

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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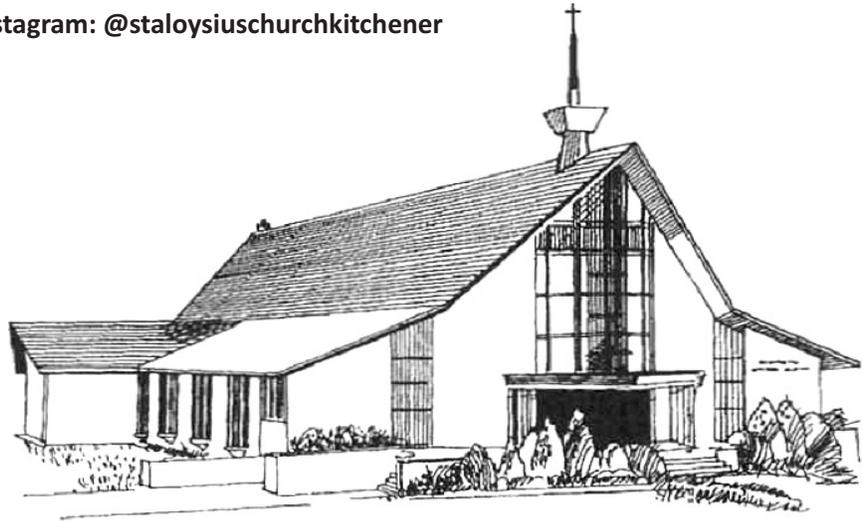
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



MASS INTENTIONS

Mar 23 – Mar 29, 2026

Monday (ferial)
8:30 am

Tuesday (ferial)
6:00 pm + Bill Cavanagh

Wednesday (Solemnity – The Annunciation of the Lord)
8:30 am + Hortencia and Manuel Avila

Thursday (ferial)
8:30 am - Int. of Manuel Avila

Friday (ferial)
8:30 am
6:00 pm - Int. of Veronica Baccus + Louisa and Manuel Cabral
Stations of the Cross follows 6pm Mass

Saturday (ferial)
8:30 am + All Souls in Purgatory

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Sat 5pm - Int. of Veronica Baccus and Family + Cecilia O'Quinn
Sun 9am + Ron Deitner
Sun 11am - Int. of our Parishioners
Children's Liturgy downstairs in Parish Hall during 11am Mass
Sun 7pm + All Souls in Purgatory

Schedule of Events

Mar 23 – Mar 29, 2026

- Monday**
- Stained Glass Guild 4:00 pm
 - Food Pantry Open 6-7 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 and Election following 6pm Mass
- Wednesday**
- Briarfield Gardens Communion Service/Mass 10:00 am
 - Bible Study Group 6:30 pm
 - RCIA/RCIC Program 7:00 pm
- Friday**
- Mass followed by Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm
- Saturday**
- Confessions 3:45-4:30 pm
- Sunday**
- Children's Liturgy – in parish Hall.....during 11am Mass

Thank you from the Discalced Carmelite Order
 Your contributions to the Discalced Carmelite Special Collection have now totalled \$2393.00. Donations support the education and formation of Carmelite Seminarians. The generosity shown by our parish family is a meaningful way of encouraging and sustaining these men as they discern their vocation.

Offertory Report

Sunday Envelope Collection for Mar 15.....\$2048.00
Sunday Loose/Tip Tap Collection for Mar 15.....\$1132.00
Total Offertory for Mar 15, 2026..... \$3180.00
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount)..... \$803.69



This Friday Night is our Final Friday Night Lenten Mass - Join us this Friday March 27 for an additional Friday evening Mass at 6pm followed by Stations of the Cross. *No evening Mass on Good Friday.*

Help needed at Easter Triduum Services

If you are a current Altar Server or Usher, please remember to sign up to help during our Easter Triduum services. As of our bulletin print deadline, we were still looking for two more lectors at the Easter Vigil Mass. Please sign up in the lobby after Mass only if you are currently serving in the Ministries.

Lenten Confession Opportunities at St. Aloysius:

Tuesday evenings from 5-5:45pm
Saturday afternoons from 3:45-4:30pm
 (except Holy Saturday)

News from the St. Aloysius CWL

Elections and voting will be taking place at their general meeting on Tuesday March 24 after the 6pm mass. Then on April 25 at 10 am, they will have cupcake decorating with a professional baker/decorator. More details to follow!



