

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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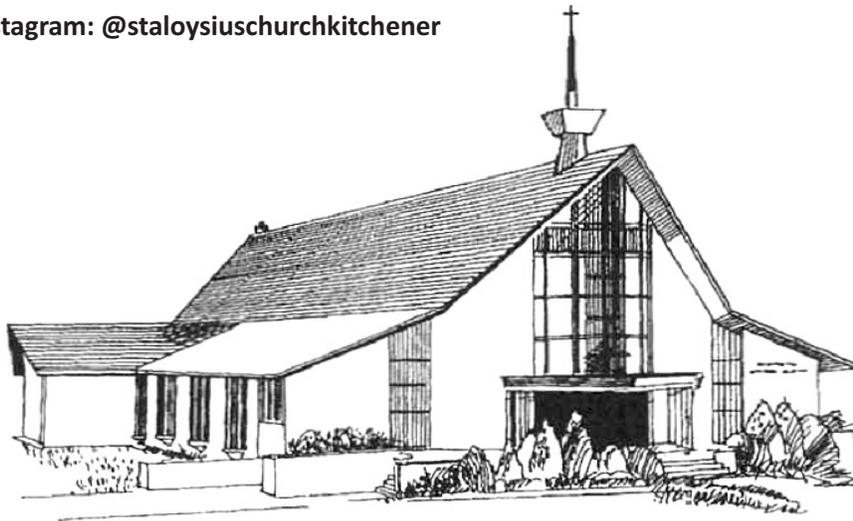
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 12 – Jan 18 2026

Monday (Memorial – St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Virgin)

8:30 am + Maria Nen Dinh
- Int. of Fr. Augustin Maria

Tuesday (ferial)

6:00 pm + Lucy De Amorim

Wednesday (ferial)

8:30 am + Manuel and Bernard Da Silva

Thursday (ferial)

8:30 am + Bernard Koebel

Friday (ferial)

8:30 am + Janet Pereira

Saturday (Memorial – St. Anthony, Abbot)

8:30 am - Int. of Fr. Vincent Kim

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 5pm + Antonio and Sara Afonso
+ Louise Schwartz

Sun 9am - Int. of Rosa and Carlos Paiva
+ Milka Persin

Sun 11am + Selvam Moodley

Children's Liturgy downstairs in Parish Hall during 11am Mass

Sun 7pm - Int. of our Parishioners

Jan 12 – Jan 18 2026

Schedule of Events

Monday

- Stained Glass Guild..... 4:00 pm
- Food Pantry Open 6:00–7:00 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

Wednesday

- Briarfield Gardens Communion Service/Mass 10:00 am
- Bible Study Group 6:30 pm
- RCIA/RCIC Program 7:00 pm

Thursday

- Fergus Place Communion Service/Mass 10:00 am

Saturday

- Confessions 3:45-4:30 pm

Sunday

- Children's Liturgy – in parish Hall.....during 11am Mass

Tax Receipt Information: We will soon be preparing the tax receipts for the 2025 tax year. If your home address changed in 2025, please inform our Parish Office as soon as possible so we may update our records.

St. Aloysius Parish would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our parishioners for your continued generosity and support, especially throughout the Christmas season.

Offertory Report

'The Solemnity of Mary' Offertory Envelopes (includes all New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Masses)\$1455.00

'The Solemnity of Mary' Loose Donations (loose /Tip Tap at all New Year's Eve and New Year's Day Masses)\$1152.00

Sunday Offertory

Sunday Envelope Collection for Jan 4..... \$2048.00

Sunday Loose/Tip Tap Collection for Jan 4..... \$945.00

Total Offertory for Jan 4, 2026\$2993.00

Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount)..... \$862.54



Thank You for Supporting Our Church Door Project

Thank you Parishioners! Since August, \$15,800.00 has been donated toward the installation of our new doors at the front entrance,

Marian entrance, and Parish Hall. This goes a long way towards our total cost of just over \$35,000. If you'd like to help us reach our goal, "Special Appeal" envelopes are available at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support!

