

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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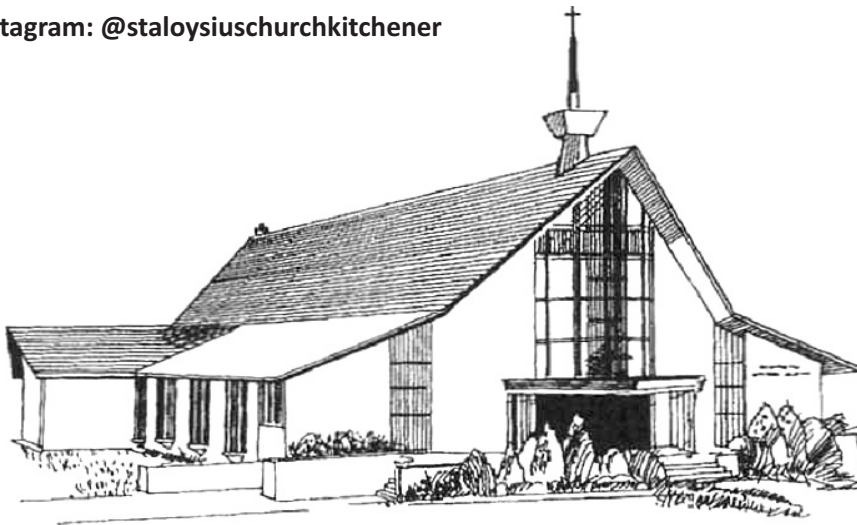
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



MASS INTENTIONS

Mar 24 – Mar 30, 2025

Monday	(ferial)
8:30 am	+ Luiza Cabral + David James Witzel
Tuesday	(Solemnity – The Annunciation of the Lord)
6:00 pm	+ Hortencia and Manuel Avila + Vince Cormier
Wednesday	(ferial)
8:30 am	- Int. of Manuel Avila
Thursday	(ferial)
8:30 am	+ Rita Butters + Cecilia O'Quinn
Friday	(ferial)
8:30 am	
6:00 pm	+ Karmangah Tait
<i>Evening Mass followed by Stations of the Cross</i>	
Saturday	(ferial)
8:30 am	+ Steven Thibodeau
Fourth Sunday of Lent	
Sat 5pm	- Int. of Len Thurnell + Gene Buencamino
Sun 9am	+ Beatriz Atienza - Int. of Marlene Henhoeffler
Sun 11am	+ Elizabeth Payne
<i>Children's Liturgy in parish hall during 11:00 am Mass</i>	
Sun 7pm	- Int. of our Parishioners

Schedule of Events

Mar 24 – Mar 30, 2025

Monday	
• Stained Glass Guild	4:00 pm
• Food Pantry Open	7-8:00 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 Mass/Communion Service	10:00 am
• RCIA/RCIC Program	7:00 pm
Thursday	
• Doon Village Mass/Communion Service	10:00 am
Friday	
• Mass followed by Stations of the Cross	6:00 pm
Saturday	
• First Reconciliation for Group 1	9-11:30 am
• Confessions	3:45 pm
Sunday	
• Children's Liturgy	during 11:00 am Mass

OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection	\$2882.00
Sunday Loose Collection	\$1105.00
Total Offertory for Mar 16, 2025	\$3987.00
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount)	\$838.30

Thank you for your ongoing support!

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, April 27

Did you know that when the Divine Mercy Chaplet is said at the bedside of a dying person, God's anger is placated, and unfathomable mercy envelops the soul. (Diary 811)



Friday evening Mass 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



Other Lenten Confession Opportunities

Wed Mar 26 at 6pm	St. Joseph Parish– Kitchener
Tue Apr 1 at 6pm	St. Agnes Parish - Waterloo
Tue Apr 1 at 7pm	St. Mark's Parish - Waterloo
Wed Apr 2 at 6pm	St. Anne's Parish - Kitchener
Thur Apr 3 at 2pm	St. Francis Parish - Kitchener
Fri Apr 3 at 7pm	St. Mary's Parish - Kitchener
Sat Apr 5 at 3:30pm	St. Teresa Parish– Elmira
Tue Apr 8 at 7:30pm	St. Teresa Parish– Elmira
Thur Apr 10 at 7pm	St. Aloysius Parish - Kitchener
Thur Apr 10 at 7pm	St. Anthony Daniel – Kitchener
Wed Apr 16 – 8am-8pm	St. Michael's Parish - Waterloo

LENTEN RESOURCES

This week during Lent, 'KEEP IT SIMPLE'

Engage in prayer and the Celebration of the Word throughout the Lenten season in ways that are simple and accessible for your family. After Sunday Eucharist, share with one another what you heard in the Gospel and any takeaways from the Homily. Utilize your favourite prayer to root your family prayer each day. *From the Diocese of Hamilton Family Ministry*

CWL Lenten 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 staloyiuscwl@gmail.com or call/text 519-722-7383. Cost \$20 (cash at door, includes a soup lunch).



Share Lent Campaign - External debt and ecological debt: Who owes whom?

Peru is facing an ecological debt crisis as extractive industries, often foreign-owned, plunder its natural resources, harming the environment and human rights.

These industries contribute to the unjust enrichment of the Global North at the expense of the Global South. Thus, as countries in the Global South incur financial debts that further impoverish them, they are owed a mounting ecological debt by the Global North that is never settled. Find out how you can help by visiting 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*

Upcoming Sacraments

Sacrament of First Reconciliation:

Sat Mar 29 and Sat Apr 5

Sacrament of First Holy Communion:

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

Sat May 3 at 10:30am – **Sacrament of First Holy Communion** for St. Aloysius and St. Timothy Schools.

Sun May 4 at 2:00 pm – **Sacrament of First Holy Communion** for St. Kateri and our public/private schools.



The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild – founded in 1952 is dedicated to supporting the personal household requirements of the Carmelite Nuns, and is instrumental in helping the Nuns preserve their life of prayer and service to the Church at the Carmel of St. Joseph (St. Agatha). The Guild invites you to explore their webpage, read their 2025 Newsletter, purchase a Guild membership and attend special events at the Carmel of St. Joseph including their spiritual retreat on May 24. Find out more at <https://thecarmel.ca/>

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! Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

Gospel Reflection: Third Sunday of Lent – Today's reading is from Luke and it describes Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. During this journey, Jesus teaches and heals. He must also respond to those who question and challenge his authority and actions.

Some among the crowds report to Jesus a massacre of Galileans by Pilate. The intention of the crowd seems to be to ask Jesus to explain why these people suffered. Jesus replies that even a fatal accident, a natural disaster, ought not to be interpreted as punishment for sin.

Jesus goes on to tell the parable of the barren fig tree. It contrasts the patience and hopefulness of the gardener with the practicality of the property owner. When told to cut down the fig tree because it is not producing fruit, the gardener counsels patience. If properly tended, the barren fig tree may yet bear fruit.

In this parable, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from sin. And yet, God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us.

This is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts.
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