

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

*St. Aloysius Gonzaga*

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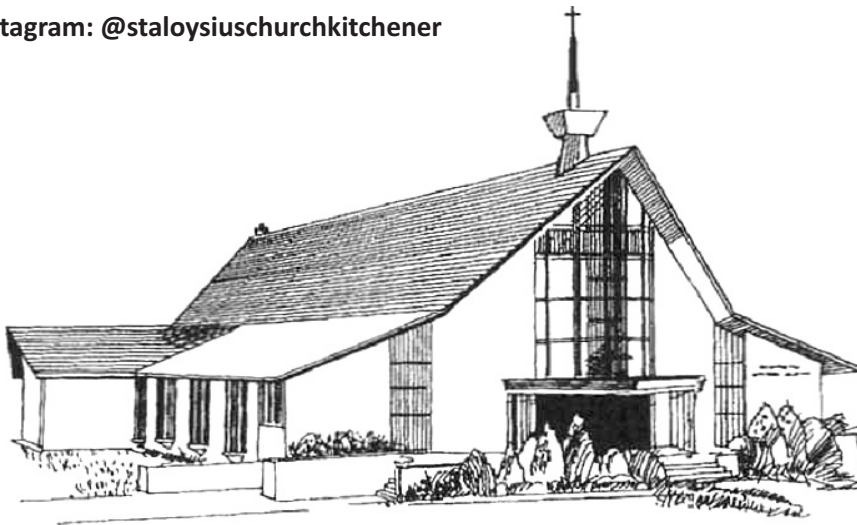
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#### **OFFICE HOURS:**

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](http://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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### MASS INTENTIONS

Mar 31 – Apr 6, 2025

<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	(ferial) + Wendy Briere + Glenn Remedios
<b>Tuesday</b> 6:00 pm	(ferial) + Daniel McGeehan
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	(ferial) + Jozef Cebukak
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	(ferial) + Herb and Violet Altman
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	(ferial) - Int. of Eduarda Avila + Brad Wilson <i>First Friday Adoration following 8:30am Mass</i> 6:00 pm <i>Evening Mass followed by Stations of the Cross</i>
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 am	(ferial) + Ron Lustic
<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>	
<b>Sat 5pm</b>	- Int. of Parishioners
<b>Sun 9am</b>	+ Beatriz Atienza - Int. of Milka Persin
<b>Sun 11am</b>	+ Mary Dinh Nen - Int. of Fr. Sunil
<i>Children's Liturgy in parish hall during 11:00 am Mass</i>	
<b>Sun 7pm</b>	+ Mary Black

### Schedule of Events

Mar 31 – Apr 6, 2025

<b>Monday</b>	• Stained Glass Guild .....4:00 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	• Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service.....10:30 am • Adoration, Confessions and Mass .....5:00 pm • Marian Movement for Priests Prayer Group.....following 6pm Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	• Briarfield Gardens Mass/Communion Service .....10:00 am • RCIA/RCIC Program .....7:00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	• Fergus Place Mass/Communion Service .....10:00 am
<b>Friday</b>	• First Friday Adoration .....following 8:30am Mass • Mass followed by Stations of the Cross .....6:00 pm
<b>Saturday</b>	• First Reconciliation for Group 2 .....9-11:30 am • CWL Lenten Retreat ..... 12:30-4:00 pm • Confessions .....3:45 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	• Children's Liturgy ..... during 11:00 am Mass

### OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection.....	\$1941.00
Sunday Loose Collection .....	\$1142.00
<b>Total Offertory for Mar 23, 2025 .....</b>	<b>\$3083.00</b>
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....	\$838.30

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## LENTEN RESOURCES

### This Friday is the First Friday of the Month

Join us for First Friday Adoration following the 8:30am Mass.

**Friday Evening Masses during Lent-** Join us for an additional Friday Mass at 6pm followed by Stations of the Cross. *We will not have 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

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's Parish- Elmira
Tue Apr 8 at 7:30pm	St. Teresa's 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



### This week during Lent, EMBRACE LENTEN

**RITUALS** - Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving are important Lenten rituals that help us strengthen our relationship with God. A prayer routine invites God into the day-to-day pulse of

our homes. Fasting is the action of choosing to go without something we enjoy. Traditionally, most Christians refrain from eating meat on Friday. Try to schedule "Fish Friday" on the menu. Almsgiving is an important act of sacrifice during Lent. Almsgiving is not necessarily a financial sacrifice, but giving of time and talents to serve those in need. Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving help us give the best of ourselves for God's glory. *From the Diocese of Hamilton Family Ministry*



### Next Weekend is our Share Lent

**Collection!** Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's **Turn Debt into Hope** campaign invites you to give generously next weekend on Solidary Sunday Apr 5/6. Help create hope for and fulfil the dreams of the vulnerable communities in the Global South by giving to our Share Lent parish collection or online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give). **Thank you for your solidarity!**

## 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 whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted *complete remission of sins and punishment?* (Diary 300). Why would we not take advantage of this?



**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 [staloysiuscwl@gmail.com](mailto:staloysiuscwl@gmail.com) or call/text 519-722-7383. Cost \$20 (cash at door, includes a soup lunch).

## First Communion Information

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.



## March Heroes of Hope

**During the month of March in this Jubilee Year, 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*



## Easter Flower Memorial Donations

Consider making a Memorial Donation in honour of a loved one. The money will be used to decorate our church with Easter flowers. Please pick up an 'Easter Flowers' envelope 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.

**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: Fourth Sunday of Lent** – The parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel is the parable of the lost son or the prodigal son. Any focus on the younger son, however, must also be balanced by an examination of the unusual behavior of the father.

First we must imagine our first response to the audacity of a son who asks for his inheritance before his father has died. Indignation would certainly be a justifiable response to such a request. Yet the father in this parable agrees to honor the son's request and divides his property among his two sons. How might we describe such a father? Foolish comes to mind, but so does trusting. Without property of his own, the father must rely upon his sons to provide for his well-being.

The younger son takes his inheritance and leaves home. The older son remains, continuing to provide for the father and the household. Having been disgraced by the younger son, the father spends some time watching the road for the return of the lost son. When he eventually sees his wayward son returning, the father not only welcomes him but also runs out to greet him and then honors him with a party. We say that this father is loving and forgiving. Yet these adjectives only begin to describe the depth of love and mercy that characterize the father.

The father appears sad and even confused by the older son's indignation. He says in reply that they should celebrate because the lost son had returned. The father is filled with gratitude and love for the older son's faithfulness. This love is in no way diminished by the father's rejoicing at the return of the younger son. Yet the older son's jealousy reveals his limited understanding of the depth of his father's love.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy: God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another.

*From Loyola Press – Sunday Connection*





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