

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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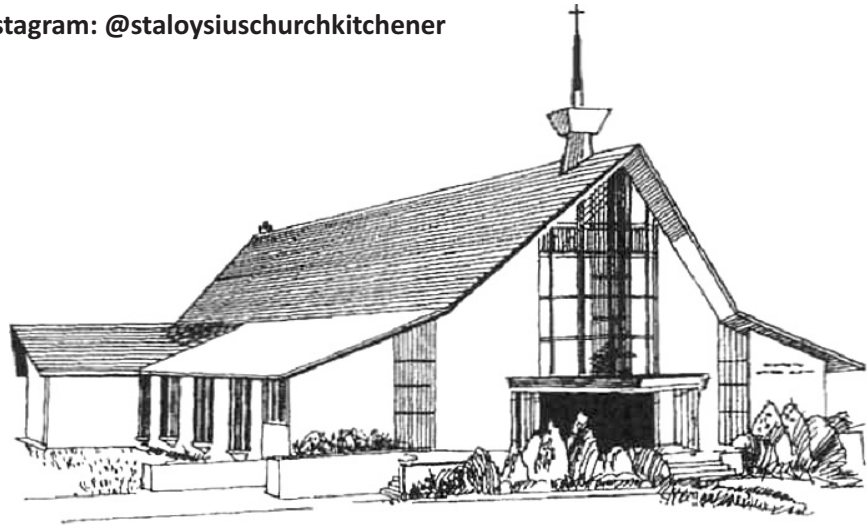
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASS INTENTIONS

Sept 16-22, 2024

Monday	<i>(Memorial – St. Cornelius, Pope and St. Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs)</i>
8:30 am	- Int. of Father Melvin Pinto
Tuesday	<i>(ferial)</i>
7:00 pm	- Int. of Valerie Grzesiak + Mr. and Mrs. Nameth
Wednesday	<i>(ferial)</i>
8:30 am	- Int. of Bev Rodgers
Thursday	<i>(ferial)</i>
8:30 am	+ All Souls in Purgatory
Friday	<i>(Memorial – St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon Priest, Paul Chong Ha-Sang, and Companions, Martyrs)</i>
8:30 am	- Int. of Marek Czesnik + Lucy DeAmorim
Saturday	<i>(Feast – St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist)</i>
8:30 am	
Sunday	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sat 5pm	+ Jennifer Bednarek + Leslie Stumpf
Sun 9am	- Int. of Helen Stemmler
Sun 11am	+ Eileen Donnelly + Raymond Thibodeau
	<i>Children's Liturgy during 11am Mass</i>
Sun 7pm	- Int. of our Parishioners

Schedule of Events

Sept 16 – Sept 22, 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 General Meeting following 7pm Mass
- Wednesday**
- Briarfield Gardens Mass/Communion Service 10:00 am
- Saturday**
- Confessions 3:45 pm
- Sunday**
- Children's Liturgy during our 11am Mass

Please keep in your prayers Father Melvin Pinto and the Parishioners who will be embarking on a 10 day European Pilgrimage this week. We pray for a safe and spiritually enriching journey.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection	\$3050.00
Sunday Loose Collection	\$1055.00
Total Offertory for Sept 8, 2024	\$4105.00
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....	\$843.46

Thank you for your ongoing financial support!



CWL News

Are you a current CWL Member? Just a friendly reminder, CWL membership fees are now due. They remain the same as last year at \$36.00. Please place your dues in the collection basket or drop it off at the office.

Their first meeting of the fall season will be on Tuesday September 17 following 7pm mass. They hope to see you there!

Mark your calendars for their upcoming annual events, and stay tuned for more details:
Christmas Bazaar - Saturday, November 16
Senior's Dinner - December 4

Register Now for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion & Confirmation



Do you have a child in Grade 2 or Grade 7 this year? Our registration for First Communion (Grade 2 and up) and Confirmation (Grade 7 and up) has now opened on our parish website. All candidates will need to be fully registered by end of day, October 31, 2024 to be eligible to receive the Sacraments in the Winter/Spring of 2025 at St. Aloysius Church. Children not attending a Catholic school must enroll in and complete the Hamilton Diocese Correspondence program prior to receiving the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Important information and our enrollment form can be found on our parish website at <https://www.stalloysius.on.ca/>. Contact the parish office for more details.

Children's Liturgy

Our Sunday morning Children's Liturgy has resumed after a Summer Break. Young, school aged children can hear the Word of God in simplified terms every Sunday morning during our 11am Mass in our parish hall. We are always looking for volunteers to assist with our Children's Liturgy. This is a great volunteer opportunity for parents, or high school students. Please contact our parish office for more information.

40 Days for Life

From September 25th to November 23rd, 2024, be part of the annual 40 Days for Life campaign, a powerful global movement to pray for the end of abortion. Over these 40 Days, you are encouraged to join the group in Prayer and Fasting for an end to abortion, as well as attending a peaceful vigil outside of Freeport Hospital for an allocated hour between 7am- 7pm, seven days per week. Sign up for prayer hours online at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener

40 Days for Life Opening Rally: Join them on **Tues Sept 24 at 7pm** at Sacred Heart Parish, 66 Shanley Street, Kitchener. They will begin with Holy Mass at 7pm. Refreshments and sign-ups will follow.



Marian Days

The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph will be hosting a 'Diocesan Marian Day' on Saturday October 5, 2024. The day begins at 9am and concludes at noon. The presider will be Bishop Miehm. For more visit; [Marian Days \(hamiltondiocese.com\)](http://hamiltondiocese.com).

Lourdes Church in Waterloo, Bus trip to Hamilton

Join the group on Mon Oct 7 for Mass in Hamilton, a trip to the Milton Outlet Mall followed by a visit to Elements Casino, Mohawk. To book a seat or for additional information, please contact Patrycja at Lourdes Church by calling 519-886-0342 or via email: lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com. Don't miss out on this mini-pilgrimage and adventure. Only 50 tickets are available.

The cost of the trip, including transportation, lunch and bus driver gratuity is only \$90 person.

Heartache to Healing - Grief Support Group - St. Michael Parish, Waterloo

Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. All who have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless of how much time has passed since your loss. St. Michael's Parish in Waterloo offers these programs; Monthly informal drop-in support - available on the 2nd Wednesday of the month; 7pm.

6-week Program-theory and sharing- Wednesday evenings (6 consecutive weeks) from October 16th to November 20th. Registration is required by October 1st by contacting their parish office 519-884-9311, or email parish@stmichaelw.ca.

The Committee for the Carmel of St. Joseph invites you to their Annual Dinner in support of the Carmelite Nuns, Mon Oct 28 at 5 p.m. Bishop Wayne Lobsinger will preside at Mass at Holy Family Parish in Kitchener. Dinner will follow in their parish hall. Their financial goal this year is \$100,000.00. To support the Carmel or to purchase tickets for the dinner, please email saintagatha@thecarmel.ca.

October is Diocesan Vocations Month

Bishop Crosby has designated October as Diocesan Vocations Month. You are encouraged to pray for vocations throughout the month. If you know someone who you think should consider a particular vocation such as the priesthood, be sure to encourage them. For more information about vocations, visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>.

Gospel Reflection for Sept 15, 2024 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ.

The word *Christ* is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means "the anointed one." At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. As we see in today's reading, Jesus refers to himself instead as the Son of Man. Many scholars suggest that the phrase Son of Man is best understood to mean "human being."

Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Christ's disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.

We can easily miss the fear that Jesus' words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel. *From Loyola Press— Sunday Connections.*

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