm
- Prayer Group – Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests following Mass
- CWL General Meeting ..... following 7pm Mass

**Wednesday**

- Briarfield Gardens Mass/Communion Service ..... 10:00 am
- Finance Council Meeting ..... 6:30 pm

**Saturday**

- Baptism ..... 3:00 pm
- Confessions ..... 3:45pm

**Sunday**

- Children's Liturgy ..... during 11:00 am Mass
- Music Leader's Meeting ..... 2:00 pm

**OFFERTORY REPORT**

Sunday Envelope Collection .....	\$2502.00
Sunday Loose Collection .....	\$1352.00
<b>Total Offertory for Sept 10/11 .....</b>	<b>\$3854.00</b>
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....	\$787.16

**Thank you for your ongoing financial support!**



**First Communion and Confirmation registration news for 2024**

Do you have a child in Grade 2 or Grade 7 this year? Our registration for First Communion (Grade 2 and up) and Confirmation (Grade 7 and up) has now opened on our parish website. **All candidates will need to register online by October 31, 2023 to be included in our Spring 2024 group.**

More information can be found on our parish website, or by contacting the church office.

**Special Collection Sun Sept 24**

Every year, the Bishops of Canada appeal for financial assistance from all parishes across the Country. The 'Needs of the Canadian Church' collection gives support to Catholic Missions in Canada. Look for the envelope in your envelope box next weekend. Please be generous!



**Parish Potluck Dinner Fri Sept 29:**

You're invited to a potluck dinner on Fri Sept 29 in our Parish Hall. Doors will open at 5:30pm and the dinner at 6pm. Sign up in the Church foyer. Please note the dish you will bring to the potluck and number

of guests. We hope you will join us for an evening of food and fellowship.



**The St. Aloysius Stained Glass Guild needs your help!**

This dedicated group of volunteers is planning to create 4 more stained glass windows for the church alcove. The group began the task of creating over 18 stained glass windows for the Church more than 10 years ago. You can read more about the history here; <https://staloyisus.on.ca/stained-glass-guild>. To help raise enough money to create the last 4 windows and purchase new glass, the group will be selling some of their beautiful stained glass ornaments in the church foyer on the weekend of **Sept 30/Oct 1**. Items will be priced between \$5 and \$45 dollars. Their goal is to raise approximately \$5,000.00 to help with the cost of the new windows. **The guild is always looking for more volunteers. Anyone interested can join them Tuesday afternoons in the parish hall between 1-3 pm.**



### **News from the St. Aloysius CWL**

The CWL welcomes all members back after the Summer break. Their General Meeting will be on Tues Sept 19 in the church hall following the 7pm Mass. They will be presenting the remaining service pins at the meeting. They look forward to seeing as many CWL members as possible.

The annual CWL Christmas Bazaar is coming up Sat Nov 18 from 10am to 1pm in the Parish Hall. They are looking for donations of new items (small appliances, toys, giftware, etc.), gift cards from local restaurants and handmade craft items. They also welcome monetary donations. For questions, please contact Lorraine Jack at [mlorrainejack@gmail.com](mailto:mlorrainejack@gmail.com).



You are invited to join over a million volunteers from across North America to participate in 40 consecutive days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion from September 27 – November 5. You are encouraged to get involved in prayer and fasting as well as attending a peaceful vigil outside Freeport Hospital for an allocated hour during the campaign. Sign up online at [www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener](http://www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener) or by emailing [40DaysKW@gmail.com](mailto:40DaysKW@gmail.com) or calling 519-904-2620. You are also invited to join the group for the opening rally on Tues Sept 25 at Sacred Heart Parish in Kitchener.

**St. Agnes Education Café presents** 'Adjusting our Focus: Living in Faith, not Fear'. Our daily lives can be a roller coaster of happiness and order one moment, then sadness and chaos the next. Yet, our faith teaches us to trust in Jesus and not to let doubt, fear and anxiety overtake us. Learn more about how we can live out our faith in our everyday lives, so we can earn the true peace that a Christ-centred life can bring. Join them Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2:00-3:30pm, St. Agnes Waterloo. Admission is free.

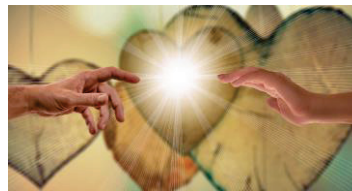
### **Marriage Support from the Diocese of Hamilton**

Your marriage doesn't have to feel like it is more trouble than joy, that it feels stagnant or disconnected and/or that it is causing you constant stress. The solution may be Retrouvaille, a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend is Oct. 20-22. For more info call 905-664-5212 or email [teamrecine@gmail.com](mailto:teamrecine@gmail.com).

### **Grief Relief from the Diocese of Hamilton**

Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton has grief programs to help. Find out more at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/grief-support>, or call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250. They have programs running in both Waterloo and Hamilton this fall.

**From the St. Aloysius Office** We will soon be preparing our 2024 offertory envelopes. If your home address has changed or if you no longer wish to receive envelopes, please let the parish office know by Sept 30, 2023.



### **Gospel Reflection – Sunday September 17, 2023**

In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

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