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St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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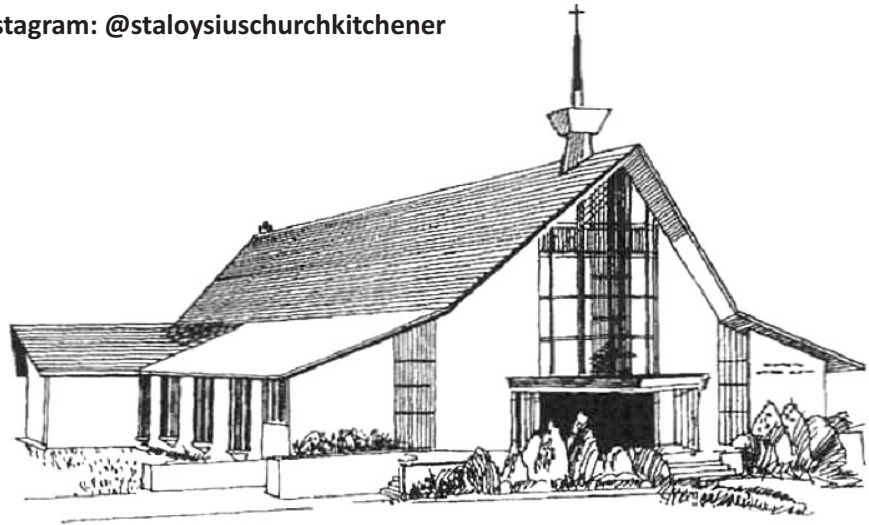
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OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY: Closed, TUESDAY-THURSDAY: 9am-12pm & 1pm-4:30pm, FRIDAY: 9am-12pm

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY..... 5:00pm
SUNDAY.....9:00am
(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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 2– Dec 8, 2024

- Monday** (ferial)
8:30 am + Jane Freeman
 + John and Anna Kowalyk
- Tuesday** (Memorial – St. Francis Xavier, Priest)
7:00 pm + Teresa and Manuel Garcia
 + John Kowalyk Jr.
- Wednesday** (ferial)
8:30 am + Herb and Violet Altman + Darcy Urquhart
- Thursday** (ferial)
8:30 am + Randy Dopp
- Friday** (ferial)
8:30 am - Int. of Fr. David Avila + Gene Buencamino
First Friday Adoration following morning Mass
- Saturday** (Memorial – St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor)
8:30 am - Int. of Fr. David Avila
- Sunday** **Second Sunday of Advent**
Sat 5pm - Int. of Fr. David Avila
 + Demeter and Helen Bachura
Sun 9am + Sandra Berry + Joan Voll
Sun 11am + Randy Dopp + Manuel Pacheco
Children’s Liturgy during 11am Mass
Sun 7pm - Int. of our Parishioners

Schedule of Events Dec 2– Dec 8, 2024

- Monday**
- Stained Glass Guild 4:00 pm
- Tuesday**
- Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service 10:30 am
 - Adoration, Confessions and Mass 6:00 pm
 - Marian Movement for Priests Prayer Group *after Mass*
- Wednesday**
- Briarfield Gardens Mass/Communion Service 10:00 am
 - CWL Seniors Dinner 6:00 pm
- Thursday**
- Fergus Place Mass/Communion Service 10:00 am
 - Children’s Liturgy Practice (in hall) 6:00 pm
- Friday**
- First Friday Adoration following 8:30am Mass
- Saturday**
- New Lectors training session 9:30 am
- Sunday**
- Children’s Liturgy during our 11am Mass

OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection	\$2207.00
Sunday Loose Collection	\$850.00
Total Offertory for Nov 24, 2024	\$3057.00
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....	\$843.46
Thank you for your ongoing financial support!	



News from the St. Aloysius Food Pantry Christmas can be a very difficult time financially for many people, and this year is no exception with the rising cost of food and household items. Our St. Aloysius Food Pantry is offering Christmas food hampers (in the form of a gift card), and toys for families in need this year. Please consider offering a financial donation for the food pantry to assist them with purchasing gift cards.

