

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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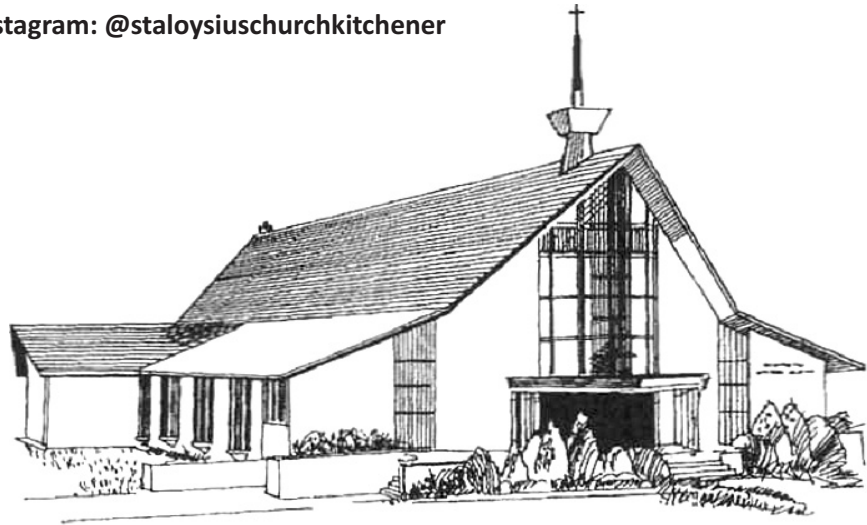
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 8 – Dec 14, 2025

Monday (Solemnity – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

8:30 am + Stephen Altman - Int. of Belinda Cradden

Tuesday (ferial)

6:00 pm + Claudette Mordeczko

- Int. of Obianuju Nwizu

Wednesday (ferial)

8:30 am - Int. of Bob Borys

- Int. of Audrey Roessler and Children

Thursday (ferial)

8:30 am - Int. of Eduarda Avila

Friday (Feast – Our Lady of Guadalupe)

8:30 am + David Grzesiak

+ Edna Puren and Francis Puren

Saturday (Memorial – St. Lucy, Virgin)

8:30 am - In Thanksgiving for Tuyen and Family

Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudette Sunday

Sat 5pm + Zigmond and Evelyn Coulas + David Grzesiak

Sun 9am + Herb and Violet Altman + Bob Lustic

Sun 11am + Mary Dinh Nen

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

Sun 7pm - Int. of our Parishioners

Schedule of Events

Dec 8 – 14, 2025

Monday

- Food Pantry Open 6-7pm

Tuesday

- St. Kateri School – Advent Mass in Church 9:30 am
- 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 Communion Service/Mass 10:00 am
- St. Timothy School – Advent Liturgy 1:15pm
- Bible Study Group 6:30 pm
- RCIA/RCIC Program 7:00 pm

Thursday

- Fergus Place Mass/Communion Service 10:00 am
- Children's Liturgy Play Practice 6:30 pm
- St. Aloysius Parish – Advent Confessions 7:00 pm

Saturday

- Secular Carmelites Meeting (Ocds) 9:30 am
- Altar Servers Meeting 10:30 am
- Confessions 3:45-4:30 pm

Sunday

- Children's Liturgy (Parish Hall) during 11:00 am Mass
- Children's Liturgy – Play Practice following 11am Mass

OFFERTORY REPORT

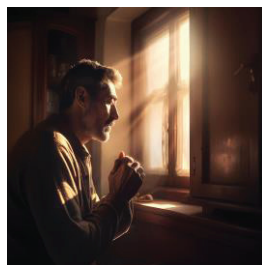
Sunday Envelope Collection for Nov 30 \$1389.00

Sunday Loose/Tip Tap Collection for Nov 30 \$915.00

Total Offertory for Nov 30, 2025 **\$2304.00**

Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount) \$862.54

Thank you for your continued support!



Prepare to Open Your Heart to God's Forgiveness.

During Advent, we are invited to slow down, reflect, and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. The Sacrament of Reconciliation offers us a beautiful opportunity to let go of what weighs us down and receive God's healing

mercy. 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 9: 5:00-5:45 pm Sat Dec 13: 3:45-4:30 pm

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

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

St. Aloysius Parish Confessions (with additional Priests)

Thurs Dec 11 7:00pm start

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



St. Aloysius Food Pantry Info

News from the St. Aloysius

Food Pantry: Our St. Aloysius Food Pantry is offering Christmas food hampers (in the form of a gift

card), and toys for families in need this year. Please consider offering a financial donation for the food pantry to assist them with purchasing gift cards.

To assist the St. Aloysius Food Pantry with their toy program, look in the church foyer for the 'Angel Board'. The board has angels, listing the ages of children in our Parish neighborhood who need your support. Take an angel from the board, and bring in a new unwrapped toy or gift card for the child. Donations need to be returned by Dec 15. Drop off your **new, unwrapped** toys in the pink baskets in the church foyer, or to our parish office during business hours.



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.

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!**

Play practices will be held:

- **Dec 7** after the 11am Mass in the Parish Hall
- **Dec 11** at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall
- **Dec 14** after the 11am Mass in the Parish Hall
- **Dec 20** at 10am – **Dress Rehearsal in the Church**

Email Kim at johnkimansty@gmail.com for more information. We're looking forward to celebrating another joyful Christmas Play together!



Altar Servers Meeting - Are you an existing Altar Server, or are you looking to join the Ministry? You are invited to join us for an Altar Server's meeting and gathering on Saturday, December 13 at 10:30am in the church.

Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult, as this is not a drop-off session. If you're able to attend, kindly contact our Parish office by Wednesday, December 10 by email or phone so we can plan accordingly.



Dec 14 – '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 Mass on Dec 13/14 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.



Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you came to give us abundant life. Just like every generation before us, we get attached to the hills and valleys and sins that keep us at a "safe" distance from you. Help us to turn

back to you, to see the obstacles. Give us the grace to desire a smoother way by letting go of our sins, so you can fill our hearts with new life. **Prayer from cccb.ca**

Gospel Reflection: Second Sunday of Advent –

In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist. John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism may have been related to the practices of the Essenes, a Jewish sect of the first century. John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance . . . He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11). In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come (Jesus) is one of service and subservience: ". . . the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals" (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming.

Loyola Press – Sunday Connection

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



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