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St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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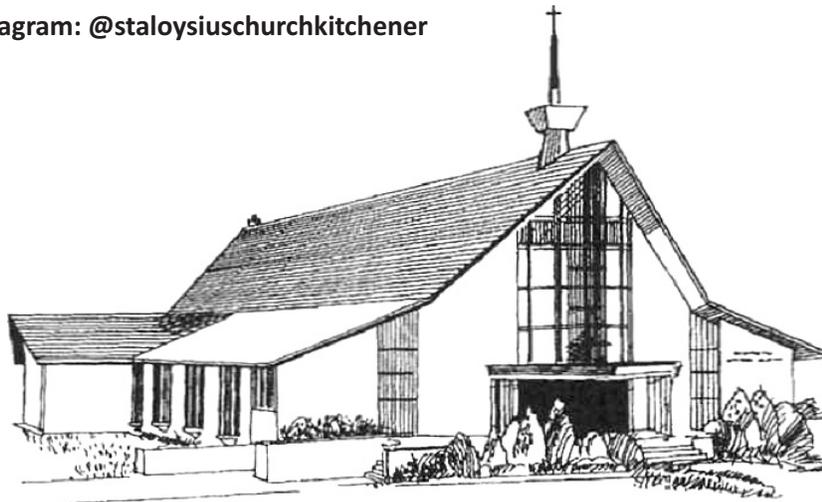
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Feb 20 – Feb 26, 2023

Monday (*ferial*)

8:30 am + Joe Cosentino

Tuesday (*ferial*)

7:00 pm - Int. of Nelson Paiva and Family
+ David Grzesiak

Wednesday *Ash Wednesday*

8:30 am + Mary Black and her deceased relatives

7:00 pm **Ash Wednesday Mass**

Thursday (*ferial*)

8:30 am + John Moore

Friday (*ferial*)

8:30 am - Int. of Lee Ann Paiva and family
+ Dan Costello

7:00 pm **Mass followed by Stations of the Cross**

Saturday (*ferial*)

8:30 am + Manuel Mota

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday

5:00 pm + Valerie Brown
+ David Grzesiak

Sunday

9:00 am + Francisco and Isabel Paiva
+ Eileen Sloan

11:00 am + All Souls in Purgatory
Children's Liturgy in Parish Hall during 11am Mass

7:00 pm - Int. of Our Parishioners

Parish News

Schedule of Events

Feb 20 – Feb 26, 2023

Monday

• Family Day – Office Closed 7-8pm

Tuesday

• Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service 10:30 am
• Stained Glass Guild 1:00 pm
• Adoration, Confessions and Mass 6:00 pm
• CWL General Meeting following 7pm Mass

Wednesday

• Briarfield Gardens Mass/Communion Service... 10:00 am
• Bible Study Group 10:00 am
• St. Aloysius School Ash Wednesday Liturgy 10:00 am
• St. Kateri School Ash Wednesday Liturgy 12:30 pm
• St. Timothy School Ash Wednesday Liturgy 2:00 pm

Friday

• Mass followed by Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm

Saturday

• Confessions 3:45 pm

Sunday

• Children's Liturgy in Parish Hall during 11:00 am Mass

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Lenten Reflection at St. Aloysius Church:

Join Father Sunil on **Mon Feb 27 and Tues Feb 28** for **Lenten Reflections** in our Church. Father will be hosting a talk both evenings at 6pm followed by Mass. The theme is from Luke 15:18; *I will get up and go back to my Father and say to him, "Father I have sinned against Heaven and against you."*

We will be having additional Masses during Lent every Friday evening at 7pm (except for Good Friday) from Friday Feb 24- Fri Mar 31 followed by Stations of the Cross.



News from the St. Aloysius CWL:

St. Aloysius CWL invites all members and friends to the 'Awaken Your Hearts' Retreat led by Barbara Paleczny, SSND, PhD/STH

THEME: Are parents ever right? Connecting to the Spirit

DATE: Mar 11, 2023 10am-1pm – includes a soup lunch

LOCATION: St. Aloysius Church Hall

Free admission – optional donations for South Sudan
Register by Mar 4: Lorraine Jack, 226-220-6948 or by email mlorrainejack@gmail.com or to Leanne Harper, 519-503-6550 by email Harper.Leanne@hotmail.com

Upcoming CWL meetings:

Tues Feb 21 following 7pm Mass – CWL General Meeting

All members are encouraged to attend as they will be disbursing their funds to their Charities. They will also be serving some Shrove Tuesday treats. ONE free membership will be drawn at the meeting. Please submit your 2023 membership dues of \$36.00 by Feb 21st to be in the draw.

