

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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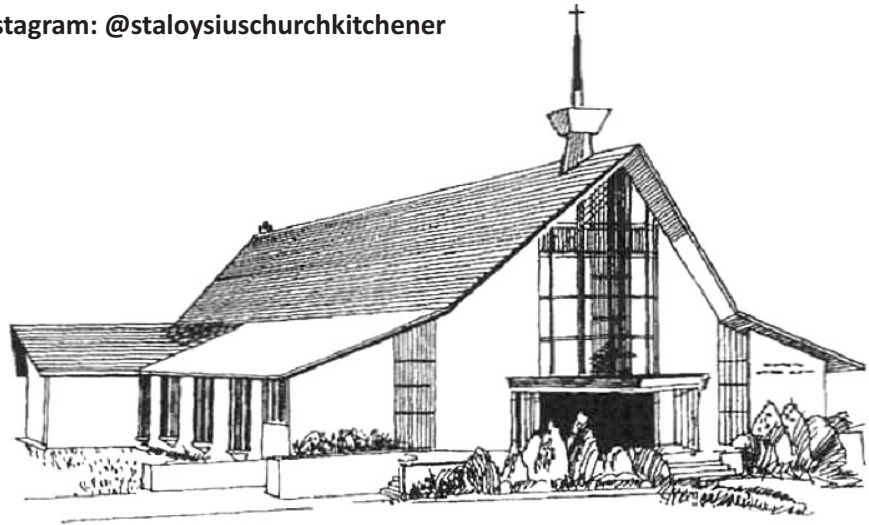
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**OFFICE HOURS:**

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

SATURDAY.....8:30am

**CONFESSIONS** - Tuesday: 6 - 6:45pm, 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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 23– Dec 29, 2024

<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<i>(ferial)</i> + Luiza Cabral + Bev and Karol
<b>Tuesday</b> 4:30 pm 7:00 pm 9:00 pm	<i>Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord</i> - Int. of Children and Youth in our Parish - Int. of all Priests in the Diocese of Hamilton Memorial Mass
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	<i>Christmas – The Nativity of the Lord</i> <i>Midnight Mass</i> Memorial Mass Memorial Mass Memorial Mass
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<i>(Feast, St. Stephen, The First Martyr)</i> + Rita Pereira
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<i>(Feast, St. John, Apostle, Evangelist)</i> + Lucy De Amorim + Arminda and Nicolino Pacheco
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 am	<i>(Feast – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs)</i> + Herb Altman - Int. of Ron and Daniela Frumkin
<b>Feast – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b>	
<b>Sat 5pm</b>	+ Randy Dopp
<b>Sun 9am</b>	- Int. of Rosa and Carlos Paiva + Dmytro Pawliw
<b>Sun 11am</b>	+ Jean Maloney + Joan Voll
<b>Sun 7pm</b>	- Int. of our Parishioners



### MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 30 2024– Jan 5, 2025

<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	<i>(Sixth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity)</i> - Int. of Eduarda Avila + Rita Pereira
<b>Tuesday</b> 5:00 pm 11:00 pm	<i>(The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God)</i> + Doris Donnelly <i>Adoration followed by Midnight Mass</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 12:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	<i>(The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God)</i> <i>Midnight Mass follows Adoration</i> - Int. of our Parishioners + Rita Pereira + All Souls in Purgatory
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<i>(Memorial – St. Basil the Great &amp; St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors)</i> + Ramon Aguto + Audrey Marie Saunders
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<i>(ferial)</i> + Fernande Puren
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 am	<i>(ferial)</i>
<b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>	
<b>Sat 5pm</b>	- Int. of our Parishioners
<b>Sun 9am</b>	- Int. of Bob & Kathie Borys + Lucy De Amorim
<b>Sun 11am</b>	+ Ramon Aguto + Brian de Silva
<b>Sun 7pm</b>	+ All Souls in Purgatory



Dec 23– Dec 29, 2024

<b>Monday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stained Glass Guild ..... 4:00 pm</li> <li>• Office closed and reopens Fri Dec 27 from 9am-12.....</li> </ul>
<b>Saturday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confessions ..... 3:45-4:30pm</li> </ul>



Dec 30 – Jan 5, 2025

<b>Monday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stained Glass Guild ..... 4:00 pm</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service ..... 10:30 am</li> <li>• Adoration followed by Midnight Mass ..... 11:00 pm</li> </ul>

### Office hours over Christmas holidays

If you are looking to visit the parish office over the Christmas holidays, please note the following office hours;