Rehearsal for Good Friday Lectors Are you a Lector signed up to read at the 3pm on Good Friday? Plan to attend a rehearsal on **Saturday March 28 at 11am**. See you there!



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 12

Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's death, burial and resurrection. Here is our schedule for April 12;
 1pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1-2:30pm - Confessions
 3pm – Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
 Did you know when we pray at this 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?*



Palm Sunday Masses:

Saturday March 28 at 5:00pm
 Sunday March 29 at 9:00am, 11:00am and 7:00pm

Holy Thursday Apr 2 at 7:00pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper
 (no morning Mass)

Good Friday Apr 3: (no morning Mass)
 12:00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion – especially for children
 3:00pm - Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday Apr 4: 12:00pm - Blessing of the Easter Food
 (no morning Mass) 8:00pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday Apr 5: Masses 9:00am, 11:00am
 (no 7pm Mass)

Sacrament of First Holy Communion - Students from our four parish schools are preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in the coming weeks. Please keep these 95 young people in your prayers as they as they grow in faith and get ready to receive Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist.

A reminder of some important upcoming dates;

Sat Apr 11 at 10am – **Mandatory rehearsal** for students from St. Aloysius, St. Timothy and Public Schools

Sat Apr 11 at 12:30pm – **Mandatory rehearsal** for students from St. Josephine Bakhita and St. Kateri Schools

Sat Apr 18 at 10am – **Sacrament of First Holy Communion** for St. Aloysius, St. Timothy and Public Schools

Sun Apr 18 at 12:30pm – **Sacrament of First Holy Communion** for St. Josephine Bakhita, and St. Kateri schools

St. Aloysius '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/Communion Service, providing music, or driving the residents to Sunday 9 am mass in a government provided vehicle. If you are interested in exploring how you can volunteer, email maryann.mooney@bridgesofcanada.com.



Easter Flower Memorial Donations

Make a Memorial Donation in honour of a loved one. The money will be used to decorate our church with Easter flowers. 'Easter Flowers' envelopes are 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.

Tunes for Tiny Home Takeout - Enjoy a wonderful blend of classical, jazz & pop music pieces presented by the Wilfrid Laurier Faculty of Music, Sat Mar 28 at 1:30 PM at St. Mary's Church, 56 Duke St. West Kitchener. Donate what you can to attend the concert. Proceeds support Tiny Home Takeout.

St. Agnes Café - In our noisy world, many voices compete for our attention. We are called go to that quiet place in prayer where God speaks to us. Do we listen and act? Come away from the noise & join them for their next St. Agnes Education Cafe: *"God speaks - are we listening? Overcoming Spiritual Deafness."* Sunday March 29th 2-3:30pm, St. Agnes Parish, with Fr. Raphael Ma, St. Mary's, Kitchener.

St. Louis Seniors Fair - The St. Louis Parish CWL and Ministry to the Elderly invite you to a vibrant Seniors Fair on Sat Apr 18 from 1-4pm at the St. Louis Gym (77 Willow Street, Waterloo). Connect with over 30 professionals offering helpful information and resources to support seniors' lives. Admission and refreshments are free. For more information, call 519-572-5435 or email StLouisSeniorFair@outlook.com.



Protect Mental Health & Support

Bill C-218 Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca

where you can email your Member of Parliament (MP), asking for their support of Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act), which would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027.

Chances are you know someone struggling with mental illness. As Catholics and Canadians, we are called to offer care, hope, and protection, not death to those who are suffering and most vulnerable. Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

Gospel Reflection: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jesus called to his friend from the dead, "Lazarus, come out!" It is the same call our Lord makes to us unceasingly: "Come out!" Jesus calls us from our tomb of doubt and unbelief, from the darkness of our fear and anxieties; from the depths of our weaknesses and lack of hope. Christian stewards pray for an open heart so that they may hear the voice of the Lord, heed the continuous call to come away from their former way of living and reprioritize their lives in the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Do we believe Christ has the power to transform our lives? Do we take time to listen for his call? *From ICSC – March E-Bulletin*

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