

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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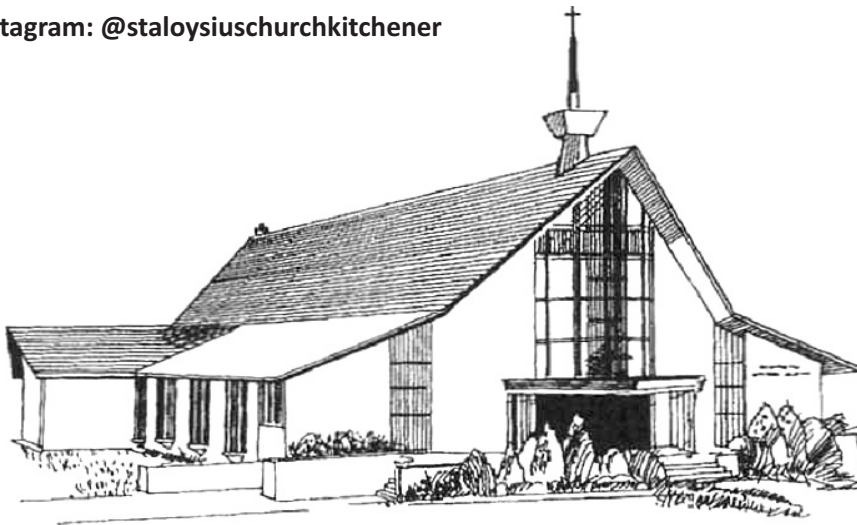
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASS INTENTIONS

Mar 3 – Mar 9, 2025

Monday	(ferial)
8:30 am	+ Norman and Jackie Stewart
Tuesday	(ferial)
6:00 pm	+ Anne Grzesiak
Wednesday	ASH WEDNESDAY
8:30 am	+ Nicolino Pacheco
7:00 pm	+ All Souls In Purgatory
Thursday	(ferial)
8:30 am	+ Mika Fabina
Friday	(ferial)
8:30 am	+ Lucy De Amorim
First Friday Adoration following 8:30am Mass	
6:00 pm	Evening Mass followed by Stations of the Cross
Saturday	(ferial)
8:30 am	+ Juan Legado
First Sunday of Lent	
Sat 5pm	+ Eva Dicsi + Karn Thurnell
Sun 9am	+ Herb and Violet Altman
	- In Thanksgiving for Abigail Atienza
Sun 11am	+ Beatriz Atienza - Int. of Rita Butters
Children's Liturgy in parish hall during 11:00 am Mass	
Sun 7pm	- Int. of our Parishioners

Schedule of Events

Mar 3 – Mar 9, 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 Groupfollowing 6pm Mass
Ash Wednesday
• Briarfield Gardens Mass/Communion Service 10:00 am
• Ash Wednesday Mass at Church for St. Aloysius School 10:30 am
• Ash Wednesday Liturgy at St. Kateri School..... 12:30 pm
• Ash Wednesday Liturgy at St. Timothy School..... 1:00 pm
• RCIA/RCIC Program 7:00 pm
Thursday
• Fergus Place Mass/Communion Service 10:00 am
Friday
• First Friday Adoration..... following 8:30am Mass
• Lenten Mass followed by Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm
Saturday
• Secular Carmel Meeting (Ocds)..... 9:30 am
• Monthly Baptism 3:00 pm
• Confessions 3:45 pm
Sunday
• Children's Liturgy during 11:00 am Mass

OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection	\$2406.00
Sunday Loose Collection.....	\$790.00
Total Offertory for February 23, 2025	\$3196.00
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....	\$838.30

Thank you for your ongoing support!



Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday, March 5

Join us for Mass on Ash Wednesday at 8:30am or 7:00pm.

We observe Ash Wednesday and the Fridays during Lent as days of special penance. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the two obligatory days of fasting and abstinence in the Catholic Church. We are also instructed to abstain from eating meat each Friday during Lent.

Why fast?

It is a sign of repentance and shows our spiritual hunger for Christ who fasted for 40 days before his death and Resurrection.

What else can we do during Lent to help deepen our relationship with Christ?

- **Penance:** Besides abstaining from meat, abstain from some other form of food, drink or entertainment.
- **Prayer:** Attend Mass regularly and try and go to at least one extra Mass during Lent. Pray with your family and spend extra time in personal prayer. Join the Stations of the Cross with the Community.
- **Good works:** Do good to others by visiting the sick or aged, help those in need, or contribute your time or money to charity.

Friday Evening Mass During Lent - Starting this Fri Mar 7, and every Friday during Lent, 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.*

First Friday - This Friday March 7 is also the First Friday of the month. Join us after the 8:30am Mass for Adoration



Special Collection This Weekend! - This weekend 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.



Upcoming Sacraments at St. Aloysius Parish

Sacrament of First Reconciliation:

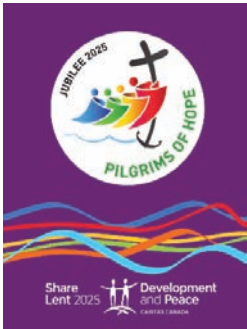
Sat Mar 29 and Sat Apr 5 for our registered candidates.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion:

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

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

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



2025, a Jubilee year.

What is a Jubilee?

Celebrated every 25 years in the Catholic Church, a Jubilee is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation in which people are invited to come back into relationships with God, with one another and with all Creation. The tradition is inspired by the biblical year of jubilee, a time when debts were

cancelled, and the land was allowed to rest (Lev. 25, Deut. 15). This year, under the theme “Pilgrims of Hope,” Pope Francis invites Catholics to renew their hope and adopt a vision that can “restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone.” Find out how Development and Peace — Caritas Canada will be living the Jubilee at devp.org/lent.

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

Daylight Saving Time Begins next Sunday March 9

Don't forget before you go to bed next Sat Mar 8, set your manual clocks ahead one hour so you arrive at Mass on time. We spring forward by one hour starting at 2am Sun Mar 9.

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/>

Opening the Holy Door – Spring Book Club

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to join them for a virtual book club, exploring the new book “Opening the Holy Door.” Tuesdays Mar 18 - Apr 8 from 1-2pm. The group will reflect on the beautiful images of mercy and hope found on the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Join them for prayer, conversation, and fellowship. Register at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>

16th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference –

This conference will bring together Catholic women to hear informative presentations, enjoy delicious food and fellowship. The event will be held on Sat Mar 22 from 9am-4pm at the Old Mill (includes light lunch) in Toronto. For more info and to register, visit; <https://dynamicwomenfaith.com/>

Gospel Reflection: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The third and final section of Luke's Sermon on the Plain begins: *And he told them a parable.* There are actually four parables, all about how to be a good disciple.

The blind cannot lead the blind. And a disciple cannot be a good disciple unless he or she has learned from the teacher. Everyone who is fully trained is like the teacher who knows how to cure the blind. Before you can be a good disciple and teach others you must take care of yourself. Do not try to take a speck out of your brother's eye until you have taken the board out of your own. Finally, only when you have purified yourself can you produce the good works that the teacher requires. Discipleship asks us to produce good deeds. But to produce them requires the integrity and purity of heart found in the teacher. When people see your good deeds they will know that this is because you have a good heart.

The final parable, which we do not read today, is about building on the solid foundation of rock and not on sand. This is the only way to face the difficulties a disciple will encounter and survive. *From Loyola Press – Sunday Connection*



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