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St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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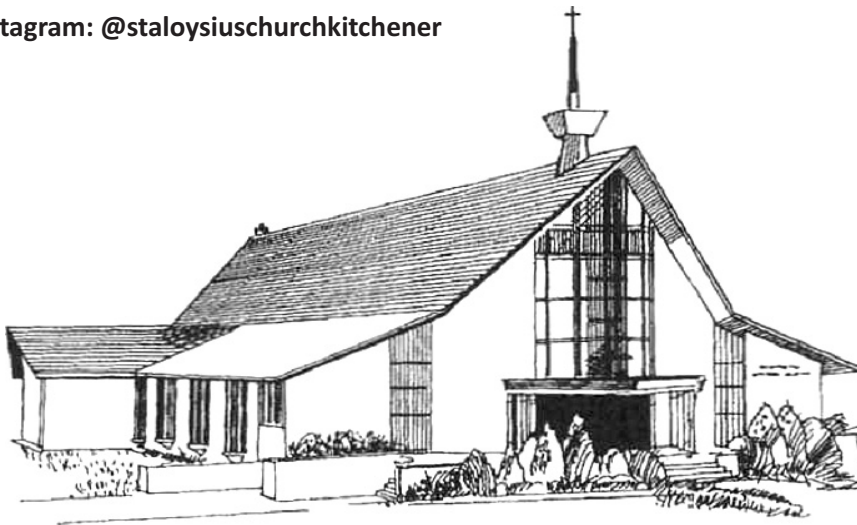
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 1 – Dec 7, 2025

- Monday** (ferial)
8:30 am + Joao Cabral
- Tuesday** (ferial)
6:00 pm + Alleykuty Joseph
- Wednesday** (Memorial – St. Francis Xavier, Priest)
8:30 am + Frank and Lorraine Williams
- Thursday** (ferial)
8:30 am - Int. of John and Maria Costa
- Friday** (ferial)
8:30 am + Herb and Violet Altman
First Friday Adoration and Exposition following Mass
- Saturday** (ferial)
8:30 am - Int. of Sr. Anne Chesney

Second Sunday of Advent

- Sat 5pm** + Gene Buencamino + Mary Dinh Nen
Sun 9am - Int. of Fr. David Avila
Sun 11am - Int. of Tom George + Bernard Koebel
Children's Liturgy downstairs in Parish Hall during 11am Mass
Sun 7pm - Int. of our Parishioners

Schedule of Events

Dec 1 – 7, 2025

- Monday**
- Stained Glass Guild 4:00 pm
- Tuesday**
- St. Aloysius School Advent Mass.....9:30 am
 - Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service10:30 am
 - Adoration, Confessions and Mass..... 5:00 pm
 - Marian Movement for Priests Prayer Group following 6pm Mass
- Wednesday**
- Briarfield Gardens Communion Service/Mass10:00 am
 - CWL Senior's Dinner 6:00 pm
 - Bible Study Group 6:30 pm
- Thursday**
- Fergus Place Mass/Communion Service10:00 am
 - St. Josephine Bakhita School Advent Liturgy/Mass 1:15 pm
- Friday**
- First Friday Adoration and Expositionfollowing 8:30 am Mass
- Saturday**
- (Rescheduled) New Lector Training Session.....11:00 am
 - Confessions 3:45-4:30 pm
 - Knights of Columbus Recruitment after 5pm Mass
- Sunday**
- Knights of Columbus Recruitment following Masses
 - Children's Liturgy (Parish Hall) during 11:00 am Mass
 - Children's Liturgy – Play Practicefollowing 11am Mass

OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection for Nov 23.....\$2115.00
Sunday Loose/Tip Tap Collection for Nov 23.....\$1232.00
Total Offertory for Nov 23, 2025 **\$3347.00**
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....\$862.54

News from the St. Aloysius Food Pantry

2025 Christmas Hamper Program: As we prepare for the celebration of Christmas, we are reminded of the less fortunate. St. Aloysius Parish has always responded by sharing our blessings, joy, and the meaning of Christmas with those in need. The Food Pantry Christmas Program continues because of your generous donations. For our Christmas food hampers, our volunteers have found it is more helpful to supply a gift certificate, so applicants can purchase their preferred food items. The Pantry would appreciate monetary donations to assist them with purchasing gift cards. Please give generously for **our Parish Outreach special collection on Sun Dec 7.**



The Food Pantry Toy Program is accepting donations of new toys. The aim is for each child to receive a bundle of toys so they know they have not been forgotten, even though there may be financial challenges in the household.

