

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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# St. Aloysius Catholic Church

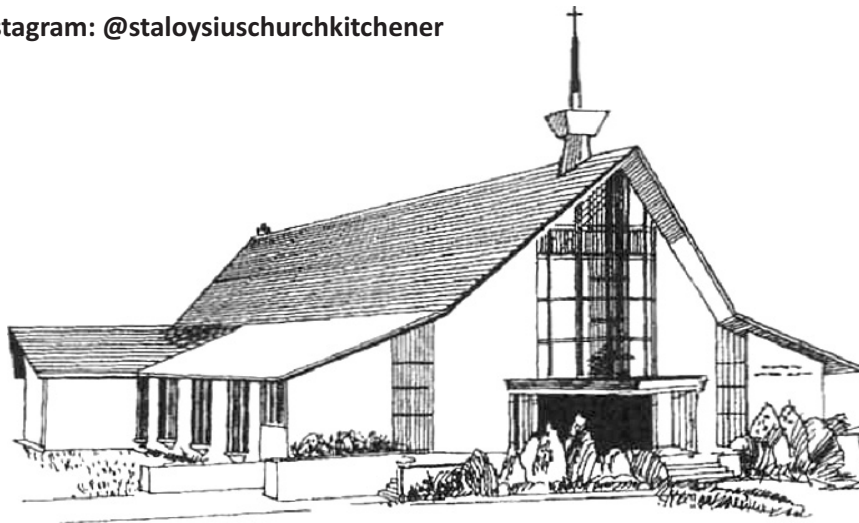
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**OFFICE HOURS:**

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.

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS INTENTIONS

June 17 – June 23, 2024

<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	(ferial) - Int. of Fr. David Avila + Frank and Mildred Puren
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 pm	(ferial) + Anna Gagon - Int. of Frank Kosorin
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	(ferial) - Int. of Beatrice Atienza + Lottie Carey
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	(ferial) + Jenny Lobo-Meadows - Int. of Fr. Melvin Pinto
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	(Memorial – St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious) + Lucy De Amorim + Eddie and Frankie Puren
<b>5:00 pm</b>	Solemn Mass for Father Melvin's 25 <sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 am	(ferial)
<b>Sunday</b> <b>Sat 5pm</b> <b>Sun 9am</b> <b>Sun 11am</b>	<b>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> + Dora-May Thibodeau - Int. of Rosa and Carlos Paiva - Int. of our Parishioners <i>Children's Liturgy during 11am Mass</i>
<b>Sun 7pm</b>	- Int. of Lee Ann Paiva and family

### Schedule of Events

June 17 – June 23, 2024

<b>Tuesday</b>	
• St. Timothy School – End of Year Liturgy .....	10:30 am
• 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
<b>Wednesday</b>	
• Briarfield Mass/Communion Service .....	10:00 am
<b>Thursday</b>	
• St. Kateri School – End of Year Liturgy .....	12:30 pm
<b>Friday</b>	
• St. Aloysius School – End of Year Mass .....	10:30 am
• Solemn Mass for Father Melvin .....	5:00 pm
• Fr. Melvin Jubilee Dinner (by ticket only) .....	6:00 pm
<b>Saturday</b>	
• Confessions .....	3:45 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	
• Children's Liturgy .....	during 11am Mass
• BBQ at Briarfield Gardens for all Parishioners .....	11am-1pm

### OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection .....	\$1795.00
Sunday Loose Collection .....	\$1230.00
<b>Total Offertory for Jun 09, 2024 .....</b>	<b>\$3025.00</b>
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount) .....	\$843.46

***Thank you for your ongoing financial support!***



**Special Mass on June 21** Join us for a solemn Mass starting at 5pm on Friday June 21 to thank God for the gift of Priesthood for Father Melvin. Father is celebrating his 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination this year. For those who have purchased dinner tickets, the dinner will follow Mass in the parish hall.

