

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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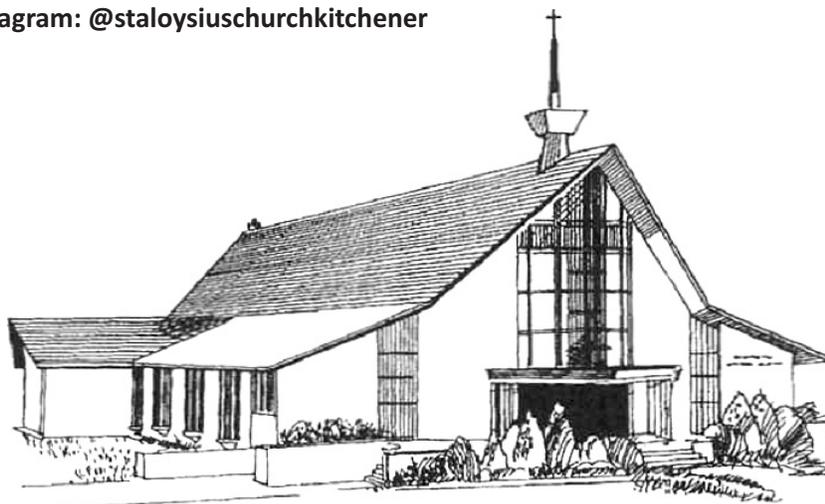
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.....7:00pm

WEDNESDAY...8:30am

THURSDAY.....8:30am

FRIDAY.....8:30am

CONFESSIONS - Tuesday: 6 - 6:45pm, Saturday: 3:45 - 4:30pm, or by appointment.

BAPTISM - Please fill out an application form and contact our parish office for more details. Application forms can be found online or in our front foyer.

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Dec 13 – Dec 19, 2021

Monday (Memorial, St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr)
8:30 am + All Souls in Purgatory – Jacinthe Thibodeau
Tuesday (Memorial, St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor)
7:00 pm - Int. of David Grzesiak – Tina Fitzgerald
Wednesday (ferial)
8:30 am - Int. of Isabel Paiva - Rosa
Thursday (ferial)
8:30 am + Jessie Gillis – Helen Delaney
Friday (ferial)
8:30 am + James Stone – Helen Delaney and Family

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sat 5:00pm + Flynn Reaume – Betty Reaume and Family
Sun 9:00am + Jose Carreiro – Rosa and Carlos
Sun 11:00am + Zigmund and Evelyn Coulas – Debbie Coulas
Sun 7:00pm - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Aloysius

Parish News



We are happy to see you!
We now have more space to welcome you at our public Masses! Physically distant seating and our Covid-19 health and safety regulations remain in place. **Our Parish**

Office is open by appointment only. Please contact us in advance by phone or email to arrange an appointment during office hours.

The Obligation to attend Sunday Mass is suspended until further notice. *If you choose to return to Mass at this time, please read these important guidelines;*

- All Masses are first come first served
- Masks must be worn at church
- Physical distancing measures are in place.
- Doors Open 30 minutes prior to Mass
- Please arrive at the main door of St. Aloysius at least 15 minutes before Mass time.
- Follow the direction of Ushers who will seat you at available designated seats.

Thank you for continuing to follow our Covid-19 safety measures to help keep everyone safe and healthy!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE—FRI DEC 24th: 4pm, 6pm, 10pm

CHRISTMAS DAY—SAT DEC 25: 8am, 10am, 12pm
(no Saturday evening Mass)

SUN DEC 26—Feast of the Holy Family: 9am, 11am, 7pm

DEC 31/JAN 1—Feast of Mary, Mother of God:
FRI DEC 31 at 5pm and SAT JAN 1 at 9am, 11am
(no Saturday evening Mass)

SUN JAN 2: 9am, 11am and 7pm

Seating is first come first served
Doors open 30 mins prior to Mass
Masks must be worn

Prayer for Third Sunday of Advent

Lord Jesus, our brother and our saviour,
come into our hearts with your love,
with your joy, your hope, and your
peace.

Help us to reflect your love for all 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 taken from cccb.ca

INFORMATION REGARDING 2021 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS FOR CHURCH OFFERINGS:

Please note that you must have 2021 Offerings to the church no later than end of day **December 29** if you wish it to be reflected in the 2021 Tax Receipt. **Donations that come after this date including those made on December 31st will be put towards your 2022 Tax Receipt.**

YEAR OF AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY - HAMILTON DIOCESAN SPEAKER SERIES

The kickoff to the Diocesan speaker series will be in January, with a special three-part presentation by Bishop Lobsinger, with input from the Pastoral Offices staff. The evening sessions will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. on Jan. 12th, 19th and 26th, and will unpack the great wisdom in Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love in Families and Church. The presentations, by zoom, are meant to engage all members of the Diocese in looking at both the challenges and blessings of families in the world today. Check the Diocesan website at <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/> for more information about both the year and the Diocesan Speaker Series. Online registration will be necessary to receive the link, where you can join in by phone or internet.



THE 2021 – 2023 SYNOD OF BISHOPS

brings an invitation from Pope Francis to embark on a journey together. How can you get involved? Offer your thoughts on how we can deepen our

communion in the Lord and how all members of the Church can participate more fully in its mission. Visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about>.

DIOCESE OF HAMILTON - PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH

Parenting Tip 135 - The excitement of Christmas begins to build even before Halloween. Children are targeted with ads and commercials to ask Santa for the latest toys, electronic device, or game. As parents we love to see the anticipation, but our task is a greater one – it is to keep the reason for Christmas at the forefront of our children’s minds and understanding. Are they as excited about the coming of Christ and it’s meaning for all people? Do they have a sense that long after every gift they desire from Santa is gone, the truths, love, care, compassion, guidance, and stability from God will live on to help each of us to live and, ultimately, receive the gift of eternity? The true gift of Christmas should never be the last one we think of, or getting excited about, since it is indeed the most valuable. Advent is the perfect time to daily bring all of this to light!

ADVENT CONFESSION OPPORTUNITIES

Weeknights:

- Tues Nov 30 6:00 - 6:45pm**
- Tues Dec 7 6:00 - 6:45pm**
- Tues Dec 14 6:00 - 6:45pm**
- Tues Dec 21 6:00 - 6:45pm**
- Wed Dec 22 5:00 - 7:00pm**

Weekends:

- Sat Dec 4 3:45 – 4:30pm**
- Sat Dec 11 3:45 – 4:30pm**
- Sat Dec 18 3:45 – 4:30pm**
- Sat Dec 18 6:00 – 7:00pm**

Gospel Reflection: Third Sunday of Advent Weekend of December 11/12, 2021.



In today’s Gospel we hear the prophet John the Baptist being asked an insightful stewardship question: “What should we do?” Each group wants to know the appropriate response to John’s call; each reply points to how they should treat others. John does not simply say, “Be baptized.” Rather, he points them to their jobs and personal relationships. John’s message is simple: judgment is near, and repentance includes treating others well. We should be willing to share what we have with those in need. To listen to John the Baptist is to be called to account. Do I give only of my excess, or am I the good steward who is willing to make daily sacrifices in order to help others?

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