

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

*St. Aloysius Gonzaga*

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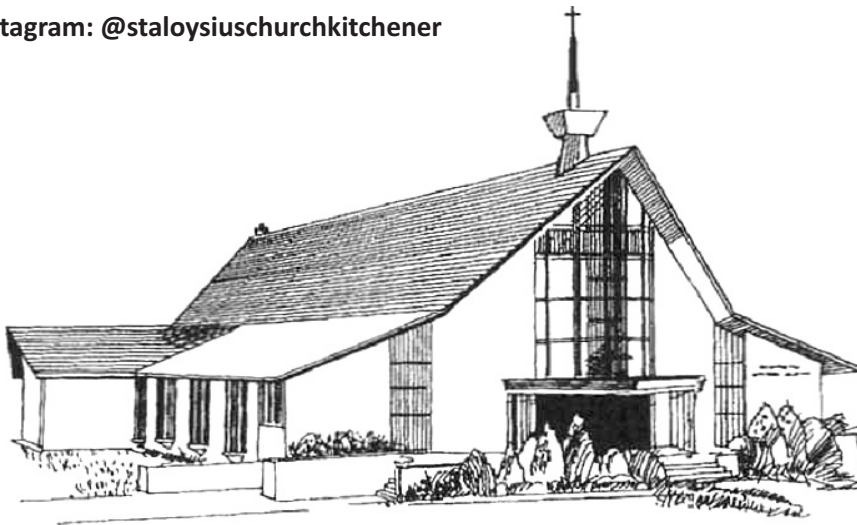
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#### **OFFICE HOURS:**

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.....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](http://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.

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 17 – Feb 23, 2025

**Monday** (ferial)  
8:30 am - Int. of Rosa and Carlos Paiva

**Tuesday** (ferial)  
6:00 pm + Beatriz Atienza  
- Int. of Valerie Grzesiak

**Wednesday** (ferial)  
8:30am + Antonietta Renda  
+ Taylor Wood

**Thursday** (ferial)  
8:30 am + Ron Morton

**Friday** (ferial)  
8:30 am - Int. of Nelson Paiva and family

**Saturday** (Feast – Chair of St. Peter, Apostle)  
8:30 am + Steven Thibodeau

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Sat 5pm** + Edward Delaney  
- Int. of Valerie Grzesiak

**Sun 9am** - Int. of Earl Byrne  
+ Helga Heller

**Sun 11am** + Laurie Lowe

**Children's Liturgy in parish hall during 11:00 am Mass**

**Sun 7pm** - Int. of our Parishioners



Feb 17 - Feb 23, 2025

- Tuesday**
- Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service ..... 10:30 am
  - Adoration, Confessions and Mass ..... 5:00 pm
  - Marian Movement for Priests Prayer Group ..... following 6pm Mass
  - CWL General/Budget Meeting ..... following 6pm Mass

**Wednesday**

- Briarfield Gardens Mass/Communion Service ..... 10:00 am
- RCIA/RCIC Program ..... 7:00 pm

**Thursday**

- Fergus Place Mass/Communion Service ..... 10:00 am

**Saturday**

- Confirmation Rehearsal (Candidates and Sponsors).. 11:00 am
- Confessions ..... 3:45 pm

**Sunday**

- Children's Liturgy ..... during 11:00 am Mass

### OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection ..... \$2565.00  
Sunday Loose Collection..... \$1052.00  
**Total Offertory for February 9, 2025 .....\$3617.00**  
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount)..... \$833.31

*Thank you for your ongoing support!*

**Please remember St. Aloysius Parish in your will** The Bequest Clause can be added to your existing Will as a codicil.

### **Bequest Clause**

I give and bequeath to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton, under a special Act of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, and whose offices are in Hamilton, ON for the benefit of St. Aloysius Parish, Kitchener; the sum of \$\_\_\_dollars, or a \_\_\_ percentage of the Estate, or the total of the residue of the Estate.



**News from the St. Aloysius CWL** - The CWL would like to remind their members that their next General meeting is coming up on Tuesday February 18 following the 6pm Mass. They will be discussing their budget.

