

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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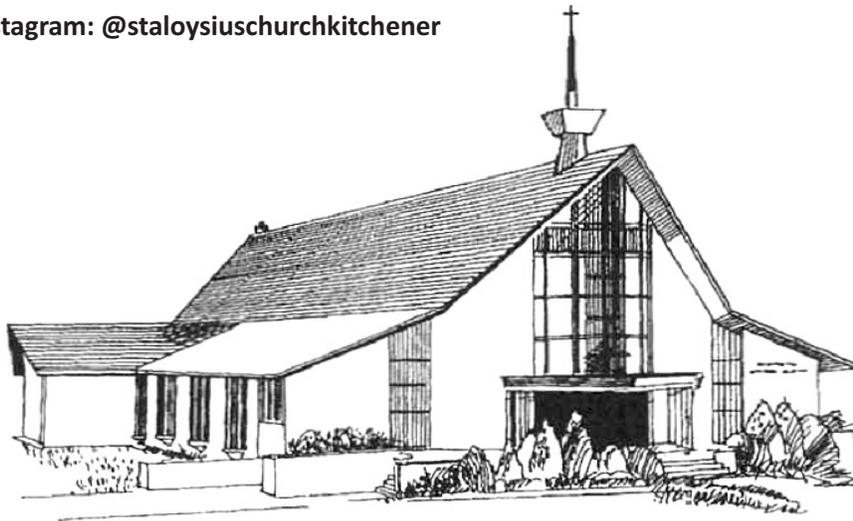
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**OFFICE HOURS:**

MONDAY: Closed, TUESDAY-THURSDAY: 9am-12pm & 1pm-4:30pm, FRIDAY: 9am-12pm

**SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

SATURDAY..... 5:00pm

SUNDAY.....9:00am

.....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, or in our parish office. 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.

# FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



## MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 23 – Mar 1 2026

- Monday** (ferial)  
8:30 am
- Tuesday** (ferial)  
6:00 pm + Andre and Anna Gagnon + David Grzesiak
- Wednesday** (ferial)  
8:30 am + Manuel Lindo
- Thursday** (ferial)  
8:30 am
- Friday** (ferial)  
8:30 am + Don Loncke  
6:00 pm Mass followed by Stations of the Cross
- Saturday** (ferial)  
8:30 am - Int. of Mattha Ty

### The Second Sunday of Lent

- Sat 5pm** + Mary L. Butters + Maria Nen Dinh  
**Sun 9am** + Manuel Lindo – Int. of Elizabeth Tighe  
**Sun 11am** + John and Yolanda Finoro  
*Children's Liturgy downstairs in Parish Hall during 11am Mass*  
**Sun 7pm** + All Souls in Purgatory

### Schedule of Events

Feb 23 – Mar 1 2026

- Monday**
- Stained Glass Guild ..... 4:00 pm
  - Food Pantry Open..... 6 – 7:00 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
  - Finance Council Meeting ..... 6:30pm
- Wednesday**
- Briarfield Gardens Communion Service/Mass..... 10:00 am
  - Bible Study Group..... 6:30 pm
  - RCIA/RCIC Program..... 7:00 pm
- Friday**
- Mass followed by Stations of the Cross..... 6:00 pm
- Saturday**
- First Holy Communion Info Session for registrants ..... 10:00 am
  - CWL Yarn and Yap in Parish Hall ..... 3:00 pm
  - Confessions..... 3:45-4:30 pm
- Sunday**
- Children's Liturgy – in parish Hall .....during 11am Mass

**Carmelite Order Special Collection-** Next weekend we will be having a collection for the Discalced Carmelite Order. Look for your envelope in your offertory box or pick up an envelope in the foyer to help support their religious order. Our Parish has been under the care of the Discalced Carmelites since 2012.

## Offertory Report

Sunday Envelope Collection for Feb 15.....\$2625.00  
Sunday Loose/Tip Tap Collection for Feb 15 .....\$1050.00  
Total Offertory for Feb 15, 2026..... \$3675.00  
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount)..... \$803.69



**We are Now in the Season of Lent** - Lent has been part of the Church's life for at least the past 1700 years. It began as a period of special preparation for adults being baptized during the Easter vigil. Gradually it became a period of penance and conversion for public sinners and also for devout members of the community.

