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St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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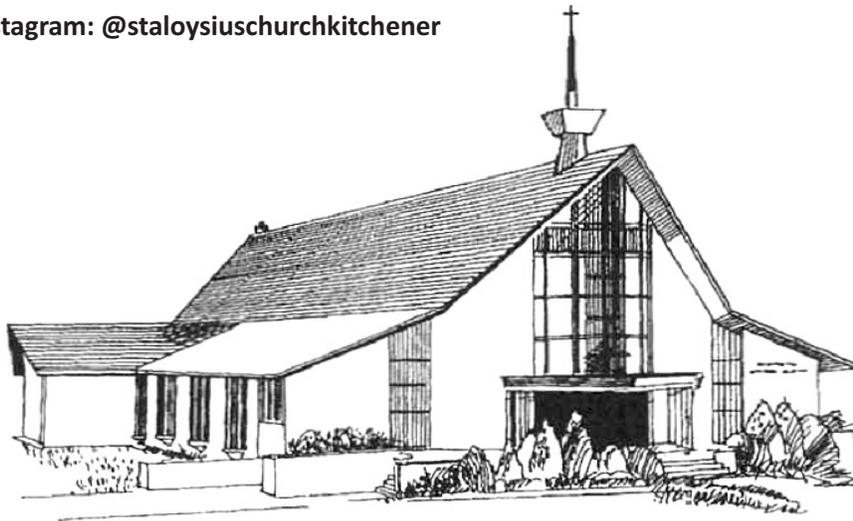
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.

PALM SUNDAY OF LORD'S PASSION



MASS INTENTIONS

Mar 30 – Apr 5, 2026

Monday of Holy Week

8:30 am + Herb Altman

Tuesday of Holy Week

6:00 pm + Len De Souza + Daniel McGeehan

Wednesday of Holy Week

8:30 am + Stephen Macabugwas - Int. of Rosa Vieira

Holy Thursday

No morning Mass today

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

Good Friday

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

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

Holy Saturday

No Morning Mass today

12:00pm - Blessing of the Easter Food

8:00pm - The Resurrection of the Lord – Easter Vigil– Memorial Mass

Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord

Sun 9am Memorial Mass

Sun 11am Memorial Mass

No Evening Mass tonight

Monday

- Stained Glass Guild 4:00 pm

Tuesday

- Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service 10:30 am
- St. Aloysius School Gr.4 Bible Celebration 1:00 pm
- Adoration, Confessions and Mass 5:00 pm
- Marian Movement for Priests Prayer Group following 6pm Mass
- Additional confession time following 6pm Mass

Wednesday

- St. Josephine Bakhita Gr. 4 Bible Celebration 9:30 am
- Briarfield Gardens Communion Service/Mass 10:00 am
- St. Kateri School Gr 4. Bible Celebration 1:00 pm
- Bible Study Group 6:30 pm
- RCIA/RCIC Program 7:00 pm

Friday

- Office closed today for Good Friday.....

Saturday

- Blessing of the Easter Food 12:00 pm



Today is Palm Sunday – This marks the beginning of Holy Week when we journey with Christ from his triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to his Passion, Death, and glorious Resurrection.

The blessing of palms and procession remind us to welcome Jesus as our King: *“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!”* Yet, as we hear the Passion, the tone shifts, calling us to follow Him on the way of the Cross. We place blessed palms in our homes as a sign of reverence and a reminder that we follow Christ in both suffering and glory.

Living Holy Week

Holy Week invites us to walk closely with Jesus through His suffering, death, and Resurrection. It is a sacred time to slow down, pray, and reflect on God's deep love for us. Consider setting aside time each day for prayer, attend this week's liturgies and Masses, practice small acts of kindness, or embrace moments of silence and simplicity. Above all, Holy Week reminds us that we are deeply loved. May these days renew our faith, strengthen our hope, and draw us closer to Christ.

Schedule of Events

Mar 30 – Apr 5, 2026

Holy Week

Schedule

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)

Offertory Report

Sunday Envelope Collection for Mar 22.....	\$2260.00
Sunday Loose/Tip Tap Collection for Mar 22.....	\$1305.00
Total Offertory for Mar 22, 2026	\$3565.00
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount)	\$786.15

Prepare for DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 12 at 3:00pm by picking up your novena prayer sheet. We have novena prayer sheets available to pick up in the Church lobby. Each day is a different intention saving for the last day, the most difficult intention of all.. the lukewarm and the indifferent. Please, take advantage of this and be ready to begin the Novena on Good Friday.

Lenten Confession Opportunities at St. Aloysius:

Tuesday evenings from 5-5:45pm

This Tuesday only Mar 31 additional Confession time

6:30-7:30pm following 6pm Mass.

Saturday afternoons from 3:45-4:30pm

(except Holy Saturday)

Children's Liturgy - Next Sunday is Easter Sunday and our Children's Liturgy Program will take a break. The Children's Liturgy will take place again on Sunday April 12 during the 11am Mass in the Parish Hall.



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.

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.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion - Students from our four parish schools and public schools are preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in the coming weeks. *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



News from the St. Aloysius CWL -

The CWL is hosting a cake decorating class with a professional baker on April 25 at 10am in the church hall. All are welcome. The cost for each attendee is \$20.00. **Registration is required.** A sign-up sheet is available in the lobby. Payment is required in advance. Please e-transfer the funds to johnkimansty@gmail.com. E-Transfer security question: who are we? Answer: cwl. No refunds as the cost is for materials only.

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.

2026 Vocations Recognition Dinner - The Serra Club of Hamilton invites you to attend the 23rd Annual Vocations Recognition Dinner, Wed Apr 29 at Liuna Station in Hamilton to celebrate the dedicated service of our Priests, Deacons, Religious Brothers and Sisters, and Consecrated Virgins. Doors open at 6pm. Tickets are \$90 per person. For more information visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>. *Cosponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton.*

Catholic Speed Dating – May 16 in Stoney Creek

St. Ann Hamilton and Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish invite Catholic singles to a special speed dating event on Sat May 16th at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall in Stoney Creek. Tickets are \$20 per person and include dinner. An early bird rate of \$15 is available until April 5th (Easter) using code EARLYBIRD at checkout. Spaces are limited. For full details and to register, visit stannhamilton.church/speed-dating.



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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. Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca.

Gospel Reflection: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Weekend of March 28/29 - We are at the doorsteps of Holy Week where we remember Christ's passion. Jesus humbled himself and let go of everything, emptying himself for us. During this time of Lent, how have we joined the Lord? Has our prayer, penitential practices and almsgiving moved us to humble ourselves before the Lord? Have we let go of things that keep us from being authentic stewards for Christ Jesus? How have we "emptied" ourselves so that when we do approach the table of the Lord, we can be nourished by His body and blood? As disciples of the Lord Jesus and stewards of His gift of faith, it is time to evaluate our lives under the cross. *From ICSC – March E-Bulletin*

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