**Parish Potluck** - Join us for a potluck dinner on Fri Feb 28 in our Parish Hall. Doors will open at 5:30pm, and the dinner will start at 6pm. Sign up in the church foyer and remember to list the dish you are bringing and the number of guests. We hope to see you!



### **February Heroes of Hope**

The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Jubilee Year, 2025, as "Pilgrims of Hope!" We are invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal.

**During the month of February, we are asked to pray for Diocesan Ministries.**

Lord God, by the grace of our baptism, you have given us new life in Christ and called us to serve as pilgrims of hope.

We pray in thanksgiving for those who have responded to your call to use their gifts and service of our Diocese, working in union with our Bishop, providing counsel to our Pastors and to support their Ministry as coworkers in the vineyard of the Lord.

Through their varied ministries, may they support the pastors of our Church, and through their work in our Diocese touch the hearts of all in our community who long for the hope, born of our Christian faith, that never disappoints.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Upcoming Sacraments at St. Aloysius Parish

### Sacrament of Confirmation:

Sat Feb 22 at 11am – Mandatory

Rehearsal for all Candidates and Sponsors

Sat Mar 1 at 11am - The Sacrament of Confirmation



### Sacrament of First Reconciliation:

Sat Mar 29 and Sat Apr 5 for our registered candidates.

### Sacrament of First Holy Communion:

Sat Apr 26 at 10am – Mandatory rehearsal for all candidates

Sat May 3 at 10:30am for Students of St. Aloysius and St. Timothy Schools.

Sun May 4 at 2:00 pm for Students of St. Kateri and our local public/private schools.

### 2025 Giving Options

Thank you for your ongoing support of St. Aloysius Parish! Please remember to pick up your annual tax receipt for your 2024 offerings, available now in our church foyer. For your convenience in 2025, there are several ways to help support the Church besides the weekend offertory.

- ✓ **Pre-Authorized Giving** – give monthly directly from your bank account! No need to prepare cheques or have cash on hand. Contact our parish office to sign up.
- ✓ **E-Transfer** – donate by emailing our Diocesan email address at [staloyysiukitchener@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:staloyysiukitchener@hamiltondiocese.com)
- ✓ **Canada Helps** – Scan the QR Code below to give with your credit card! One time or ongoing donations!



**St. Agnes Education Café** - Visit St. Agnes Parish in Waterloo for an informative talk on the marginalized in our community. From homeless encampments, bullying, to rising mental health cases, people can feel outcast and unloved. We are always called to love the sick, poor and suffering, even when it may be easier to look the other way. When we show love, we are Christ's merciful hands reaching out to heal. Join the group Sun Mar 2 from 2-3:30pm with special guest; Father Toby Collins from St. Mary's Parish, founder of the 'Tiny Home Takeout'. More info at; [www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org](http://www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org).

**Liturgical Ministers of Hope** - During Lent this year, the Diocese of Hamilton Liturgy Office invites all Liturgical Ministers to gather for a Lenten retreat on the theme of Liturgical Ministers of Hope.

**Sat Mar 22** - The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph – 10am-12:30pm

**Sat Mar 29** - St. Matthew Parish, Oakville - 10am-12:30pm

**Sat Apr 5** - Annunciation of our Lord, Hamilton - 10am-12:30pm

Register at; <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2025/02/liturgical-ministers-of-hope-retreat-three-dates/>

**Struggling in your Marriage?** Retrouvaille is a marriage program that helps couples who are struggling to restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. Retrouvaille helps to improve communication, build stronger marriages and aids couples to reconnect. For more information visit [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) or email [1013r@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:1013r@helpourmarriage.org).

**Diocesan Choir Looking for Members** - The Diocesan Choir leads and supports the assembly's song at major Diocesan liturgies, and is looking for new members. For more information, contact Sharon Fazari, Choir Director, at [sfazari@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:sfazari@hamiltondiocese.com).

### **Gospel Reflection: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain and focusses on The Beatitudes.

The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God. The word *blessed* in this context might be translated as "happy," "fortunate," or "favored."

Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God. *From Loyola Press – Sunday Connection*



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