**Purpose of Lent today:** Lent is a time of prayer and penance, when Christ wants to lead us back to our baptismal promises of dying to sin and of living for God.

### What can we do during the Season of Lent?

- **Penance:** Besides abstaining from meat, abstain from some other form of food, drink or entertainment. Families can work towards limiting screen time, reduce excessive shopping, turn away from gossip, look to quit habits like smoking and drinking alcohol and limit overscheduling their families to leave more time for prayer, reflection and quality time together.
- **Prayer:** Attend Mass regularly and try and go to at least one extra Mass during Lent. Pray with your family and spend extra time in personal prayer. Join the Stations of the Cross with the Community.
- **Good works:** Do good to others by visiting the sick or aged, help those in need, or contribute your time or money to charity.

### Lenten Confession Opportunities at St. Aloysius:

**Tuesday evenings** from 5-5:45pm  
**Saturday afternoons** from 3:45-4:30pm  
(except Holy Saturday)



**Friday Night Masses and Stations of the Cross During Lent** Every Friday during Lent (Feb 20–Mar 27), join us for an additional Friday evening Mass at 6pm followed by Stations of the Cross. *No evening Mass on Good Friday.*



**News from the CWL** The CWL elections are coming up! Please let an executive member know if you are interested in a position.

Join them for Yarn and Yap at 3pm on Feb 28 before mass. This is open to anyone interested in stitching, no matter the skill level. Please let a CWL Member know if you are a current member able to serve in a ministry at the mass on Feb 28.

**First Holy Communion** - A reminder of some upcoming dates for those who have registered for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.



**Sat Feb 28 - 10am** Information Session for parents/guardians of candidates

**Sat Mar 7 – 9:15am-Noon** Sacrament of First Reconciliation for registered Candidates

**Rehearsals for First Holy Communion**

**Saturday April 11, 2026 at 10am** for Students from St. Timothy, St. Aloysius and Public/Private Schools

**Saturday April 11, 2026 at 12:30pm** for Students from St. Josephine Bakhita and St. Kateri Schools

**Sacrament of First Holy Communion**

**Saturday April 18, 2026 at 10am** for Students from St. Aloysius, St. Timothy and Public/Private Schools

**Saturday April 18, 2026 at 12:30pm** for Students from St. Josephine Bakhita and St. Kateri Schools

Please keep our 98 students in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this year.

**Alpha 2026 at St. Mark's Parish, Kitchener** - Thursday evenings, Mar 5-May 14 from 6:30-9:15pm (starting with dinner). This 11-week program brings people together to talk about life, faith and Jesus. All adults who are curious about Jesus or want to strengthen their faith are welcome. Good will donations are appreciated. Contact Ron at [stmarkalpha@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkalpha@gmail.com) to register.

**World Day of Prayer 2026**

Friday, March 6th beginning with morning service at 10:30 a.m. at St Mathews Lutheran Church, 54 Benton Street, Kitchener. Focus on Nigeria "I will give you rest."

**Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2026**

Saturday, March 14th at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. For information regarding bus and tickets, please call Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519.

**Diocesan Wedding Anniversary**



**Mass** Are you celebrating a milestone Wedding Anniversary this year? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the Diocese for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sun May 31 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. Register under 'Upcoming Events' on the home page at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com).

**Electronic Donations** - Looking for ways to donate to St. Aloysius Parish from your phone? Scan the QR Code to donate to St. Aloysius Parish through CanadaHelps.



**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 legislative Assembly of Ontario, and whose offices are located in Hamilton for the benefit of St. Aloysius Parish, Kitchener; the sum of \$\_\_dollars, or \_\_\_ percentage of the Estate, or the total of the residue of the Estate.

**Gospel Reflection: First Sunday of Lent** - In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil. Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God. *Loyola Press – Sunday Connection*

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