

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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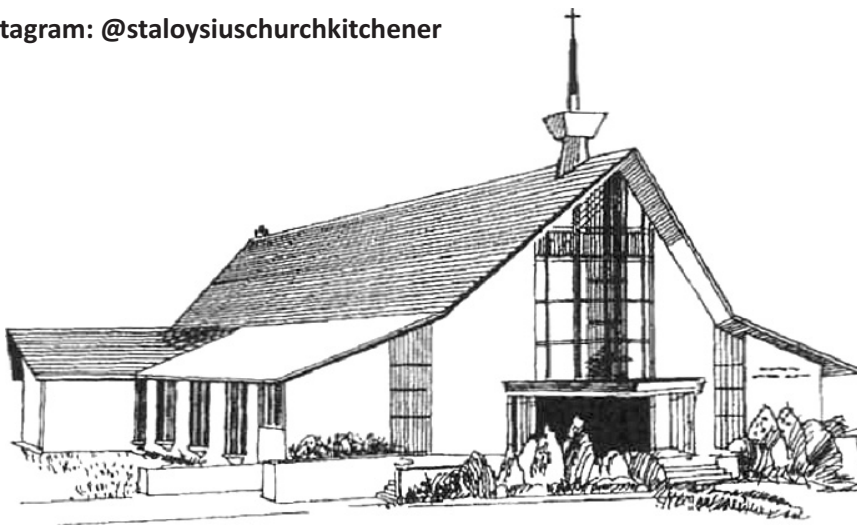
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



MASS INTENTIONS

Mar 10 – Mar 16, 2025

Monday	(ferial)
8:30 am	+ Lucy DeAmorim
Tuesday	(ferial)
6:00 pm	+ James and Bernadette Crough + Steven Thibodeau
Wednesday	(ferial)
8:30 am	- Int. of Eduarda Avila
Thursday	(ferial)
8:30 am	+ Barbara Fabina
Friday	(ferial)
8:30 am	
6:00 pm	Evening Mass followed by Stations of the Cross
Saturday	(ferial)
8:30 am	+ Madeliene and Henry-Louis Roy + Karn Thurnell
Second Sunday of Lent	
Sat 5pm	- Int. of Fr. Melvin Pinto - Int. of Len Thurnell
Sun 9am	- In Thanksgiving for Joemar and Farah Atienza + Melchora Jonson Wagner
Sun 11am	+ Annie Pawliw
Children's Liturgy in parish hall during 11:00 am Mass	
Sun 7pm	- Int. of our Parishioners

Schedule of Events

Mar 10 – Mar 16, 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	
• Confessions	3:45 pm
Sunday	
• Children's Liturgy	during 11:00 am Mass

OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection	\$5728.00
Sunday Loose Collection.....	\$1062.00
Total Offertory for Mar 2, 2025	\$6790.00
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....	\$838.30
Thank you for your ongoing support!	



What is Lent? Lent is a yearly celebration of the Church in preparation for Easter. Lent began on Ash Wednesday, *March 5th* and continues until the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening; *April 17th*. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

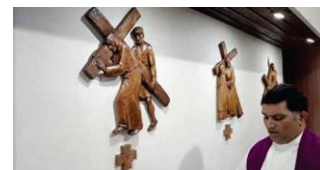
Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for Baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's Word and of more fervent prayer, we are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery.

Lent is a privileged time for *prayer, fasting and almsgiving*. This season provides an opportunity to renew and deepen our relationship with Jesus, and to renew the choices we make, so that we might live as he taught.

This week during Lent, CARVE OUT TIME for prayer

Together as a family, try to schedule some intentional time for prayer and reflection each week as we draw closer to the great feast of Easter. When can you gather to pray? Do you have a calendar in the home? Try counting down the 40 days of Lent with little footprints, stickers or stamps marking your journey towards the celebration of Holy Week. Remember to mark the Sacred Sundays during the Lenten Season in a special way as these are exclusive of the 40 days of preparation. *From the Diocese of Hamilton*

Extra Mass on Friday evenings 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.*





News from the St. Aloysius CWL

A reminder of their next General Meeting, **Tuesday March 18** in our Parish Hall following the 6pm evening Mass.

CWL Retreat:

The St. Aloysius CWL invite all ladies to a Lenten Retreat on Saturday April 5 from 12:30 until 4:00pm in the parish centre. Lent is a time for deep prayer and repentance, which are essential elements in becoming Holy. It is a time to grow in love and faith, become spiritually stronger and to completely surrender to God's love and grace. Join them in discovering the hidden power of personal holiness. The afternoon will be led by Spiritual Director, and experienced retreat leader; Simone Robinson.

To register, please email staloysiuscwl@gmail.com or call/text 519-722-7383. Cost \$20 (cash at door, includes a soup lunch).

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.



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.

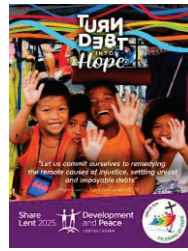
During the month of March, we are asked to pray for those who care for the poor.

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



Share Lent Campaign - 2025 is a Jubilee year. A year in which Pope Francis invites us to "*forgive the debts* of countries that will never be able to repay them." (*Spes non confundit*, 16). Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is responding to this call through the global *Turn Debt into*

Hope campaign. Here are a few ways you can help:

Donate online at devp.org/give or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on April 6, the fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 79 projects in 34 countries around the world!

Get the Mini-magazine available this weekend in our parish lobby. Find out more at devp.org/lent/resources

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/>

Gospel Reflection: First Sunday of Lent - Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross.

Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.
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