

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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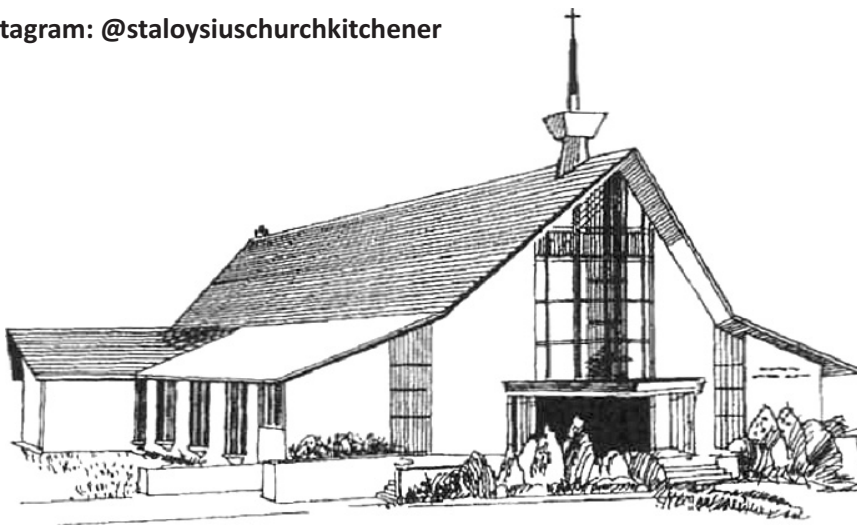
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OFFICE HOURS:

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 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.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 3– Feb 9, 2025

Monday

8:30 am

(ferial)

- Int. of Clara D'Cunha
+ Walter Grzesiak

Tuesday

6:00 pm

(ferial)

- Int. of Jacob Corke
+ Jan Chovanec

Wednesday

8:30am

(Memorial – St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr)

+ Beatriz Atienza

Thursday

8:30 am

(Memorial – St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs)

+ Herb and Violet Altman

Friday

8:30 am

(ferial)

+ Wynn Scott

First Friday Adoration following Mass

Saturday

8:30 am

(ferial)

+ Mary D'Souza

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 5pm

- Int. of Father Melvin Pinto - Int. of Karn Thurnell

Sun 9am

- Int. of Eduarda Avila - Int. of Earl Byrne

Sun 11am

+ Nena Marzouca - Int. of Michelle Sos

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

Sun 7pm

- Int. of our Parishioners



Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Today is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord also known as Candlemas. It marks forty days after Christ's birth when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple for the rites of purification and dedication. We have blessed candles for sale at \$5 dollars per box.

Special Diocesan Collection Feb 2 – This weekend is our Seminary Education Collection. The annual collection supports the educational needs of seminarians in the Diocese of Hamilton. Look for your envelope in your offertory box.

World Day for Consecrated Life Feb 2 – Please pray today and during the month of February for all who have been called to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life. Pray also for young people who feel a calling.



First Friday Adoration – Fri Feb 7

Please join us on Fri Feb 7 following our 8:30am morning Mass for our First Friday Adoration.

Schedule of Events

Monday

• Stained Glass Guild..... 4:00 pm

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

Wednesday

• Briarfield Gardens Mass/Communion Service 10:00 am

• RCIA/RCIC Program 7:00 pm

Thursday

• Fergus Place Mass/Communion Service 10:00 am

Friday

• First Friday Adoration..... following 8:30am Mass

Saturday

• Secular Carmel Meeting..... 9:30 am

• Monthly Baptisms 3:00 pm

• Confessions 3:45 pm

Sunday

• Children's Liturgy during 11:00 am Mass

OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection \$2805.00

Sunday Loose Collection..... \$1100.00

Total Offertory for January 26, 2025\$3905.00

Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount)..... \$833.31

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Jubilee of Hope 2025 – 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

Confirmation: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on

Saturday March 1 at 11am.

57 students and adults are preparing to receive the Sacrament. A reminder of the mandatory rehearsal for all Candidates and Sponsors on **Saturday February 22 at 11am.**

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion:

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated on **Sat Mar 29 and Sat Apr 5** for our registered candidates. More information will soon be emailed to families.

76 students are preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. This year we have 2 dates;

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.

A reminder of the mandatory rehearsal for all registered First Communion Candidates; **Saturday April 26 at 10am.**

Please keep these 133 students and adults in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacraments this year.

Monthly Prayer Vigil - Feb 6, 2025 - The KW Right to Life welcomes all to come and pray and be a witness for God's unborn babies being aborted. They invite you to their monthly prayer Vigil; Feb 6 from 10-11am opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E, Kitchener. Parking is available across the road at Schneider Park.

ALPHA 2025 - Thursday evenings, Feb 20 to May 1, 6:30 to 9:15pm at St. Mark's Parish in Kitchener. Alpha is an 11-week program that brings adults together for conversations about life, faith and Jesus in a relaxed setting. They start each session with a delicious homemade meal followed by a video and small group discussion. For more info contact Ron at stmarkalpha@gmail.com or 226-748-3210.

Opening the Holy Door: Spring Book Club - The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to join them for a four-week virtual book club, exploring the new book by Joan Watson, *"Opening the Holy Door."* Tuesdays from 1-2pm from **Mar 18-Apr 8, 2025**. Join them for this time of prayer and conversation, during this Jubilee Year of Hope. Register here; <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>

Enhancing Self-Esteem - This Diocesan program provides an opportunity to increase your self-awareness and to learn specific skills for building positive self-esteem. Issues covered include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings, positive ways to be assertive and setting realistic goals. The program runs from Mar 24-Jun 9 at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. To register go to hamiltondiocese.com.

Diocesan Choir Looking for New Members - The Diocesan Choir leads and supports the assembly's song at major Diocesan liturgies, such as the Chrism Mass and Ordinations, and is looking for new members. For more information, please contact Sharon Fazari, Choir Director, at sfazari@hamiltondiocese.com.

Marriage Tip of the Month from the Diocese of Hamilton - February is known as the month of love, but love needs to be part of our thinking 24/7!



Love is an action word, so take some time to reflect on your contribution to your married relationship. Do you use kind words, compliment, apologize, when necessary, show love through action in what you do for your spouse, pray for your spouse daily and make the time to be together and share your day? These will all build love and keep it strong.

Gospel Reflection: The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. Only Luke tells the story, most likely because he writes for Gentile Christians who are not familiar with the Jewish rite of presentation and purification. In addition, the intent of Luke's Gospel is to show that God's promise to Israel, fulfilled in Jesus, extends to Gentiles.

Luke recognizes Joseph and Mary as faithful Jews who bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Here they present their firstborn son to the Lord. Jesus is thus consecrated as required by the Law of Moses. Present in the temple at this time are Simeon and Anna. Both are awaiting the restoration of God's rule in Israel.

Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see Christ the Lord, the Messiah, before he died. The holy man immediately recognized the infant Jesus as the promised Savior, a "light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Anna also recognized Jesus as the fulfillment of the promise of redemption and spoke about him to all. *From Loyola Press – Sunday Connection*



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