If you would like to help, look for the ANGEL BOARD in our church foyer. Angels with a child's age, gender and 'toy wish' will be pinned to the board. Take an angel home and purchase a toy for your angel. All toys need to be returned to St. Aloysius Church by December 15 to allow for distribution to families. Please ensure toys are **new and unwrapped** and don't forget to attach the 'angel' to your gift.

Thank you for your continued support!

St. Aloysius Parish – Advent Confession Times

Tue Dec 2:	5:00-5:45 pm	Sat Dec 6:	3:45-4:30 pm
Tue Dec 9:	5:00-5:45 pm	Sat Dec 13:	3:45-4:30 pm
Tue Dec 16:	5:00-5:45 pm	Sat Dec 20:	3:45-4:30 pm
Tue Dec 23:	5:00-5:45 pm		

St. Aloysius Parish Confessions (with additional Priests)

Thurs Dec 11 7:00pm start

First Friday Adoration - Friday December 5 is the First Friday of the month. Please join us for Adoration following the 8:30am Mass.

Envelopes in the Church Foyer - Please remember to pick up your 2026 parish offertory envelopes in the church lobby. They are filed by envelope number. If you are unable to find your box, please contact the parish office.

Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent



God, the potter, mold us and make us your people. When we become impatient, help us remember that these seasons of waiting are also shaping us.

Give us the grace to breathe deeply into the wait, to anticipate the beauty you are working while we wait. Amen *Prayer from cccb.ca*

News from the CWL - The CWL Senior's Dinner is coming up Wednesday December 3. Doors will open at 5:30pm and dinner begins at 6:00pm. The CWL will be handing out a limited number of tickets on a first come, first served basis after Masses this weekend. Tickets are free and are for seniors aged 65 and over who belong to St. Aloysius Parish.



The St. Aloysius Children's Liturgy Program is excited to present a Christmas Play at the Christmas Eve Mass on **December 24 at 5:00pm!** We're looking for children to join us as angels, shepherds, inn keepers, Joseph, Mary, and a narrator.

Practices will be held:

- **Dec 7** after the 11am Mass in the Parish Hall
- **Dec 11** at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall
- **Dec 14** after the 11am Mass in the Parish Hall
- **Dec 20** at 10am – **Dress Rehearsal in the Church**

Sign up in the lobby after the 11am Mass this Sunday, or email Kim at johnkimansty@gmail.com.

We're looking forward to celebrating another joyful Christmas Play together!



Knights of Columbus Seeks Members - Being a Knight means more

than fellowship - it's about serving the community, supporting the Church, and strengthening family life. Experience the joy of giving, as well as making a difference through faith and service. Members of the Knights Council 1504 will be at St. Aloysius Parish on December 6/7 to answer questions and welcome new Catholic men to their brotherhood.

Thank You for Supporting Our Church Door Project

Thank you to all our parishioners for your generous support of our parish building upgrades. Since August, \$13,900.00 has been donated toward the installation of our new doors at the front entrance, Marian entrance, and Parish Hall. This goes a long way toward our total cost of just over \$35,000.00. If you'd like to help us reach our goal, "Special Appeal" envelopes are available at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued kindness and support!

Grief Support Group - Coping with Christmas

Grieving the loss of a loved one at any time is difficult but it can be even more challenging as we approach the Christmas season. Join the group at St. Michael's Parish in Waterloo as they discuss ways to cope while still being able to find joy. Wed Dec 10 from 7-8:30pm at the St. Michael Parish Centre, 80 University Ave. W. For more info, phone or email their Parish office 519-884-9311 or parish@stmichaelw.ca.

Gospel Reflection: First Sunday of Advent –The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? As Christians, we know *that* our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

Loyola Press – Sunday Connection

2025 Christmas Mass Times

The Nativity of the Lord
Christmas Eve, Wed Dec 24
5:00pm - *with Children's Play*
8:00 pm and Midnight

Christmas Day
Thurs Dec 25
9:00am and 11:00am

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Wed Dec 31 - 5:00pm
Wed Dec 31 - 11:00pm Adoration
followed by Mass at Midnight
Thurs Jan 1 - 9:00am and 11:00am



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