

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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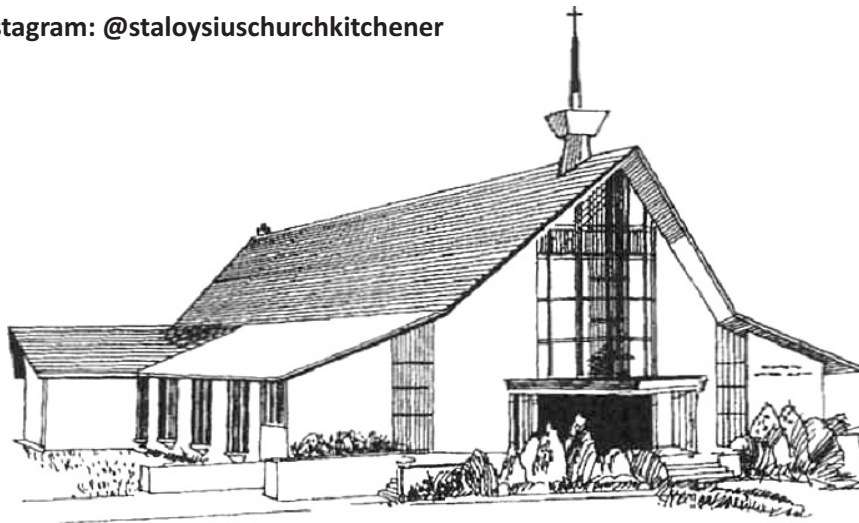
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



MASS INTENTIONS

Mar 4 – Mar 10, 2024

- Monday** (ferial)
8:30 am - Int. of Carl D'Silva
 + Gordon Presseau
- Tuesday** (ferial)
7:00 pm + Nicolino Pacheco
 + Manuel and Noemia Valerio
- Wednesday** (ferial)
8:30 am - Int. of Herb Altman
 + Lorenza (Lolly) Zachari
- Thursday** (ferial)
8:30 am - Int. of Marlene Pereira
- Friday** (ferial)
8:30 am
7:00 pm **Mass followed by Stations of the Cross**
- Saturday** (ferial)
8:30 am + Mary Black

Fourth Sunday of Lent

- Sat 5:00 pm** + Luiz Gonzaga and Luiza Cabral
- Sun 9:00 am** - Int. of Paul Alves
 + Melchora Wagner
- Sun 11:00 am** + Mary Black
Children's Liturgy in our Parish Hall during 11:00 am Mass
- Sun 7:00 pm** - Int. of our Parishioners

Schedule of Events

Mar 4 – Mar 10, 2024

- Tuesday**
- Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service 10:30 am
 - Stained Glass Guild..... 1:00 pm
 - Confessions, Adoration and Mass 6:00 pm
 - Prayer Group following 7pm Mass
 - CWL Executive Meeting following 7pm Mass
- Wednesday**
- Briarfield Mass/Communion Service..... 10:00 am
- Friday**
- Stations of the Cross following Mass 7:00 pm
- Saturday**
- Secular Carmel Meeting (Ocds)..... 9:30 am
 - Confessions 3:45-4:30 pm
- Sunday**
- Children's Liturgy during 11:00 am Mass
- * Daylight Saving Time Starts – clocks go forward at 2am on Sun



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 (*Approx. 2.5 hours*)

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
- Did you know when we pray at the 3:00 hour, on Divine Mercy Sunday, completely in His Mercy, adoring and glorifying Him, mercy is opened wide for every soul? In this hour you can obtain everything for yourself and others (Diary, 1572).**

Lenten Confessions in Kitchener-Waterloo:

- Wed Mar 6 at 7pm** – St. Mark's, Kitchener
- Tue Mar 12 at 7pm** – St. Anne's, Kitchener
- Thur Mar 14 at 7pm** – St. Theresa's, Kitchener
- 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

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 this year. 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.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection	\$2726.00
Sunday Loose Collection	\$970.00
Total Offertory for February 25, 2024.....	\$3696.00
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....	\$835.62

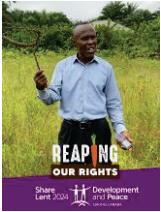
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News from the St. Aloysius CWL

The CWL will be having an 'Executive Meeting' on Tuesday March 5th following the 7pm Mass. Their next 'General Meeting' on March 19 will also be an evening Lenten Retreat.

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



Share Lent Campaign- Denouncing oil pollution in Nigeria

Nigeria is Africa's largest economy and biggest oil producer. Despite oil exports worth billions of dollars, millions of Nigerians remain in poverty and face food insecurity. In the south, pollution and contamination by the oil industry are causing great hardship. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner; 'Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF)' defends farmers' rights and helps protect their lands. For more visit; devp.org/lent/resources.

Retrouaille program for Struggling Marriages - Struggling in your marriage? The solution may be Retrouaille, a program designed to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. The program is designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. The next Retrouaille weekend is March 8-10. For details, call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

Reel Justice Film Festival Mar 28 from 7-9pm Join the Diocese of Hamilton for a family screening of the insightful documentary; 'Island of Lemurs, Madagascar. Follow Dr. Patricia C. Wright's mission to help lemurs, who arrived on Madagascar millions of years ago as castaways and are now endangered. The screening will be hosted online via Zoom. Register at: <https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com/>. The Reel Justice Film Festival is a partnership between the Diocese of Hamilton's Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace.

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 on the hour starting at 1:00 p.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m. Takeout will be from 1pm to 6pm. Enjoy a one piece dinner for \$17.50 or a two piece dinner for \$22.50. Dinner includes fish, fries, coleslaw, roll and butter. Contact Martin at 519-884-2060 for eat-in bookings.

St. Anthony Daniel Parish CWL Card Party - Tickets are now available for the St. Anthony Daniel parish annual card party on Wed Aprl 24 in the Parish Life centre. Doors open at 11:30am with lunch at 12pm. Cost is \$20 per person. Hosted by the St. Anthony Daniel CWL. For tickets, call the parish office; 519-893-6960.

Hamilton Diocese Tip for families during the Lenten Season

Tip #3 –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 the Homily. Utilize your favourite prayer to root your family prayer each day. For more Lenten resources, visit www.hamiltondiocese.com.



Next Weekend we spring forward! Remember to move your manual clocks/watches ahead one hour before bed on Saturday night March 9. **Daylight Saving Time begins March 10.**

Gospel Reflection for Third Sunday of Lent – Weekend of March 4/5, 2024 - In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the money changers in the Temple at Jerusalem.

Jesus' action at the Temple in Jerusalem is recorded in all four Gospels and is often understood to be among the events that led to Jesus' arrest and Crucifixion.

Reflecting upon the destruction of the Temple of Jerusalem (A.D. 70), John recalls Jesus' cleansing of the Temple and uses that story to interpret this later event. John explains to his audience, an early Christian community, that temple worship would no longer be necessary because it was surpassed in the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. With greater frequency than the other Evangelists, John intersperses post-Resurrection reflections of this Christian community in his narrative.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the money changers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship.

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