Prison Ministry volunteers needed

Grand Valley Institution for Women is a federal prison located in St. Aloysius Parish. Their chaplaincy department is welcoming volunteers for a variety of possibilities such as praying the rosary, assisting at Mass or Communion Service, or driving the residents to Sunday mass. If you are interested please email maryann.mooney@bridgesofcanada.com or call 519-895-8140 and ask to speak to Chaplain; Mary Ann Mooney.

Join the Reel Justice Film Festival Feb 23, 7-9pm for an online film screening featuring two short films that highlight challenges and approaches to affordable housing. **A Better Tent City** follows a group of dedicated individuals, working together to create a self-organized housing community in Kitchener. **Safe** explores the housing and opioid crisis. Special discussion following the screening with **Fr. Toby Collins, C.R., Pastor at St. Mary's Parish, Kitchener. The screening and discussion will be hosted online.** R.S.V.P. at: reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/. *The Reel Justice Film Festival is a partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace.*

2023 World Day of Prayer Services – Fri Mar 3

The Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (www.wicc.org) annual World Day of Prayer will be celebrated in **Kitchener on Friday, March 3rd, 2023.** The program material this year was prepared by the Churches of Taiwan, with the theme, "I Have Heard About Your Faith". **Ways to participate:**

- Watch the video on Rogers Cable channel 20 on Fri, Mar 3, at 8:30am or 5pm
- Join a Zoom viewing session, followed by a discussion and prayer session hosted by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 7pm. Email Church for link at office.coordinator@standrewskw.com
- In person at St George's of Forest Hill Anglican Church Fri Mar 3 10am (or by livestream; <https://livestream.com/accounts/42588512>)
- Go directly to www.wicc.org and view the video at any time.

Support those in need in Turkey and Syria

On February 6th, parts of Turkey and Syria experienced a devastating earthquake. It is estimated that over 35,000 people have lost their lives and many more have been injured. The Diocese of Hamilton encourages those wishing to support the relief efforts to contribute to one of the following Catholic entities:

- **CNEWA – Catholic Near East Welfare Association** has been a lifeline for the poor for over 90 years. Find out more; <https://cnewa.org/ca/work/emergency-syria/>
- **CARITAS International** is rallying to support Caritas Turkey whose facilities, staff and volunteers have all been impacted; <https://www.caritas.org/>
- **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES: CRS** is partnering with agencies hardest hit by the earthquake. https://support.crs.org/donate/earthquakes?ms=agics2023eqk00her00&_ga=2.58454440.387174977.1675953053-1953421407.1675953052
- **CAN: Aid to the Church in Need** is serving impacted Christian communities especially in Syria. Find out more here; <https://acn-canada.square.site/>

2023 Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 16, 2023 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 1 guest if you require assistance. Register online at; www.hamiltondiocese.com.



Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time – Gospel Reflection

The last two antitheses offered in the Sermon on the Mount deal with love of enemies. We should not look

at "an eye for an eye" as an inordinately strict punishment. It is actually meant to limit acts of revenge by making sure the punishment is not excessive but fits the crime. However, Jesus asks his followers to take a different approach by resisting retaliation altogether. The response to a stronger person who slaps us on the cheek, takes us to court, or demands a service of us is not to resist. Similarly, for a weaker person, such as a beggar or borrower, we are to give him or her what he or she asks for. Those who are called to the Kingdom of Heaven are to go beyond the way the world usually works and serve God's kingdom here on earth.

The other difficult demand of those who are called to the kingdom is to embrace the enemy. There is no command in the Old Testament to hate individuals in a personal or vindictive way. But there is a religious stance that calls one to hate evil and to distance oneself from those who participate in evil. In contrast, Matthew emphasizes that love of God and love of neighbor are the fundamental commands on which all else depend. Because God's love is unconditional, we are to strive to love as God does, though, of course, it is challenging. Is it even possible?

The key is in the final verse. We are to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word *telos*, which is probably better translated here as "complete." We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness.

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