Pre-Authorized Giving Information

St. Aloysius Parish depends entirely on the generosity of our parishioners. Pre-authorized giving allows you to give to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account. On or near the 15th day of each month, your account will be debited an amount you specify. For more information please see the brochures in the Church foyer, pick up a form at the parish office, or download the forms through our website at; <https://staloyusius.on.ca/pre-authorized-giving>.

Sunday of the Word of God, January 25, 2026 - In the Apostolic Letter *Aperuit illis*, Pope Francis instituted the Sunday of the Word of God, which is celebrated on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. "Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the Word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world." Pope Francis.

The Reel Justice Film Festival is back with another year of enlightening films and meaningful dialogue! 'Push', a movie about housing insecurity, will be featured on Jan 22, starting at 7pm. 'Push' sheds light on a new kind of faceless landlord, our increasingly unliveable cities and an escalating crisis. Visit <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> to register for the screening. The Reel Justice Film Festival is a partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace

Christian Life Program Sponsored by Couples for Christ and its Family Ministries – Join them Thursdays from Jan 29-Mar 26 at St. Francis Church Hall in Kitchener. Topics include; God's Love, Who is Jesus Christ? and Transformation In Christ. It is open to Christian married couples, singles, widows and widowers and those separated or divorced. Dinner begins at 6pm with the program running from 7-9pm. There is no fee, and childcare is provided for kids 12 years and under. For more information, call Ave/Maricar; 226-978-9933 or 416-564-2239 or Len/Marie; 519-744-5198. Couples For Christ is an international association of the faithful linked to the Vatican through the Pontifical Council of the Laity.

Enhancing Self-Esteem - This program offered through the Diocese of Hamilton provides the opportunity to increase awareness of yourself and to learn specific skills for building positive self-esteem. Issues covered include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings, positive ways to behave assertively and setting realistic goals. The program will run Tuesdays from Feb 17 – April 21 from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. Register online at hamiltondiocese.com.

Pro-Life Prayer Vigil - Thurs Feb 5 from 10-11am to pray for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly opposite WRHN @ Chicopee (formerly Freeport Hospital), 3570 King St. E. Kitchener. Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. For questions, please contact Cathy at; cmlamers@rogers.com

Young Adults Night - Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Sat Feb 7 at St. Michael's Church, Waterloo**. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>.



The Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood, a community of Contemplative Sisters, have been present in the Hamilton Diocese

since 1946. In addition to their ministry of prayer, they produce altar breads for many Parishes, including St. Aloysius Parish. If you are interested in exploring a vocation of the Contemplative way of life, please contact them. More info can be found through their website at www.pbsisters.ca

Serra Club – Vocation Seeds for The Baptism of the Lord - As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus “a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”” If God is calling you to do be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, with the Hamilton Diocese at 905-528-7988 email; vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.



Gospel Reflection: The Baptism of the Lord

The baptism of Jesus is attested to in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The account that appears in Matthew is the only one to include the dialogue between Jesus and John, however. Another difference in Matthew's presentation of this event is the announcement made by the voice from heaven, which says, “This is my beloved son . . .” In Mark and Luke, this voice addresses itself to Jesus: “You are my beloved son . . .”

The baptisms that John performs prefigure Christian Baptism. John baptizes for repentance from sin. In accepting this baptism, Jesus unites himself with all sinners even though he is sinless. In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist distinguishes his practice of baptism from the Baptism that the Messiah brings: “I am baptizing you with water . . . He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire” (Matthew 3:11).

The baptism of Jesus is another manifestation of Christ, another epiphany. Christ's baptism inaugurates his mission. In an analogous way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians.

This Sunday marks a transition from the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. In a way, today's feast is the high point of the Christmas season. Before Jesus' birth, angels announced to Mary and to Joseph who Jesus would be. At his birth, the shepherds and the Magi recognize Jesus as the Messiah. At his baptism, Jesus accepts that he is God's son and inaugurates that mission. *Loyola Press – Sunday Connection*

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