*Dinner tickets are no longer available for purchase and will not be sold at the door.*



### June 21 is the Feast Day of St. Aloysius Gonzaga

St. Aloysius was an Italian aristocrat who became a member of the Society of Jesus. Aloysius de Gonzaga was born on March 9 1568 and died June 21 of 1591 at the age of 24. He passed away because of caring for those who were affected by the plague.

At the time, he was still a student at the Roman College. St. Aloysius was beatified in 1605 and canonized in 1726. For his compassion and courage in the face of disease, he has become the patron saint of AIDS patients and their caregivers. St. Aloysius is also the patron saint of young people and students because of his service to others as a young adult.

### Free BBQ for St. Aloysius Parishioners at Briarfield Gardens!

Our friends at Briarfield Gardens Retirement Residence in Kitchener are inviting St. Aloysius parishioners to a free BBQ! The barbecue is to thank our parish for our ongoing Ministry and partnership with Briarfield Gardens.

**They invite parishioners for a BBQ on Sunday June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11am-1pm.** Drop by Briarfield Gardens that day after Mass for a free lunch! If you are interested in attending, please sign up at the back of the church, or call our parish office so the staff at Briarfield know how many people to expect.

**Venue Briarfield Gardens is located at 1250 Weber Street East in Kitchener. Onsite parking is available and signs will be posted on how to get to the patio for the BBQ.**



### News from the St. Aloysius CWL

This weekend after Mass, the CWL will be offering packages of meat snacks for a suggested \$6 donation. They are also collecting your change filled baby bottles for Marillac Place. Just drop them in the laundry basket on the way out of Mass.



### **Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

We will have Mass **Tues July 9 at 7pm** in honour of the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel (*July 16 Feast Day*), the Patroness of the Carmelite Order. It is believed that St. Simon Stock, an early English Prior General of the Carmelites, had a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary in which she gave him a brown scapular. In Stock's

vision, Mary promised that those who died while wearing the scapular would be saved. *Scapulars will also be blessed at the Mass on July 9.*

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**Mass at the Carmel Monastery** - You are invited to a special Mass in honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Sunday July 14 at 2pm at the Carmel Monastery in St. Agatha. They are located at 1127 Carmel-Koch Road in St. Agatha.

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**June is Indigenous History Month in Canada** - We invite you take time this season to learn more about the Catholic Church's commitment to ongoing reconciliation efforts with Indigenous communities through a four-week learning opportunity through the VLCFF (Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation). To learn more about this study, please visit us at [www.hamiltondioceselearns.com](http://www.hamiltondioceselearns.com).



**Marian Days** - The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph will be hosting the Diocesan Marian Days on Saturdays until October. The day

begins at 9am and concludes at noon. The presiders will be; Bishop Lobsinger (Jul 6), Bishop Ustrzycki (Aug 3), Bishop Crosby (Sep 7) and Bishop Miehm (Oct 5). For more visit; [Marian Days \(hamiltondiocese.com\)](http://hamiltondiocese.com).

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**Diocese of Hamilton Summer Book Club** – *Listening Together: Meditations on Synodality Wednesdays in July: 3<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>* from 1-2pm on Zoom. Join them for a summer book club, exploring together Father Timothy Radcliffe's presentations from the 2023 Synod. Register at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com)

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**Volunteer help needed:** Children in our parish benefit from the Diocesan Catechetical Correspondence Program each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. We need volunteers to support the program! If you are willing to help these children in their learning journey, please reach out to the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at [catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com). To learn more, visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>

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**Hamilton Diocese Restart Support Group** Struggling after a divorce or separation? Join a support group for learning and fun on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday evening of each month. These gatherings offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process. Join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. Register at; <https://sites.google.com/view/hamilton-restart/home> or via email at [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com).

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### **Struggling After an Abortion?**

Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional or angry and in need of support? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings with a trained counsellor, to find faith-based hope and healing. For more details, call 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

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### **Serra Club – Vocation Seeds**

Today's readings remind us that great things often have small beginnings. If you feel God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. By email; [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

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### **Gospel Reflection June 16 – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is "how it is with the kingdom of God." A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus' part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God's kingdom welcoming and open to many.

These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God.

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