

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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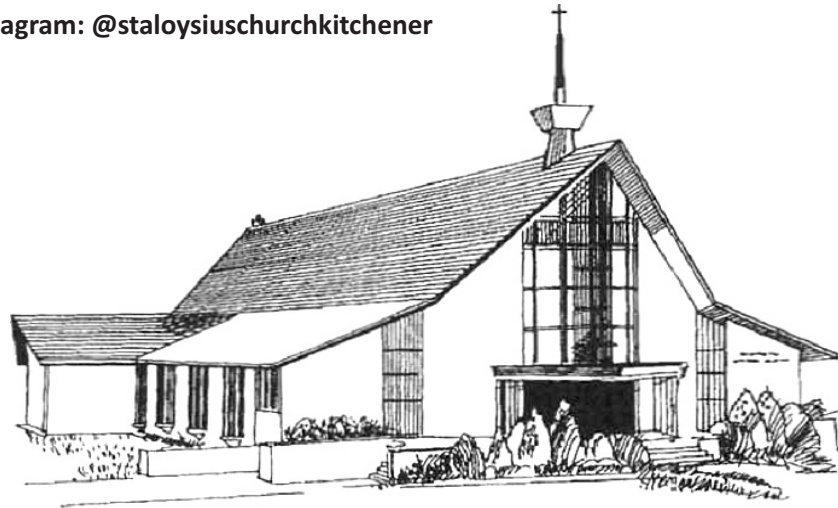
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OFFICE HOURS:

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-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



MASS INTENTIONS

Sept 11 – 17, 2023

- Monday** (ferial)
8:30 am - Int. of Father Melvin
 + Joe Munch
- Tuesday** (ferial)
7:00 pm + Natalie Wnuk
 + All Souls in Purgatory
- Wednesday** (Memorial – St. John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor)
8:30 am - Int. of Arminda Pacheco
 + David James Witzel
- Thursday** (Feast – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross)
8:30 am - Int. of Leah De Amorim
 + Luis Gonzaga
- Friday** (Memorial – Our Lady of Sorrows)
8:30 am - Int. of Katrina Castro
 + Tony and Gregoria Costa
- Saturday** (Memorial – St. Cornelius, Pope, & St. Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs)
8:30 am + Mary Black and her deceased relatives

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Saturday**
5:00 pm + Olive Mercante
 - Int. of Deanna Showers
- 9:00 am** - In Thanksgiving for Farah Atienza
 + Luis Gonzaga
- 11:00 am** - Int. of our Parishioners
7:00 pm + Anne Donnelly

Sept 11 – 17, 2023

Schedule of Events

- Tuesday**
- St. Timothy School Liturgy/Mass..... 9:30 am
 - 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
- Wednesday**
- St. Aloysius School Liturgy/Mass..... 9:30 am
 - Briarfield Gardens Mass/Communion Service 10:00 am
- Thursday**
- St. Kateri School Liturgy/Mass 10:00 am
- Saturday**
- Confessions 3:45pm
- Sunday**
- Children’s Liturgy during 11:00 am Mass

OFFERTORY REPORT

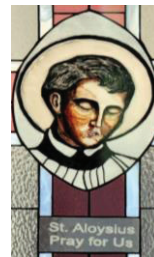
Sunday Envelope Collection.....	\$3501.00
Sunday Loose Collection	\$1030.00
Total Offertory for Sept 2/3.....	\$4531.00
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....	\$787.16

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.



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. The pandemic, the loss of many volunteers and the skyrocketing costs of glass and supplies have really hampered their efforts to finish their project. You can read more about the history here; <https://staloysius.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.**



Holy Land Pilgrimage with Father Melvin!

Father Melvin is hosting a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Egypt in early 2024 and he would love for you to join him! The pilgrimage, organized through International Heritage Tours will be taking place between February 27 and March 10, 2024. For more information pick up a brochure in our church lobby, or go online to; <https://www.ih Tours.com/tour/pilgrimage-to-holy-land-and-egypt-7/>



News from the St. Aloysius CWL:

A reminder that the 2024 CWL Membership fee of \$36.00 is due on September 10, 2023.

For those that use Church envelopes, there is an envelope in the box that can be placed in the collection basket for your dues. The CWL thanks everyone in advance for their membership! They look forward to seeing as many members as possible at their General meeting on September 19, 2023. If you know of any women interested in joining the league please bring them along!

The CWL is happy to announce the annual Christmas Bazaar will take place on 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, fast food outlets, and handmade craft items. They also welcome monetary donations. Please contact Lorraine Jack at mlorrainejack@gmail.com for questions regarding donations.

Our Parish is looking to have an RCIA and RCIC program this Fall for Children and Adults who would like to become Catholic. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the program, please contact our Parish office.



Potluck Dinner

Parish Potluck Dinner Fri Sept 29:

We are planning a Potluck dinner on Friday September 29th in our Parish Hall. Doors will open at 5:30pm and the dinner will start at 6pm. Look for a sign-up sheet coming soon to 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.

Frassati Leadership Program- The Diocese of Hamilton Office of Youth Ministry will be holding a Catholic leadership program for young people in grade ten. This program will equip them and encourage them to draw closer to Christ and their respective communities. Registration closes September 30th and can be found at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/>.

Catholic Children's Aid of Hamilton has been helping children in the Hamilton Diocese of over 50 years. Youth in our community are facing homelessness, food insecurity and mental health issues. You can make a difference by helping them to raise funds by placing a bid on their online auction & raffle. Money raised will be poured back into support for young people. For more information, click here; <https://event.auctria.com/c5f043d9-2952-4bcc-a019-d1390e62436b/> or call 905-525-2012 ext. 3150.

Hamilton Diocesan Marian Days - at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. The day will start with Confessions at 9am followed by Mass, a Rosary Procession and a lunch break. Holy Hour and Marian Catechesis begins at 1pm followed by the Benediction. Please bring your own lunch. The presider on Saturday October 7 is Cardinal Collins.



Gospel Reflection – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sun Sept 10, 2023

Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of

Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. In this part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word *church* in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In the first part of the "discourse on the Church" (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community's concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples' question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these "little ones" astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those "little ones" who have strayed.

In today's Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

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