

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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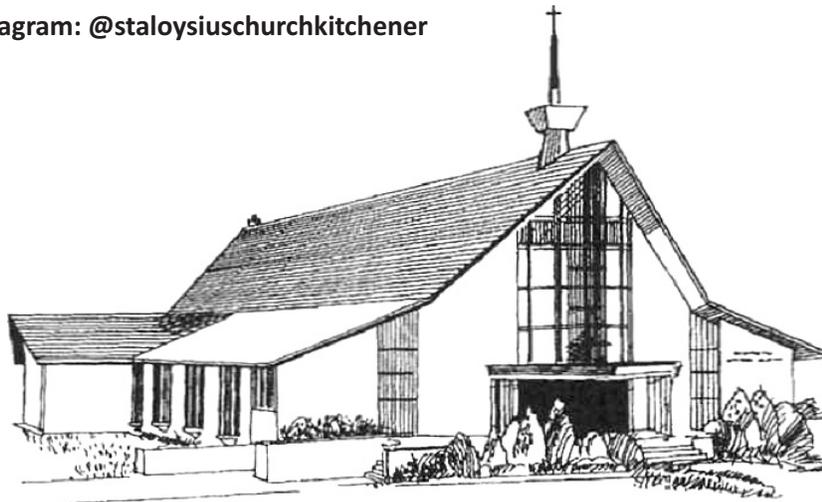
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.....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 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.

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 30 – Feb 5, 2023

Monday (ferial)

8:30 am - Int. of Nikolas Alder
+ Jack Perron

Tuesday (Memorial – St. James Bosco, Priest)

7:00 pm + David Grzesiak
+ Alfe Lambe

Wednesday (ferial)

8:30 am + Josephine Da Silva
+ Gilberte Roy

Thursday (Feast – The Presentation of the Lord)

8:30 am - Int. of Milka Persin
+ Norbert Rozek

Friday (ferial)

8:30 am + David Grzesiak

First Friday Adoration following the 8:30am Mass

Saturday (ferial)

8:30 am + Mary Black and her deceased relatives

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday

5:00 pm + Martiniano Atienza Sr.
- Int. of Jacob Corke

Sunday

9:00 am - Int. of our Parishioners

11:00 am + Arthur Ladzik
+ Warren and Ponciana Ortega

Children's Liturgy in Parish Hall during 11am Mass

7:00 pm + Gene Buencamino

Parish News

Jan 30 – Feb 5, 2023

Schedule of Events

Tuesday

- Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service..... 10:30 am
- Stained Glass Guild..... 1:00 pm
- Adoration, Confessions and Mass 6:00 pm

Wednesday

- Briarfield Gardens Mass/Communion Service... 10:00 am
- Bible Study Group..... 10:00 am

Friday

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

Saturday

- Confessions..... 3:45 pm

Sunday

- Children's Liturgy in Parish Hall.....during 11:00 am Mass
- Choir Leaders Meeting 2:00 pm

OFFERTORY REPORT

Regular Envelope contributions.....	\$1937.00
Loose.....	\$712.00
Offertory Collection Jan 22-2023.....	\$2649.00
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....	\$845.31

Thank you for your ongoing financial support!

Prison Ministry volunteers needed

Grand Valley Institution for Women is a federal prison located in St. Aloysius Parish. Their chaplaincy department is welcoming volunteers for a variety of possibilities such as praying the rosary, assisting at Mass or Communion Service, or driving the residents to Sunday Mass. If you are interested in exploring how you could volunteer, please email maryann.mooney@bridgesofcanada.com or call 519-895-8140 and ask to speak to Chaplain; Mary Ann Mooney.

Candlemas



Thurs Feb 2 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.

Join us for our 8:30am morning Mass and bring a candle to be blessed. We will also have blessed candles for sale after Mass at \$5 per box.

Mark Your Calendar for Two Days of Lenten Reflection:

Join Father Sunil on Mon Feb 27 and Tues Feb 28 for Lenten Reflections in our Church. Father will be hosting a talk both evenings at 6pm followed by Mass. The theme is from Luke 15:18; I will get up and go back to my Father and say to him, "Father I have sinned against Heaven and against you."

News from the St. Aloysius CWL:



The Catholic Women's League means many things to many people. Their core values of faith, service and justice guide them as they follow Catholic teaching, provide services locally, nationally and internationally and work to advocate for social justice. They have taken 52 words from their National Sisterhood Map and would like to share with you this week's word; **ADVOCACY**. Catholic Women's League members educate themselves on how to make their voices heard by government and work together to address social justice issues. Join them. Be an advocate and let your voice be heard! For more on the St. Aloysius CWL, please contact Lorraine Jack at mlorrainejack@gmail.com.



Special Diocesan Collection Feb 5, 2023

Next Sunday is our Seminary Education Collection. This annual collection supports the educational needs of seminarians in the Diocese of Hamilton. Look for your envelope in your offertory box.

Workshop on Relieving Stress

We may experience stress from world, regional, family or personal issues. You are invited to join Barbara Paleczny, School Sister of Notre Dame PhD, on **Sat, Feb 4, and Sat Feb 11 from 9:30 – 11:30** to learn ways to relieve and heal some of your stress. **Location:** Waterloo Catholic District School Board office, 35 Weber St. W, behind St. Mary's Church. To register, email St. Mary's Parish office stmarys@rogers.com.

News from the Diocesan Vocations Office

Young Adults Night – Feb 4.

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) in our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) Sat, Feb 4 at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, in Guelph. *Sponsored by the Hamilton Diocese Vocations Office.* For more info contact vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes!

The message of Our Lady to St. Bernadette is just as relevant today as it was in 1858. Be reminded of the healing power of prayer and honour Mary; **Sat Feb 11 at Our Lady of Lourdes, Church in Waterloo** with His Excellency; Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. It begins at 6pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confession followed by Mass with Anointing of the Sick and veneration of St. Bernadette's relics. A reception in the Parish Hall will follow.

Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

You're invited to experience the joy of a renewed friendship with Jesus through study, prayer, and lively group discussion. Bring your questions and learn together! **Tues Feb 14-Apr 11 from 9:45-11:45am or 7-9pm** at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Kitchener. The cost is \$10. For more information or to register, contact Bonnie: bonniegschroth@gmail.com, Agnes: tas3agnes@gmail.com or phone the parish office at 519-742-5061.



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WCDSB Kindergarten Registration is OPEN. It's time to sign up for the 2023-2024 school year and register to attend one of Waterloo Region's 43 Catholic Elementary Schools.

Children born in 2019 are eligible for Year 1 Kindergarten (JK)
Children born in 2018 are eligible for Year 2 Kindergarten (SK)
Find out more and register at <https://www.wcdsb.ca/>

St. Mary's General Hospital Board of Trustee Opportunities

Are you interested in being involved in an organization committed to compassionate, high quality and equitable care? The St. Mary's hospital board is looking to fill two positions for the coming term. More information is available on the hospital website: <https://www.smgh.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees/join-our-board-of-trustees>



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Gospel Reflection.

Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel. The form of the Beatitudes found here is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, in the psalms, and in wisdom literature, for example. They are a way to teach about who will find favor with God.

We quickly note in this reading that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

"Blessed" is sometimes translated as *happy, fortunate, or favored*. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favor is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. By referring to the good things that the faithful will experience, Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

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