

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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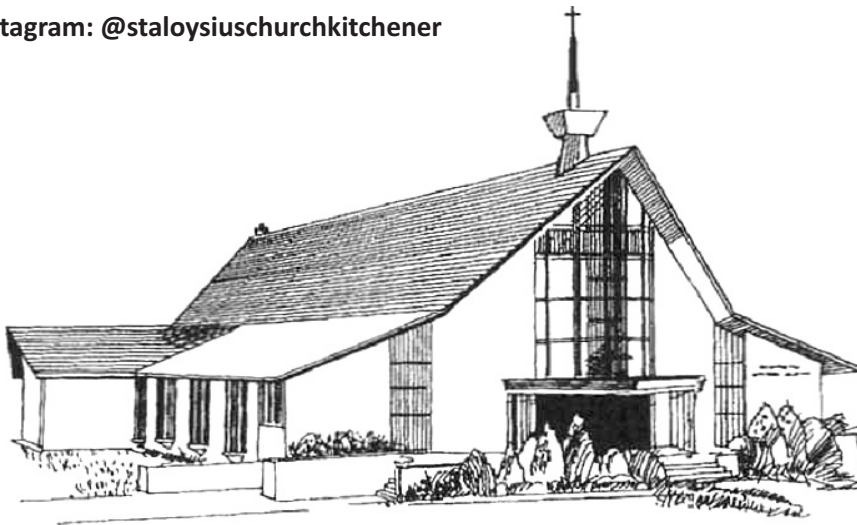
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OFFICE HOURS:

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 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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)



MASS INTENTIONS

Apr 28 – May 4, 2025

Monday 8:30 am	(ferial) + Mary Nen Dinh
Tuesday 6:00 pm	(Memorial, St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor) + John and Anna Kowalyk + Steven Thibodeau
Wednesday 8:30 am	(Memorial – St. Marie de L'Incarnation, Religious) - Int. of Lee Ann Paiva and family
Thursday 8:30 am	(ferial) - Int. of Fr. Melvin Pinto
Friday 8:30 am	(Memorial – St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor) + Pope Francis First Friday Adoration following the 8:30am Mass
Saturday 8:30 am	(Feast – St. Philip and St. James, Apostles)

Third Sunday of Easter

Sat 5pm	+ Timoteo Manzanero
Sun 9am	+ Anna and Andre Gagnon + Melchor Jonson
Sun 11am	+ John McCotter
Children's Liturgy in parish hall during 11am Mass	
Sun 7pm	- Int. of our Parishioners

Schedule of Events		Apr 28 – May 4, 2025
Monday		
	• Stained Glass Guild	4:00 pm
	• Food Pantry Open	7-8:00pm
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 Mass/Communion Service	10:00 am
Friday		
	• First Friday Adoration	following 8:30am Mass
Saturday		
	• First Holy Communion St. Aloysius/St. Timothy Schools.....	10:30 am
	• Confessions	3:45-4:30 pm
Sunday		
	• Children's Liturgy	during 11:00 am Mass
	• First Holy Communion with St. Kateri/Public Schools	2:00 pm

OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection for April 13	\$3043.00
Sunday Loose Collection for April 13	\$1612.00
Total Offertory for Apr 13, 2025	\$4655.00
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....	\$854.69

Good Friday Collection 'Needs of the Church in the Holy Land' ..	\$2135.00
Easter Sunday Collection Envelopes.....	\$4965.00
Easter Sunday Collection Loose Donations	\$2539.00
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....	\$854.69



Today is DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY!

Join us for;

- 1pm** – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 1-2:30pm** - Confessions
- 3pm** – Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet



In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God. Saint Faustina was born and raised in Poland. Following a vocation to religious life, she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. As a member of the Congregation, she worked as a cook, gardener, and porter. In her spiritual life, her contemplation on the Mercy of God led her to develop a childlike trust in God and deep love for her neighbor. (from Loyola Press)



News from the St. Aloysius CWL

The CWL will be offering a Bursary for \$500 to any graduating Grade 12 student who is going on to post secondary studies. The student's family must be parishioners of St. Aloysius and applicants must show service to the church in some capacity. Please email catherine.hann@ymail.com for further details, or visit; <https://www.stalloysius.on.ca/catholic-womens-league>



First Friday Adoration – Fri May 2 is the First Friday of the month. Join us for Adoration following the 8:30am Mass.

First Holy Communion- Please pray for our 73 young people preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion next weekend at St. Aloysius Parish. The dates are as follows;

Sat May 3 at 10:30am – St. Aloysius and St. Timothy Schools.
Sun May 4 at 2pm – St. Kateri and our public/private schools.

Ways to support St. Aloysius Parish Electronically

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Grant for Faith Based Organizations

Thank you to the Province of Ontario for a \$7500.00 grant to help enhance our security measures at St. Aloysius Parish! The grant is part of the Province's \$15 million dollar commitment for faith based and cultural organizations to support anti-hate security measures. The money will be used to purchase more security cameras, a new parish office doorbell/intercom system and enhanced security lights.



May 1 is International Workers' Day

Today is celebrated in many countries. This can be a day to recognize the value of human work, defend the dignity of working people, encourage all to be responsible in their work, and celebrate the role that human work has in God's plan for creation.



Concert at Blessed Sacrament Parish

- They warmly invite you to join them on Fri May 2 at 7:00pm for a heartfelt evening of choral music

presented by the Heart Cry Ensemble at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 305 Laurentian Drive, Kitchener. Your presence would mean so much to them, and a freewill offering will be graciously collected at the door. They hope to see you for this uplifting experience!

Kitchener Knights of Columbus Spring Clean Up.

Sat May 3, 8:30am-1pm. Bring your used electronics; tv's, computers, laptops and cellphones. Bring your scrap metal; copper, stainless steel and brass. Collection takes place in the St. Anthony Daniel Parish Parking Lot.



Spring Clothing Drive

St. Aloysius School is holding their spring Clothing Drive on Sat 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.

Retreat at The Carmel - The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild is hosting their annual retreat at the Carmelite Monastery on Sat May 24. The retreat will give you an opportunity to experience the graces and blessings of the Jubilee Year. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided..

Space is limited! Register by May 16 by phone; 519-884-6700 or email; saintagatha@thecarmel.ca For more information visit thecarmel.ca.



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

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass. Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 1, 2025** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. Register at hamiltondiocese.com.

Gospel Reflection: Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday

- Today's Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted. Part of the mystery of Jesus Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send his disciples. This continuity with Jesus' own mission is an essential element of the Church.

Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed. *Taken from Loyola Press*

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