

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

*St. Aloysius Gonzaga*

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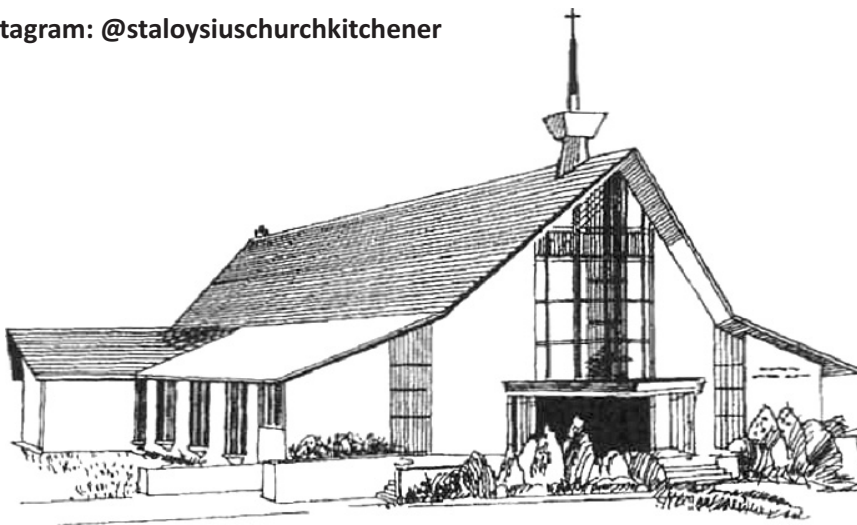
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#### **OFFICE HOURS:**

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.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### MASS INTENTIONS

Apr 7 – Apr 12, 2025

<b>Monday</b>	(ferial)
8:30 am	+ Mary Nen Dinh + Luz Elena Frumkin
<b>Tuesday</b>	(ferial)
6:00 pm	+ Steve Bodnar + David Grzesiak
<b>Wednesday</b>	(ferial)
8:30 am	+ Hyllary Fox
<b>Thursday</b>	(ferial)
8:30 am	+ Tommy Thomson
<b>Friday</b>	(ferial)
8:30 am	+ Mary Black
6:00 pm	- Int. of All Priests in the Diocese of Hamilton - Int. of Quinn McDougall

Evening Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

<b>Saturday</b>	(ferial)
8:30 am	
<b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>	

<b>Sat 5pm</b>	- Int of Audrey Ball and Family - Int. of Fr. Melvin
<b>Sun 9am</b>	+ Ed Chambers + All Souls in Purgatory
<b>Sun 11am</b>	+ Dmytro Pawliw
<b>Children's Liturgy in parish hall during 11:00 am Mass</b>	
<b>Sun 7pm</b>	- Int. of Parishioners

### Schedule of Events

Apr 7 – Apr 12, 2025

<b>Monday</b>	
• Stained Glass Guild .....	4:00 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	
• Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service.....	10:30 am
• Adoration, Confessions and Mass .....	5:00 pm
• Marian Movement for Priests Prayer Group.....	following 6pm Mass
• CWL Executive Meeting .....	following 6pm Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	
• Briarfield Gardens Mass/Communion Service .....	10:00 am
• RCIA/RCIC Program .....	7:00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	
• Doon Village Mass/Communion Service .....	10:00 am
• Lenten Confessions .....	7:00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	
• Mass followed by Stations of the Cross .....	6:00 pm
<b>Saturday</b>	
• Secular Carmel Meeting (Ocds).....	9:30 am
• Lector Rehearsal for Good Friday Readers.....	11:00am
• Monthly Baptisms .....	3:00 pm
• Confessions .....	3:45 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	
• Children's Liturgy .....	during 11:00 am Mass

### OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection.....	\$1827.00
Sunday Loose Collection .....	\$715.00
<b>Total Offertory for Mar 30, 2025 .....</b>	<b>\$2542.00</b>
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....	\$838.30

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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

### Divine Mercy Sunday, April 27

Did you know when we pray at the 3:00 hour, on Divine Mercy Sunday, completely in His Mercy, adoring and glorifying Him, mercy is opened wide for every soul? In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and others for the asking (Diary, 1572). *Why would we not take advantage of this?*

### Join us for St Aloysius Lenten Confessions:

Thursday April 10 at 7:00pm

Tuesday evenings from 5-5:45pm

Saturday afternoons from 3:45-4:30pm  
(except Holy Saturday)



### Other Confession Opportunities

Tue Apr 8 at 7:30pm	St. Teresa's Parish – Elmira
Thur Apr 10 at 7pm	St. Anthony Daniel – Kitchener
Wed Apr 16 – 8am-8pm	St. Michael's Parish – Waterloo

### Friday Evening Masses during Lent

Join us for an additional Friday Mass at 6pm followed by Stations of the Cross. *This Friday will be our final Friday evening Mass as we will not have a Friday evening Mass on Good Friday.*



### Mass of Chrism

All are welcome to attend the Diocesan Mass of Chrism during which His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will bless the Oils for the Sick and Catechumens. He will also consecrate Sacred Chrism. The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton, on Mon Apr 14 at 2pm.

Parking is limited, and carpooling is encouraged. The Chrism Mass will be livestreamed on the Diocesan website.

## Rehearsal for Good Friday Lectors

Are you a Lector signed up to read on Good Friday? Plan to attend a rehearsal on **Saturday April 12 at 11am**. See you there!

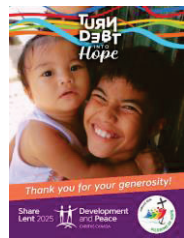
## First Communion Information

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.



This week during Lent, 'Keep the Conversation Going'. Take time throughout Lent to talk about the importance of preparing for Easter. ***In your home, consider these conversation starters;***

- God calls us to work hard to show our love for Him and for one another during Lent through prayer, fasting and sharing all that we have. How is God calling you to grow?
  - Jesus sacrificed His life on the Cross out of love for us. Sometimes sacrifice is hard, but it can bring life to others.
  - What have you sacrificed out of love for another today?
  - How can our family continue to prepare for the joy of Easter?
- From the Diocese of Hamilton Family Ministry.*



## This weekend is Solidarity Sunday

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's ***Turn Debt into Hope*** campaign invites you to give generously to the Share Lent Campaign. **Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.** Help create

hope and give to our Share Lent collection.

## Good Friday Collection for 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, so important for Christians everywhere, and to provide pastoral, educational, and social works among the small Christian population. Please give generously on Good Friday; April 18, 2025. Give online at [Commissariat.ca/supporting-us](https://Commissariat.ca/supporting-us)



## Easter Flower Memorial Donations

Make a Memorial Donation in honour of a loved one. The money will be used to decorate our church with Easter flowers.

'Easter Flowers' envelopes are at the back of the church. Remember to include the name of the loved one for whom you would like to be remembered, along with your donation in the envelope.

**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: Fifth Sunday of Lent** – In today's Gospel, the scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case.

The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is cited in John's passion narrative.

Jesus offers an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had prepared.

Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin.

Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace. *From Loyola Press – Sunday Connection*



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