

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

*St. Aloysius Gonzaga*

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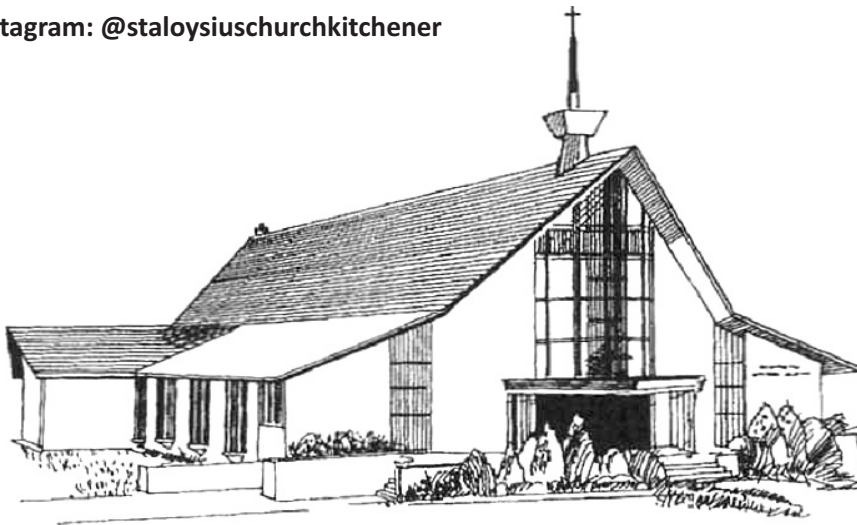
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#### **OFFICE HOURS:**

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.....6:00pm

WEDNESDAY....8:30am

THURSDAY.....8:30am

FRIDAY.....8:30am

SATURDAY.....8:30am

**CONFESSIONS** - Tuesday: 5 - 5:45pm, Saturday: 3:45 - 4:30pm, or by appointment.

**BAPTISM** - Please contact our parish office for more details.

**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](http://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.

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION



## MASS INTENTIONS

Apr 14 – Apr 20, 2025

**Monday**  
8:30 am

(Monday of Holy Week)  
+ Arona Fox-Allen + Elizabeth Payne

**Tuesday**  
6:00 pm

(Tuesday of Holy Week)  
+ Lucy DeAmorim + Rita Butters

**Wednesday**  
8:30 am

(Wednesday of Holy Week)  
+ John and Mary Chamaschuk  
+ Mary Dinh Nen

**Thursday**

**Holy Thursday**

No morning Mass today

7:00 pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Friday**

**Good Friday – The Passion of the Lord**

No morning Mass today

1:00 pm

Celebration of the Lord's Passion – for children

3:00 pm

Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**Saturday**

**Holy Saturday**

No morning Mass today

12:00 pm

- Blessing of the Easter Food

**The Resurrection of the Lord**

**8pm Easter Vigil**

- Memorial Mass

**Easter Sunday**

**Sun 9am**

- Memorial Mass

**Sun 11am**

- Memorial Mass

No Children's Liturgy on Easter Sunday

No 7pm Mass on Easter Sunday

Schedule of Events

Apr 14 – Apr 20, 2025

**Monday**

- Stained Glass Guild .....4:00 pm
- Food Pantry Open ..... 7-8 pm

**Tuesday**

- Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service.....10:30 am
- Adoration, Confessions and Mass .....5:00 pm
- Marian Movement for Priests Prayer Group.....following 6pm Mass

**Wednesday**

- Briarfield Gardens Mass/Communion Service .....10:00 am
- RCIA/RCIC Program .....7:00 pm

**Thursday**

- Fergus Place Communion Service .....10:00 am

## OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection.....\$2305.00  
Sunday Loose Collection.....\$995.00  
Total Offertory for Apr 6, 2025 .....\$3300.00  
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....\$854.69

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**Today is Palm Sunday, the beginning of**

**Holy Week** - The action of this week moves from the triumph of the palm procession through the agony and death of the Lord to his

glorious Resurrection from the dead. During Holy Week, the People of God take time to reflect and pray about what Jesus has done for us in his love. We become more aware of the many ways in which we continue to live and experience the dying and rising of Jesus in our daily lives.

**Passion Sunday Palms.** The blessing of palm branches and the procession remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. We praise Christ our king. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Jesus comes to save us and the world by the Paschal Mystery. His Death and Resurrection accomplishes our salvation. Quickly the mood of the celebration change. The solemn reading of the Passion account from Matthew, Mark or Luke reminds us of the purpose of Jesus' entrance into the Holy City. We have begun to follow him on the way of the Cross, along the road that leads us to Calvary and to Easter. We place palms in our homes to show reverence for Jesus our leader. We are his followers in suffering as in glory.

