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

PRIESTS

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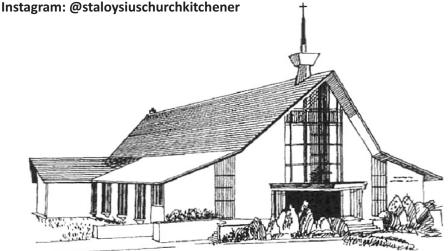
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OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY: Closed, TUESDAY-THURSDAY: 9am-12pm & 1pm-4:30pm, FRIDAY: 9am-12pm

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY..... 5:00pm SUNDAY......9:00am (interpreted for the deaf)11:00am7:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY......8:30am TUESDAY.....7:00pm WEDNESDAY....8:30am THURSDAY.....8:30am FRIDAY.....8:30am

CONFESSIONS - Tuesday: 6 - 6:45pm, Saturday: 3:45 - 4:30pm, or by appointment.

<u>BAPTISM</u> - 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.

<u>FUNERALS</u> - 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.



Feb 7 – Feb 13, 2022

Monday (Ferial)
8:30 am + Maria dos Anjos Engracia – Rosa Paiva
Tuesday (Ferial)
7:00 pm + Nick Ebner Jr. – Karl & Ruth Ann Gmach
Wednesday (Ferial)
8:30 am + All Souls In Purgatory – Rosa Paiva
Thursday (Memorial - St. Scholastica, Virgin)
8:30 am + Fernande Puren – Puren/D'Silva Families
Friday (Ferial)
8:30 am + Fatima Vitorino – Legion of Mary

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 5:00 pm+ Brenda Bowering - FamilySun 9:00 am+ Fatima Vitorino - Frank & Theresia BurgundSun 11:00 am+ Reta Lienhardt - EduardaSun 7:00 pm- Int. of Parishioners

Parish News



Our weekday and weekend public masses continuing are at St. Aloysius with reduced capacity. Physically distant seating and our Covid-19 health and safety regulations remain in place.

The Obligation to attend Sunday Mass is suspended until further notice. *If you choose to return to Mass at this time, please read these important guidelines;*

- All Masses are first come first served
- Masks must be worn at church
- Physical distancing measures are in place.
- Doors Open 30 minutes prior to Mass
- Please arrive at the main door of St. Aloysius at least 15 minutes before Mass time.
- Follow the direction of Ushers who will seat you at available designated seats.

Protect each other.

Wear a face covering.

Nose, mouth and chin must be covered.



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 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.



2022 First Communion and Confirmation Sacraments

Registration for 2022 Sacraments is now open through our Parish Website. Please register by February 15, 2022. Preparation for First

Communion and Confirmation is currently happening in our Catholic School system for children in Grades 2 and 7. If your child is not attending a Catholic School and you would like them to receive a Sacrament at St. Aloysius, please contact our Parish office as soon as possible for more information.



Job Opportunity with the Waterloo Catholic District School Board: They are currently accepting applications for Occasional Teachers

Please visit their website for job details and application criteria: <u>https://www.wcdsb.ca/</u>



ReStart – This is program aimed at starting over after separation or divorce with support, care, and tools for your journey. They invite you to check out the Hamilton Diocesan website at:

https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/familyministry/divorce-separation.php

to see the programs they offer and to find out dates of the new programs to be offered in early 2022. If you have questions, please call the Diocese of Hamilton Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

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The Diocesan Speaker Series is the highlight of the Year of *Amoris Laetitia* Family. It will feature a monthly topic related to family from January through to

June, held virtually on Zoom. Author Connie Clark will be leading the session on **February 16th, 2022, from 7-8:30 PM**, titled "The Witness of Faith in the Home." For more information and to register visit the Diocesan webpage at;

https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/speaker-series/

Workshop - Death and Dying Let's Talk About It

Do you find it difficult to talk about the topic of death and dying? If so, you are not alone. Having discussions about your own death and the death of others brings up many uncomfortable emotions so we tend to shy away from it. This Workshop is designed to help start those conversations. An opportunity to explore your feelings in a supportive and comfortable environment. Find tools to discover what death and dying means to you as a way to live a more open, honest and meaningful life.

Date: Sat. February 26, 2022 9:30am-3:30pm (includes lunch) Cost is \$65.

Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre 7020 Stanley Ave, Niagara Falls, ON. Call 905-356-4113 for details.



Hamilton Diocese Marriage Tip of the Month Some people drift into their relationships over a number of years, but it can also be said that people drift out of their relationships as well. We can become complacent and take for granted all the nice things are spouse does for us and/or sometimes we stop doing nice things for them. Over time we

compliment less, spend less time together, stop sharing our day, feelings, or hopes and dreams and suddenly lose sight of the other. When we continue to treat our relationship as new, taking the time to discover who the other is and complimenting them for it, we stay firmly attached instead of drifting apart. **Countdown to Lent:** Lent is only a few weeks away. It will begin on **Ash Wednesday March 2nd**. Lent is a time for penance and repentance, for almsgiving and prayer and for working to change attitudes that are not pleasing to God.



Gospel Reflection: Sunday February 6 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches from Simon's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon

protests, claiming that such an effort would be futile. Simon ultimately obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed. Notice here that Peter calls Jesus by the title "master." He already recognizes Jesus as a person of authority. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear; Jesus' presence has created abundance out of scarcity, just as it did at the wedding feast at Cana, which we heard at Mass just a few weeks ago.

Simon Peter becomes a follower of Jesus immediately. He calls Jesus "Lord"—the title given to Jesus after his Resurrection—and protests his worthiness to be in Jesus' presence. Today's Gospel, therefore, marks a turning point in the relationship between Jesus and Peter.

Two of Simon's partners are also named as witnesses to the event described in today's Gospel: Zebedee's sons, James and John. Yet Jesus' words are addressed only to Simon. Jesus gives Simon a new job, telling him that he will become a different kind of fisherman. No longer will he catch fish; instead he will catch people. In these words, we hear the beginning of the leadership role that Peter will have within the community of disciples. Peter was chosen for this role. His task will be to bring others to Jesus. Already he is doing so; the Gospel tells us that all the fishermen with Peter also left their nets and followed Jesus.

We continue to speak of Peter's leadership and influence in the Church today when we call the pope the "successor of Peter." We participate in the mission of the Church when we bring people to Christ through the example and positive influence of our lives.

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