

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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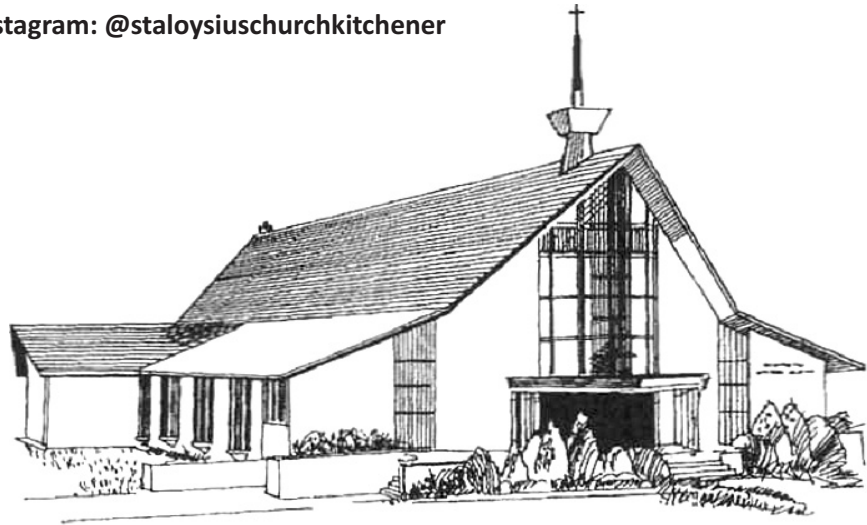
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OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY: Closed, TUESDAY-THURSDAY: 9am-12pm & 1pm-4:30pm, FRIDAY: 9am-12pm

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY..... 5:00pm

SUNDAY.....9:00am

.....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, or in our parish office. 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 15 – Dec 21, 2025

Monday (ferial)

8:30 am + Michael de Bloc + Titante Puren & Terry Francis

Tuesday (ferial)

6:00 pm + Herb Altman + David Grzesiak

Wednesday (ferial)

8:30 am - Int. of Gabriela Cebulakova + Doris D'Silva

Thursday (ferial)

8:30 am + Mary Black

Friday (ferial)

8:30 am + All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday (ferial)

8:30 am + Claudette Mordeczko

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sat 5pm + Gene Buencamino + Maria Capa

Sun 9am + Milka Persin

Sun 11am + All Souls in Purgatory

Children's Liturgy downstairs in Parish Hall during 11am Mass

Sun 7pm - Int. of our Parishioners

Schedule of Events

Dec 15 – 21, 2025

Tuesday

- Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service10:30 am
- Adoration, Confessions and Mass..... 5:00 pm
- Marian Movement for Priests Prayer Group following 6pm Mass

Wednesday

- Briarfield Gardens Communion Service/Mass10:00 am
- Bible Study Group 6:30 pm
- RCIA/RCIC Program 7:00 pm

Thursday

- Fergus Place Mass/Communion Service10:00 am

Saturday

- Children's Liturgy Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal10:00 am
- Confessions 3:45-4:30 pm

Sunday

- Children's Liturgy – Christmas Partyfollowing 11am Mass

Offertory Report

Sunday Envelope Collection for Dec 7\$2233.00

Sunday Loose/Tip Tap Collection for Dec 7\$930.50

Total Offertory for Dec 7, 2025..... \$3163.50

Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....\$862.54



TipTap Donations – Thank you to everyone who has already used our new donation device in the parish lobby. Your support is greatly appreciated! If you have not yet tried TipTap, we invite you to do so. It is a quick, secure, and convenient way to contribute to our parish. Simply tap your debit or credit card, or mobile wallet, and select a \$5, \$10, or \$20 donation.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish community.



Prayer for the Third Sunday of Advent

Lord Jesus, our brother and our saviour, come into our hearts with your love, joy, hope and peace. Help us to reflect your love by loving and serving all we meet. Lord Jesus, come into our lives and share your gifts with

all people. Blessed are you Lord Jesus, forever and ever, Amen. *Prayer from cccb.ca*

We encourage all parishioners to take time for Confession this Advent and renew your spirit as Christmas draws near.