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## Holy Week Schedule

**Holy Thursday April 17** (no morning Mass)

7:00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday April 18** (no morning Mass)

12:00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion – for children

3:00pm - Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**Holy Saturday April 19** (no morning Mass)

12:00pm - Blessing of the Easter Food

8:00pm - Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday April 20**

Masses 9:00am, 11:00am (no 7pm Mass)

**Divine Mercy Sunday (Celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy) April 27**

1pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1pm – 2:30pm - Confessions

3pm – Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Mass



**Prepare for DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 27 at 3:00pm by picking up your novena prayer sheet.** We have novena prayer sheets available to pick up

in the Church lobby. Each day is a different intention saving for the last day, the most difficult intention of all... the lukewarm and the indifferent. **Please, take advantage of this and be ready to begin on Good Friday.**



### News from the St. Aloysius CWL

The CWL sends out a thank you to those who participated in the 5pm mass where members lead the ministries. They look forward to their next mass at 9am on April 27. Please let the

CWL know if you are interested in being a lector or eucharistic minister at the mass on April 27.

Also, thank you to all who came out for their Lenten Retreat with Simone Robinson. It was an enriching, spirit filled day.

Mark your calendars for the CWL mass at the Carmel in St. Agatha on May 21 at 6pm.

### St. Aloysius Potluck Dinner

Join us for a potluck dinner on Fri April 25 in our Parish Hall. Doors will open at 5:30pm, and the dinner will start at 6pm. Sign up in the church foyer and remember to list the dish you are bringing, and the number of guests. We hope to see you!



### Children's Liturgy

Please note there will be no Children's Liturgy on Easter Sunday. The Children's Liturgy will resume again on Sunday April 27 during the 11am Mass.

### First Communion Information

Sat Apr 26 at 10am – **Mandatory rehearsal** for all candidates

Sat May 3 at 10:30am – **Sacrament of First Holy Communion** for St. Aloysius and St. Timothy Schools.

Sun May 4 at 2pm – **Sacrament of First Holy Communion** for St. Kateri and our public/private schools.

### Good Friday Collection - The Church in the Holy Land

The annual Good Friday Collection is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See. The collection helps the Church of the Holy Land to maintain Christian sites, and to provide pastoral, educational, and social works among the small Christian population. Please give generously on Good Friday; Apr 18. Give online at [Commissariat.ca/supporting-us](http://Commissariat.ca/supporting-us).

### Spring Clothing Drive

St. Aloysius School is holding their spring Clothing Drive on Saturday, May 10 from 9am-noon. You can drop off items in their back parking lot off Connaught Street. They will accept any item made from fabric, and the items can be in any condition, including stained or with holes. Please bring clothing, bedding, pillows, purses, luggage, shoes and boots to the drive.

**Church Bulletin Advertising** - Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in June 2025 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise! Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.



**April Heroes of Hope** *During the month of April in this Jubilee Year, we are asked to pray for those who minister to the sick.*

Lord God, by the grace of our baptism, you have given us new life in Christ and called us to serve as pilgrims of hope.

We pray in thanksgiving for those who have responded to your call to care for the sick.

We praise you for the healing gifts you give to our healthcare providers; our doctors, nurses, personal support workers, pastoral care ministers and family members who accompany the sick with compassion.

Through their varied ministries, may they touch the hearts of all in our community who long for the hope, born of our Christian faith, that never disappoints.

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

**Gospel Reflection: Palm Sunday** - Jesus appears to be in total command of events at the Passover meal as he hands over the kingdom to his disciples. He welcomes them to the Passover meal announcing that this will be his last until the Kingdom of God is fulfilled.

The disciples show little understanding of this kingdom that Jesus often announces. Jesus initiates a conversation with Simon and predicts his denial. Jesus then instructs his disciples to prepare themselves for the events that will follow. His words reveal an awareness of the challenges that all of them will face in the days ahead. As the disciples and Jesus enter the Mount of Olives, Jesus indicates the importance of the disciples' time in prayer, telling them that through prayer they will be able to face the challenges ahead.

As he prays, Jesus is tested. In the garden, an angel is sent to strengthen him and to prepare him for the events ahead. After this moment, Jesus is again in charge of the events and circumstances.

When Luke describes the Way of the Cross and Jesus' crucifixion, he calls to our attention many events that are not reported in the other Gospels. Throughout his Gospel, Luke has paid heed to the women who accompanied Jesus. Now, on the road to Calvary, Jesus speaks to the women who walk with him. Only Luke reports Jesus' words of forgiveness spoken from the cross. And only Luke reports the dialogue between Jesus and the good thief. Finally, in contrast with the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, Luke reports no words of abandonment spoken by Jesus on the cross. Instead, Jesus, in full command until his death, commends his spirit to his Father and takes his final breath. *From the Loyola Press – Sunday Connection*





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