The St. Aloysius Food Pantry is organizing the **Toy Program** again this year. Please look in our church foyer for the ‘Angel Board’ with angels, listing the ages of children in our Parish neighborhood who need your support this Christmas. Take an angel from the board, and bring in a new unwrapped toy or gift card for the child. Donations need to be returned by December 15th. Drop off your new, unwrapped toys in the pink baskets in the church foyer, or to our parish office during business hours. Don’t forget to attach the ‘angel’ to your gift. *Thanks in advance for your continued support!*



Children’s Liturgy Christmas Play

The St. Aloysius Children’s Liturgy program will be hosting a Christmas play at the Christmas Eve Mass on December 24 at 4:30 pm. We will need angels, shepherds, Inn Keepers, Joseph, Mary and a narrator. Sign up in the lobby after the 11am Mass this Sunday. We look forward to another joyous Christmas Play!



Stained Glass Items Sale

Our St. Aloysius Stained Glass Guild will be selling a variety of their beautiful handmade stained glass items after the 5pm, 9am and 11am masses this weekend.

This dedicated group of volunteers is creating more stained glass windows for the church alcove. To help raise enough money to create the last few windows, the group is selling some of their beautiful stained glass items and ornaments. Items are made from recycled church glass from our former windows.

First Friday Adoration

Friday December 6 is the First Friday of the month. Please join us for our First Friday Adoration following the 8:30am Mass.

New Lector Information Session

A reminder of our information session for new lectors. It is coming up Saturday December 7 at 9:30am in the Church.



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*

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES 2024

- Wed Dec 11, at 7pm – St. Aloysius Parish, Kitchener
- Thurs Dec 12 at 7pm – St. Mark Parish, Kitchener
- Thurs Dec 12 at 7pm – St. Teresa Parish, Kitchener
- Tues Dec 17 at 2pm – St. Francis Parish, Kitchener
- Tues Dec 17 at 7pm – St. Anne Parish, Kitchener
- Wed Dec 18 at 7pm – St. Anthony Daniel Parish, Kitchener
- Wed Dec 18 8am-8pm – St. Michael Parish, Waterloo
- Wed Dec 18 at 7pm – St. Mary’s Parish, Kitchener
- Thurs Dec 19 11am-12pm – St. Mary’s Parish, Kitchener
- Thurs Dec 19 at 7pm - Blessed Sacrament Parish, Kitchener



Dec 15 – ‘Bambinelli Sunday’ - For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed Baby Jesus figurines, in St. Peter’s Square in Rome, on the Third Sunday of Advent. We will be having our own Bambinelli Sunday at

St. Aloysius Church! All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines to Mass on Dec 14 and 15 to be blessed. After the blessing, you are encouraged to take your ‘Bambinelli’ home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas Day.

Important note about change to Tuesday evening

Mass time - Starting in January, St. Aloysius Parish will be changing the Tuesday evening Mass time to begin at 6pm each week (moved from 7pm). Beginning Tuesday January 7, Adoration and Confessions will begin at 5pm, with our Mass beginning at 6pm. Our weekly prayer service will start at 6:30pm following Mass.

INFORMATION REGARDING 2024 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS FOR CHURCH OFFERINGS: Please note that offerings that arrive at the parish office after Sunday December 29 will not be reflected on the 2024 tax receipt. **Donations after that date will be put towards your 2025 Tax Receipt.**

Gospel Reflection The First Sunday Of Advent – December 1, 2024.

Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. *From the Loyola Press – Sunday Connection*

2024 Christmas Mass Times

The Nativity of the Lord
Christmas Eve, Tues Dec 24
 4:30pm - *with Children's Play*
 7:00 pm, 9:00 pm and Midnight

Christmas Day, Wed Dec 25
 9:00am and 11:00am

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Tues Dec 31 - 5:00pm
Wed Jan 1 - 9:00am
 and 11:00am

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