

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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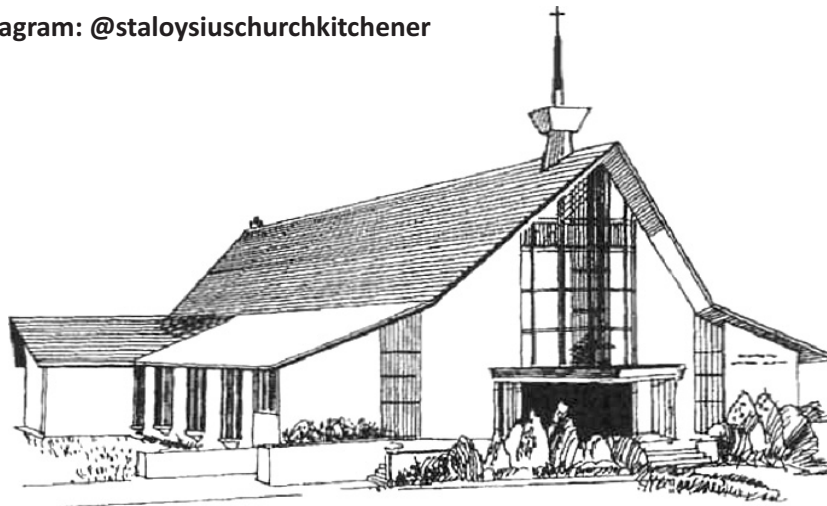
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OFFICE HOURS:

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 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.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 1 – Jan 7, 2024

Monday The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God. Holy Day of Obligation

9:00 am + All Souls In Purgatory
11:00 am - Int. of our Parishioners

Tuesday (*Memorial – St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors*)

7:00 pm + Ramon Aguto

Wednesday (*ferial*)

8:30 am - Denis DuCharme
 + Fernande Puren

Thursday (*ferial*)

8:30 am + All Souls in Purgatory

Friday (*ferial*)

8:30 am + Arminda Pacheco

Saturday (*ferial*)

8:30 am

Solemnity– The Epiphany of the Lord

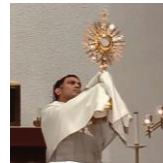
Saturday 5:00 pm – Int. of Fr. Melvin Pinto
 + Saverio Case

Sunday 9:00 am - Int. of Fr. David Avila
 - Int. of Natasha and Family

11:00 am + Ramon Aguto
 + D.E. Scappatura

Children’s Liturgy in our Parish Hall during 11:00 am Mass

7:00 pm – Int. of our Parishioners



New Year’s Eve Adoration at St. Aloysius Parish

In Thanksgiving to God for all that has happened in 2023, we will be having Adoration in our Church on December 31 starting at 11pm followed by Mass.



News from the St. Aloysius Children’s Liturgy

Please note, there will not be a Children’s Liturgy program on Sunday December 31. The Children’s Liturgy program will resume on Sunday January 7 during the 11am Mass.



The St. Aloysius Catholic Women’s League

would like to wish all of their members and their families a very Happy New Year.

A reminder, they will be having their next Executive Meeting on Tuesday January 2 at 7:30pm. Their next General Meeting is January 16 at 7:30pm with the Election of their new Executive. *Want to know more about the Catholic Women’s League?* Visit; <https://catholicwomenunite.ca/>. For questions, email; StAloysiusCWL@gmail.com.

Pre-Authorized Giving

To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, St. Aloysius Parish depends entirely on the generosity of our parishioners. Pre-authorized giving allows you to give to your parish intentionally and faithfully through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account. On or near the 15th day of each month, your account will be debited an amount you specify. These funds are then deposited directly into the Parish’s Account. To enroll, pick up a brochure in the church lobby, or download the forms online at this link; <https://staloyisus.on.ca/pre-authorized-giving>. Contact the parish office for questions and more information.

Vocations Mass and Young Adults Night – Jan 5, Hamilton

The Serra Club of Hamilton and the Hamilton Diocese Vocations Office are co-sponsoring a Mass for vocations Jan 5 at 6pm at the Annunciation of our Lord Parish (280 Limeridge Rd. W. in Hamilton). Following the Mass, Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults to attend a night of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in celebration of the Christmas Season. For more details, email; vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Schedule of Events

Jan 1 – Jan 7, 2024

Tuesday

- Stained Glass Guild 1:00 pm
- Confessions, Adoration and Mass..... 6:00 pm
- Prayer Group..... following Mass
- CWL Executive Meeting following Mass

Saturday

- Confessions 3:45-4:30 pm

Sunday

- Children’s Liturgyduring 11:00 am Mass

OFFERTORY REPORT UNAVAILABLE THIS WEEK
Thank you for your ongoing support!



Grief Support – Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton will offer a six week grief program starting Jan 17. The sessions are held from 1:30-3:00pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in Hamilton. Join in person or by zoom. To register go to hamiltondiocese.com and look for the start date under upcoming events.

Coming soon to St. Louis Parish in Waterloo - The Great Adventure Bible Timeline Study Program. The Bible Timeline® Study Program is a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows how 14 of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and gives the keys to understand the amazing story woven through Scripture. 12 sessions will be offered on Monday nights at 7:30pm starting Jan. 15, or on Sundays at 12:30pm starting Jan 14 (snacks provided). To sign up and for more information, call the St. Louis parish office at 519-743-4101 or email stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com. Course is free. Optional workbook is available for purchase.

ALPHA 2024 at St. Mark's Parish, Kitchener

Join them Thursday evenings, February 22 to May 2 at St. Mark's Parish Hall (55 Driftwood Drive). Alpha is an 11-week program that brings adults together for conversations about life, faith and Jesus. Plan to join them, all are welcome! To learn more, contact Denise Case at stmarkalpha@gmail.com.

Hamilton, Halton and K-W Serra Club's 'Vocation Seeds' -

Through Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person.

If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Hamilton Diocese Director of Vocations, by email at vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



Save The Date! The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass:

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance. Registration online at www.hamiltondiocese.com

Smart Steps – Supporting Step-Families is a workshop designed to assist all parents and step-parents who are adjusting to blended family life.

Location: Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, 28 Norfolk Street, Guelph, ON N1H 4H8

Time: 9:15am - 3:30pm

Price: \$50 per person

Date: Saturday, April 20, 2024

Register at hamiltondiocese.com

Gospel Reflection: The Feast of the Holy Family. Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth.

According to the Law of Moses as presented in the Book of Leviticus, a woman was considered ritually unclean during her menstrual period and for a prescribed period of time following the birth of a child. In order to be restored to ritual purity, a Jewish woman performed the appropriate rites of purification and made the prescribed ritual offering.

Today's Gospel notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel.

In Jerusalem, Luke reports that Mary and Joseph encounter two devout Jews, Simeon and Anna, who recognize the infant Jesus as the fulfillment of Israel's hope for redemption. In Simeon's words we find a prediction of Mary's witnessing of Jesus' death on the cross. The Canticle of Simeon, also called by its Latin name, *Nunc Dimitis*, is prayed at night prayer, or compline, during the Liturgy of the Hours.

Taken from the Loyola Press E-Bulletin

A note from 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 2023. I wish all of you a Blessed New Year!

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