St. Aloysius Parish – Advent Confession Times

Tue Dec 16: 5:00-5:45 pm Sat Dec 20: 3:45-4:30 pm

Tue Dec 23: 5:00-5:45 pm

Other Advent Penitential Services in Kitchener-Waterloo

Tue Dec 16 9:30am-1pm – St. Agnes, Waterloo

Tues Dec 16 7pm – St. Mark's, Kitchener

Wed Dec 17 8am-8pm – St. Michael's, Waterloo

Wed Dec 17 5-8pm – St. Agnes, Waterloo

Wed Dec 17 6:30pm - St. Anne, Kitchener

Wed Dec 17 7:30pm – St. Teresa, Kitchener

Thurs Dec 18 10:30am - 12pm & 3:30-5pm, St. Mary's Kitch

Thurs Dec 18 7pm - St. Anthony Daniel in Kitchener

Thurs Dec 18 7pm - Blessed Sacrament, Kitchener

2025 Christmas Mass Times

The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve, Wed Dec 24

5:00pm - with Children's Play

8:00 pm and Midnight

Christmas Day

Thurs Dec 25

9:00am and 11:00am

Solemnity of Mary,

the Holy Mother of God

Wed Dec 31 - 5:00pm

Wed Dec 31 - 11:00pm Adoration

followed by Mass at Midnight

Thurs Jan 1 - 9:00am and 11:00am



This weekend marks 'Bambinelli Sunday' - For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed Baby Jesus figurines, on the Third Sunday of Advent. We will be having our own Bambinelli Sunday at St. Aloysius Church! All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines to all weekend Masses to be blessed. After the blessing, you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas.



St. Aloysius Children's Liturgy News - The St. Aloysius Children's Christmas Party will be taking place after the 11 am mass on **Sunday December 21**. Children can enjoy crafts, face painting, snacks, pizza, a Christmas movie, and Santa will be in attendance! Sign up in the lobby at the back of the church and remember to sign up to bring a shareable snack.



The Children's Liturgy Program will present a Christmas Play at the Christmas Eve Mass on **Dec 24 at 5pm!** Upcoming play practices include Sun Dec 14 after the 11am Mass and Sat Dec 20 at 10am is the Dress Rehearsal in the Church. Email Kim at johnkimansty@gmail.com for more information.

Ministry Sign-Up Reminder - Sign-up sheets for our Christmas and New Year's Masses are available in the foyer. If you serve as an Usher, Lector, Altar Server, or Minister of Communion, we'd be grateful if you could add your name. Thank you for sharing your gifts with our parish!

Envelopes - Don't forget to pick up your 2026 parish offertory envelopes. in the lobby. They are filed by envelope number. If you are not able to locate your envelope box, please contact the parish office.

Flower Donations and Memorial Masses - If you have lost a loved one and would like them to be remembered during our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Memorial Masses, consider making a Christmas flower memorial donation. Please take an envelope from our lobby and bring it back next week with your donation to help with the cost of our Christmas flowers. Remember to write the names in whose memory the donations are made on the back of your envelope.



New Year's Eve Adoration at St. Aloysius Parish

In Thanksgiving to God for all that has happened in 2025, we will be having Adoration in our Church on December 31 starting at 11pm, followed by Mass.

Thank You for Supporting Our Church Door Project

Thank you to all our parishioners for your generous support of our parish building upgrades. Since August, \$14,300 has been donated toward the installation of our new doors at the front entrance, Marian entrance, and Parish Hall. This goes a long way toward our total cost of just over \$35,000.

If you'd like to help us reach our goal, "Special Appeal" envelopes are available at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued kindness and support!

ReSTART: Moving Forward Have you experienced a divorce or separation?

This 10 week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal. The sessions will run Tuesdays from Feb. 17 – Apr 21 from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office, 700 King St. West in Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. Register online at hamiltondiocese.com and look for the date under Upcoming Events.

The Reel Justice Film Festival is back with another year of enlightening films and meaningful dialogue! The lineup for 2026 explores topics of housing insecurity, intellectual freedom, Indigenous rights, and ecological debt. Visit <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> to view the full schedule and register for screenings. A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on social, political, and economic injustice issues.

Gospel Reflection: Third Sunday of Advent – The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning "rejoice."

This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing. *Loyola Press – Sunday Connection*

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