

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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# St. Aloysius Catholic Church

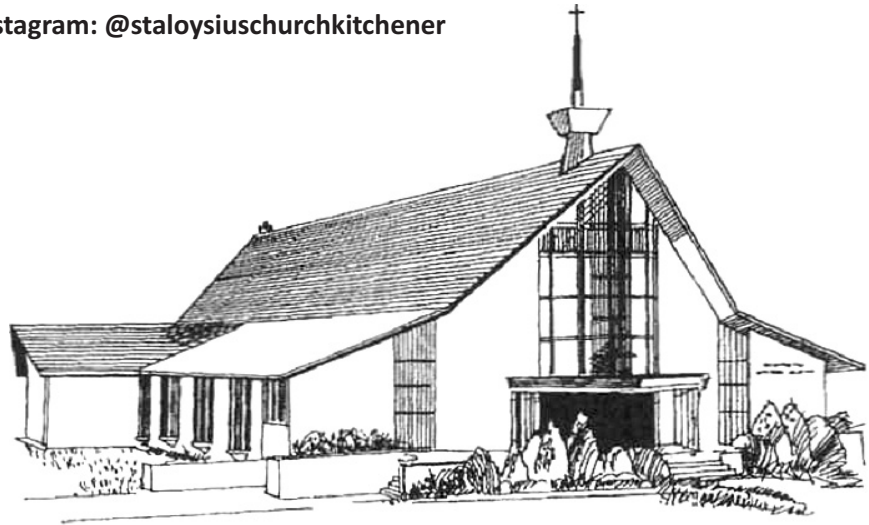
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**OFFICE HOURS:**

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 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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



### MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 26 – Mar 3, 2024

**Monday** (ferial)  
**8:30 am** + Marlene Carrera  
 + Lorenza (Lolly) Zachari

**Tuesday** (ferial)  
**7:00 pm** + Stan and Betty Borys

**Wednesday** (ferial)  
**8:30 am** + Don Loncke

**Thursday** (ferial)  
**8:30 am** + Lorenza (Lolly) Zachari

**Friday** (ferial)  
**8:30 am** + Mary Black  
*First Friday Adoration following 8:30am Mass*  
**7:00 pm** **Mass followed by Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday** (ferial)  
**8:30 am**

#### Third Sunday of Lent

**Sat 5:00 pm** + Larry Kekish  
 - Int. of Ann Stuart

**Sun 9:00 am** - Int. of Chris Gmach  
 + Lorenza (Lolly) Zachari

**Sun 11:00 am** - Int. of our Parishioners  
*Children's Liturgy in our Parish Hall during 11:00 am Mass*

**Sun 7:00 pm** + Eugene Woods

### Schedule of Events

Feb 26 – Mar 3, 2024

**Monday**  
 • Food Pantry Open ..... 7:00-8:00 pm

**Tuesday**  
 • Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service ..... 10:30 am  
 • Stained Glass Guild..... 1:00 pm  
 • Confessions, Adoration and Mass ..... 6:00 pm  
 • Prayer Group ..... following 7pm Mass

**Wednesday**  
 • Briarfield Mass/Communion Service..... 10:00 am

**Friday**  
 • First Friday Adoration and Exposition . following 8:30am Mass  
 • Stations of the Cross following Mass ..... 7:00 pm

**Saturday**  
 • First Reconciliation – Group #2 ..... 9:00 am  
 • Confessions ..... 3:45-4:30 pm

**Sunday**  
 • Children's Liturgy ..... during 11:00 am Mass



**Friday nights from Feb 16 – Mar 22 – Mass followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm**

**Wed Mar 20 at 7pm:** Lenten Confessions at St. Aloysius

### Holy Week Schedule:

**Holy Thursday March 28 at 7pm:** Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday March 29:**  
**12pm** - Celebration of the Lord's Passion (*Ideal for families with children*)  
**3pm** - Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**Holy Saturday March 30:**  
**12pm** - Blessing of the Easter Food  
**8pm** - Easter Vigil (*Approx. 2.5 hours*)

**Easter Sunday March 31:** Masses 9am, 11am  
 \*\*(*no 7pm Mass on Easter Sunday*)

**Divine Mercy Sunday April 7:**  
**1pm** – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
**3pm** – Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet

**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
 In a series of revelations to St. Faustina Kowalska in the 1930's our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Jesus asked that the feast day be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on Good Friday. It is now known as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope John Paul II. Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial and resurrection.

"Souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity." (Diary, 1602)

#### Lenten Confessions in Kitchener-Waterloo:

**Wed Mar 6 at 7pm** – St. Mark's, Kitchener  
**Tue Mar 12 at 7pm** – St. Anne's, Kitchener  
**Thur Mar 14 at 7pm** – St. Theresa's, Kitchener  
**Tue Mar 19 at 7pm** – St. Joseph's, Kitchener  
**\*\*Wed Mar 20 at 7pm – St. Aloysius, Kitchener\*\***  
**Thur Mar 21 at 7pm** – Blessed Sacrament, Kitchener  
**Fri Mar 22 at 7pm** – St. Anthony Daniel, Kitchener

#### OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection .....\$1741.00  
 Sunday Loose Collection .....\$940.00  
**Total Offertory for February 18, 2024..... \$2681.00**  
 Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....\$835.62

**Thank you for your ongoing financial support!**



### **Easter Flower Memorial Donations**

Consider making a Memorial Donation in honour of a loved one. The money will be used to decorate our Church with Easter flowers this year. Please pick up an 'Easter Flowers' envelope at the back of the Church. Remember to include the name of the loved one for whom you would like to be remembered, along with your donation in the envelope.



### **News from St. Aloysius CWL**

The CWL is proud to support the Women's Interfaith Council of Canada's 'World Day of Prayer' events. Locally people are invited to attend a service on Fri Mar 1 at 11 am at St. George's of Forest Hill Anglican Church in Kitchener followed by a reception. Attend in person or join the livestream via; <https://livestream.com/accounts/4258512>.

To learn more about the Catholic Women's League visit; <https://catholicwomenunite.ca/>. For questions, email; [StAloysiusCWL@gmail.com](mailto:StAloysiusCWL@gmail.com).



**Share Lent Campaign-** Established in 1967, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. They address the root causes of poverty, oppression, and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity. For more visit; [devp.org/lent/resources](http://devp.org/lent/resources).

**St. Agnes Parish – Education Café speaker series** - Do you ever wonder how God is at work in your life? Find out how we can be more open to His voice by attending "Speaking our Truth as Catholics: The Truth Will Set You Free". With special guests Bishop Wayne Lobsinger & Teresa Hartnett, Director, Family Ministry. This free event is coming up Sun Mar 3, 1:30pm at St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo. Visit [saintagnescatholicchurch.org/events](http://saintagnescatholicchurch.org/events) for more details.

**Retrouaille program for Struggling Marriages** - Struggling in your marriage? The solution may be Retrouaille, a program designed to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. The program is designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. The next Retrouaille weekend is March 8-10. For details, call 905-664-5212 or email [teamrecine@gmail.com](mailto:teamrecine@gmail.com).

**Re-Start Program** - Join the Diocese of Hamilton's 10-week program for support after a separation or Divorce. Sessions will run on Monday evenings from Apr 8 – Jun 17 from 7-9pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. W in Hamilton. People can also join the Zoom classroom. Cost is \$35.00 for materials, but no one is turned away. For more information, click; <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2024/01/restart-moving-forward/>.

### **Hamilton Diocese Tip for families during the Lenten Season**

**Tip #2 – Set the Scene** - Create an intentional space for prayer. Working together to create a prayer centre in the home can be a lovely opportunity for the creativity of your family members to shine. Make sure the space you choose is comfortable and inviting for all children present. Think about utilizing signs and symbols from the Church to heighten awareness to the importance of this prayer time; candles, a Crucifix, a purple cloth, a Bible and signs and symbols of spring. If someone in the family is musical, the inclusion of music always elevates prayer.

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/office-for-evangelization-catechesis/resources-for-families/lenten-resource-for-families/>

### **Special collection next weekend!**

On Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **Gospel Reflection for Second Sunday of Lent – Weekend of February 24/25, 2024**

The Gospel story of the transfiguration of Jesus holds many lessons; the most prominent being the transformation of Jesus from simply being perceived as a wise and gifted prophet to the one who has fulfilled the sacred traditions of the Mosaic law and the hope of the prophets, the Messiah, the Christ. The Lord calls his stewards to participate in His redemptive activity. Heeding this call requires transformation, being willing to renounce patterns of behavior that draw us away from God. In this coming week of Lent, let us pray for the grace to be transformed, so that by our goodness and generosity, we may walk more authentically in the footsteps of Jesus.

*From the ICSC E-Bulletin*

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