

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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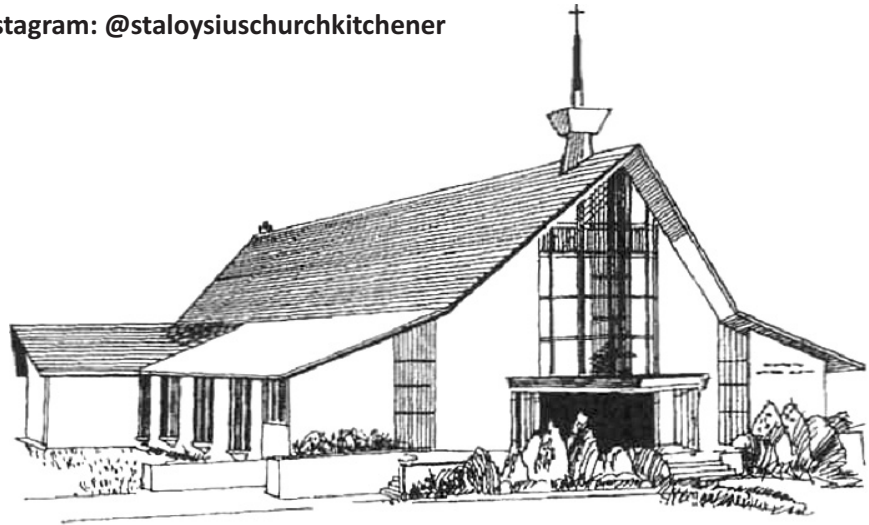
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.....7:00pm
WEDNESDAY...8:30am
THURSDAY.....8:30am
FRIDAY.....8:30am
SATURDAY.....8:30am

CONFESSIONS - Tuesday: 6 - 6:45pm, 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



MASS INTENTIONS

Mar 18 – Mar 24, 2024

- Monday** (ferial)
8:30 am + Dianne Cousineau
 + William Stoyles
- Tuesday** (Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
7:00 pm + Doris and Eric D’Silva
 + Eugene Puren
- Wednesday** (ferial)
8:30 am + Manuel Da Silva
- Thursday** (ferial)
8:30 am - Int. of Rita Butters
 + Rachel Davies
- Friday** (ferial)
8:30 am + Lucy De Amorim
7:00 pm - In Thanksgiving for Caron DCunha
Mass followed by Stations of the Cross
- Saturday** (ferial)
8:30 am
- Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**
Sat 5:00 pm - Int. of Derek and Aiden Chmielarski
 + Leonard De Souza
- Sun 9:00 am** + Janet Glaister
Sun 11:00 am - Int. of our Parishioners
Children’s Liturgy in our Parish Hall during 11:00 am Mass
Sun 7:00 pm + Mary Black



Friday nights from Feb 16 – Mar 22 – Mass followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm

Wed Mar 20 at 7pm: Lenten Confessions at St. Aloysius

Holy Week Schedule:

Holy Thursday March 28 at 7pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday March 29:

12pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion (*Ideal for families with children*)
3pm - Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday March 30:

12pm - Blessing of the Easter Food
8pm - Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday March 31: Masses 9am, 11am

*** (no 7pm Mass on Easter Sunday)*

Divine Mercy Sunday April 7:

1pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
3pm – Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
 Prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday by picking up your novena prayer sheet in the church foyer. The Novena will begin on Good Friday. Did you know that when this chaplet is said at the bedside of a dying person, God’s anger is placated, and unfathomable mercy envelops the soul? (*Diary 811*). *Take advantage of this enormous offering of God’s great mercy.*

Lenten Confessions in Kitchener-Waterloo:

Tue Mar 19 at 7pm – St. Joseph’s, Kitchener

****Wed Mar 20 at 7pm – St. Aloysius, Kitchener****

Thur Mar 21 at 7pm – Blessed Sacrament, Kitchener

Fri Mar 22 at 7pm – St. Anthony Daniel, Kitchener

Pre-Authorized Giving:

To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, St. Aloysius Parish depends entirely on the generosity of our parishioners. Pre-authorized giving allows you to give to your parish intentionally and faithfully through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account. To enroll, pick up a brochure in the church lobby, or download the forms online at this link; <https://staloyusius.on.ca/pre-authorized-giving>. Contact the parish office for questions and more information.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection	\$2237.75
Sunday Loose Collection	\$817.00
Total Offertory for March 10, 2024	\$3054.75
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....	\$874.39

Thank you for your ongoing financial support!



CWL Lenten Retreat:

Please join them on Tues Mar 19 starting with Mass at 7pm followed by a special presentation by Sister Aracely, SOLI. Sr. Aracely will present ways to prepare ourselves for Holy Week and the Resurrection of Our Lord. The group will gather in the parish hall following Mass. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend, and CWL members are invited to bring a friend or family member. A free will offering will be collected. They look forward to seeing you and sharing this blessed evening with you.

To learn more about the Catholic Women's League visit; <https://catholicwomenunite.ca/>. For questions, email; StAloysiusCWL@gmail.com

Share Lent Collection this weekend:



Today is Solidarity Sunday. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's *Reaping our Rights* campaign invites you to give generously to the 'Share Lent' campaign and thanks you warmly for your generosity.

Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.

Help create hope and dreams of the communities supported by Development and Peace in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at devp.org/give.

Good Friday Fish Fry:

You're invited to the Waterloo Knights of Columbus 'Good Friday Fish Fry', March 29 at the Columbus Conference Centre, 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo.

Schedule an eat-in time between 1-6pm on the hour or enjoy takeout. One piece dinner is \$17.50 or a two piece dinner is \$22.50. Dinner includes fish, fries, coleslaw, roll and butter.

Contact Martin at 519-884-2060 for eat-in bookings.

Pontifical Collection for the Church in the Holy Land on Good Friday:

The annual Good Friday collection was first taken at Pope Paul VI's request fifty years ago. It is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishes throughout the world to assist the church in the Holy Land. The monies collected support its pastoral, educational and social works and help to maintain the holy places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere.

For the sake of our brothers and sisters enduring hardships, please give generously during our Good Friday celebrations on March 29. More information can be found online at <https://commissariat.ca/>.

Diocese of Hamilton Vocations Office 'Young Adults Night'

Father Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to celebrate the Easter Season by attending an evening of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour, social with food, praise night with vocations testimony and Compline. Join them Sat Apr 6 at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Bulletin Advertising:

Liturgical Publications will soon be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in June 2024 and supports the bulletin service. Please consider supporting the bulletin, and advertise your product or service.

For more information, call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

Gospel Reflection for Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 17, 2024

Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel—affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

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