

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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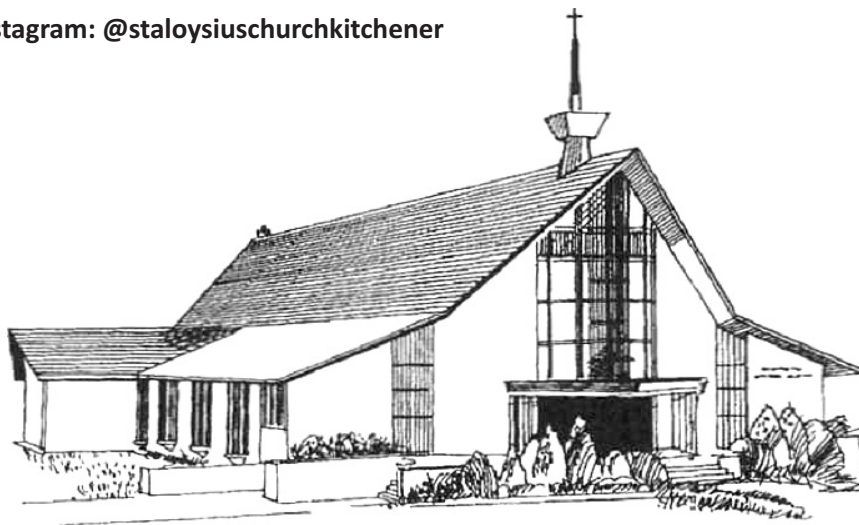
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.....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, 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

Mar 17 – Mar 23, 2025

Monday

8:30 am

(ferial)

+ Doreen Kirby

- Int. of Nancy and Nelson Paiva

Tuesday

6:00 pm

(ferial)

- In Thanksgiving for Caron D'Cunha

+ Dora-Mae and Raymond Thibodeau

Wednesday

8:30 am

(Solemnity, St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Principal Patron of Canada)

+ Doris and Eric D'Silva

+ Eugene Puren

Thursday

8:30 am

(ferial)

+ Mary D'Souza

- In Thanksgiving to St. Joseph

Friday

8:30 am

(ferial)

- For the Conversion of Sinners

6:00 pm

Evening Mass followed by Stations of the Cross

Saturday

8:30 am

(ferial)

Third Sunday of Lent

Sat 5pm

+ Valerine Fernandes

Sun 9am

+ Martiniano Atienza Sr. + Elijah Pura

Sun 11am

+ John McCotter

Children's Liturgy in parish hall during 11:00 am Mass

Sun 7pm

- Int. of our Parishioners

Schedule of Events

Mar 17 – Mar 23, 2025

Monday

• Stained Glass Guild 4:00 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

• CWL General Meeting following 6pm Mass

Wednesday

• Briarfield Gardens Mass/Communion Service 10:00 am

• RCIA/RCIC Program 7:00 pm

Thursday

• Fergus Place Mass/Communion Service 10:00 am

Friday

• Mass followed by Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm

Saturday

• Confessions 3:45 pm

Sunday

• Children's Liturgy during 11:00 am Mass

OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection \$2615.00

Sunday Loose Collection \$875.00

Total Offertory for Mar 9, 2025 \$3490.00

Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount) \$838.30

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What is 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. We prepare ourselves to enter once again into Jesus' Paschal mystery. *From the CCCB Living Lent Liturgical Leaflet.*

This week during Lent, 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. 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. *From the Diocese of Hamilton Lenten Resources*



Extra Mass on Friday evenings followed by Stations of the Cross During Lent – Every Friday during Lent (March 7 – April 11),

join us for an additional Friday evening Mass at 6pm followed by Stations of the Cross. *We will not be having a Friday evening Mass on Good Friday.*

Lenten Confession Opportunities at St. Aloysius:

Tuesday evenings from 5-5:45pm

Saturday afternoons from 3:45-4:30pm

(except Holy Saturday)

Thursday April 10 at 7:00pm



CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in June 2025 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service.

Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637



News from the St. Aloysius CWL

A reminder of their next General Meeting, **Tuesday March 18** in our Parish Hall following the 6pm evening Mass.

CWL Retreat: The CWL invites all ladies to a Lenten Retreat on Sat Apr 5 from 12:30-4pm in the parish centre. Lent is a time for deep prayer and repentance, which are essential elements in becoming Holy. Join them in discovering the hidden power of personal holiness. The retreat will be lead by Spiritual Director; Simone Robinson. To register, email staloysiuscwl@gmail.com or call/text 519-722-7383. Cost \$20 (cash at door, includes a soup lunch).

Upcoming Sacraments at

Sacrament of First Reconciliation:

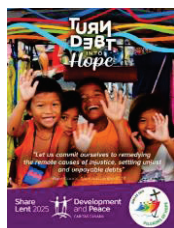
Sat Mar 29 and Sat Apr 5 for our registered candidates.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion:

Sat Apr 26 at 10am – Mandatory rehearsal for all candidates

Sat May 3 at 10:30am - St. Aloysius and St. Timothy Schools.

Sun May 4 at 2:00 pm - St. Kateri and our public/private schools.



Share Lent Campaign - 2025 is a Jubilee year. A year in which Pope Francis invites us to “*forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them.*” (*Spes non confundit*, 16). Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is responding to this call through a global campaign. Donate online at

devp.org/give or during the special collection on April 6

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday April 17 (no morning Mass)

7:00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday April 18 (no morning Mass)

12:00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion – for children

3:00pm - Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday April 19 (no morning Mass)

12:00pm - Blessing of the Easter Food

8:00pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday April 20

Masses 9:00am, 11:00am (no 7pm Mass)

Divine Mercy Sunday (Celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy) April 27

1pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1pm – 2:30pm - Confessions

3pm – Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Mass



How to Prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday on April 27.

Did you know when we pray at the 3:00 hour on Divine Mercy Sunday, completely in His Mercy, adoring and glorifying Him, mercy is opened wide for every soul? In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and others for the asking (Diary, 1572). *Why would we not take advantage of this?*



March Heroes of Hope

We are invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal during 2025, our Jubilee Year.

During the month of March, we are asked to pray for those who care for the poor.

Lord God, by the grace of our baptism, you have given us new life in Christ and called us to serve as pilgrims of hope.

We pray in thanksgiving for those who have responded to your call to respond to the needs of the poor, who provide safe shelter for the homeless, food to those who hunger, counsel to the unemployed and support to those who live with mental and physical disabilities.

Though their varied ministries, may they touch the hearts of all in our community who long for the hope, born of our Christian faith, that never disappoints. *We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

Liturgical Ministers of Hope - The Diocese of Hamilton Liturgy Office invites all Liturgical Ministers to gather for a Lenten retreat on the theme of Liturgical Ministers of Hope.

Sat Mar 22 - The Basilica of our Lady, Guelph – 10am-12:30pm

Sat Mar 29 - St. Matthew Parish, Oakville - 10am-12:30pm

Sat Apr 5 - Annunciation of our Lord, Hamilton - 10am-12:30pm

Register at; <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2025/02/liturgical-ministers-of-hope-retreat-three-dates/>

Gospel Reflection: Second Sunday of Lent – Today we hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. The Transfiguration occurs on a mountain in the presence of just three of Jesus' disciples—Peter, James and John. Luke indicates that the three disciples were sleeping while Jesus prayed. As they awake, Peter and the disciples see Jesus Transfigured and Elijah and Moses present with Jesus.

On witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, Peter offers to construct three tents for them. We also notice that Peter reverted from his earlier confession that Jesus is the Messiah, calling Jesus “master” instead. As if in reply to Peter's confusion, a voice from heaven speaks, affirming Jesus as God's Son and commanding that the disciples listen to him.

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. The disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.

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