<b>Mon Dec 23 - Thurs Dec 26:</b>	office closed
<b>Fri Dec 27:</b>	office open from 9am - 12
<b>Mon Dec 30:</b>	office closed
<b>Tues Dec 31:</b>	office open from 9am-12
<b>Wed Jan 1:</b>	office closed
<b>Thurs Jan 2:</b>	office open from 9am-12 and 1-4:30pm
<b>Fri Jan 2:</b>	office open from 9am-12pm

*Offertory Report not available this week*  
*We will not be having a bulletin on Sunday Dec 29, 2024*

### News from the St. Aloysius Children's Liturgy



The children of the parish will be hosting a **Christmas play at the Christmas Eve Mass on December 24 at 4:30 pm**. We look forward to another joyous Christmas play.

Please note, there will not be a Children's Liturgy on Sun Dec 29 or Sun Jan 5. The Children's Liturgy will resume on Sun Jan 12, 2025 during the 11am Mass.

### New Year's Eve Adoration at St. Aloysius Parish

In Thanksgiving to God for all that has happened in 2024, we will be having Adoration in our Church on December 31 starting at 11pm, followed by Mass at Midnight.



### Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Jesus, infant of hope, make our souls leap at the sound of your name. Draw us into the hope of your coming among us. Help us to see you in the midst of the burdens we carry, that we might trust in the promise of your life. *Amen*  
**Prayer from cccb.ca**



# 2024 Christmas Mass Times

**The Nativity of the Lord**  
**Christmas Eve, Tues Dec 24**  
4:30pm - *with Children's Play*  
7:00 pm, 9:00 pm and Midnight

**Christmas Day, Wed Dec 25**  
9:00am and 11:00am

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**  
Tues Dec 31 - 5:00pm  
Tues Dec 31 - 11:00pm Adoration followed by Mass at Midnight  
Wed Jan 1 - 9:00am and 11:00am



### Marian Movement for Priests Prayer Group

The prayer group will not be gathering on Tue Dec 24 or Tues Dec 31. They will resume their weekly prayer group following the Tues 6pm evening Mass on Jan 7. *See information below about the change to the Tues Mass time.*

### Change to Tuesday evening Mass time

Starting in January, St. Aloysius Parish will be changing the Tuesday evening Mass time to begin at 6pm each week (moved from 7pm). Beginning Tuesday January 7, Adoration and Confessions will begin at 5pm, with our Mass beginning at 6pm. The weekly Marian Movement for Priests Prayer group will follow the 6pm Mass.

### Jubilee of Hope 2025

The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as "Pilgrims of Hope!" We are all invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all made available on the Diocesan Website: [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

**Christmas Young Adults Vocations Night** Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night starting at 6:30pm includes a Holy Hour, social with food, praise night with vocations testimony and Compline on **Sat Jan 4** at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Rd W. Hamilton). Sponsored by the Hamilton Diocese Vocations Office: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

### Gospel Reflections: The Fourth Sunday Of Advent December 22, 2024

- As we draw close to the great Feast of the Nativity, we hear the bold stewardship proclamation twice in today's second reading from the Letter to the Hebrews: "Behold, I come to do your will, O God!" Who is this Jesus? Who are we that we should follow him? Many want him as a friend, a guide, a king, an advocate. We long to see the face of God. Jesus reveals the nature of God, the servant sent to give us new life in Him. Take time to ponder: Do we have the courage to follow Jesus? To show others the face of God? To say to the Lord: "Behold, I come to do your will?"  
*From the ICSC - E-Bulletin*

### Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 29, 2024

- The ultimate aim of Saint Paul's Letter to the Colossians is to teach the community how to deepen its relationship with Christ Jesus. His list of virtues summarizes the ideals of communal stewardship: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. For Paul, practicing these virtues opens our hearts to Christ as individuals and as a worshipping community. This is how the Christian community ought to live. This is how its members should behave in their dealings with others, particularly with fellow believers. As we approach a new year, how might we embrace one of these virtues more fully in order to deepen our relationship with Jesus? *From the ICSC - E-Bulletin*

*A note from our Pastor, Father Melvin Pinto;*

**Thank you for your continued support of St. Aloysius Parish through your financial donations and volunteer efforts. We rely heavily on the help of our wonderful volunteers. Thank you to everyone who has given their time and talents to our many Ministries at St. Aloysius Parish over the past year! A big Thank You to all who have supported our Church throughout 2024. I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!**



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