

"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

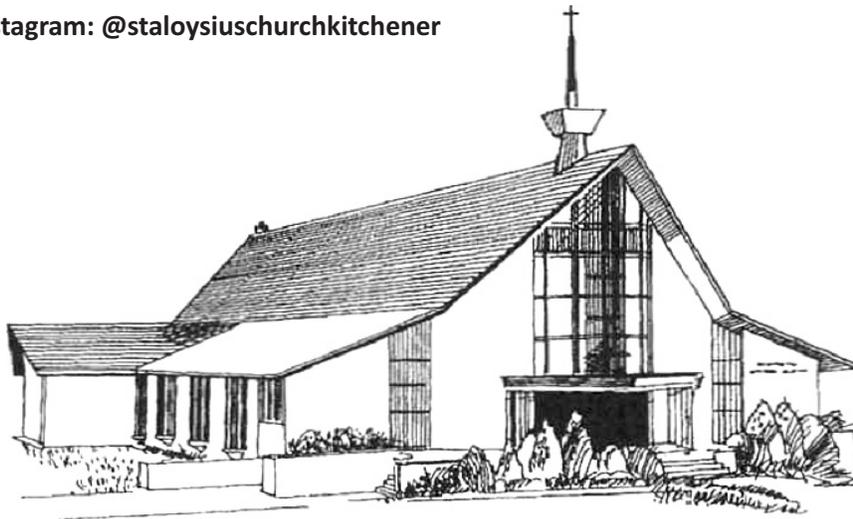
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**OFFICE HOURS:**

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.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 16– Dec 22, 2024

<b>Monday</b> 8:30 am	(ferial) + Doris D'Silva + Cecilia O'Quinn
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 pm	(ferial) - Int. of Gabriela Cebulakova
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:30 am	(ferial) + Herb Altman + Peter & Deborah Da Silva
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	(ferial) + Rita Pereira + Margo Solomon
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	(ferial) + Sandra Berry + Eduarda Lopes
<b>Saturday</b> 8:30 am	(ferial) + All Souls in Purgatory
<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	
<b>Sat 5pm</b>	+ Zigmond and Evelyn Coulas + Edward Delaney
<b>Sun 9am</b>	- Int. of our Parishioners
<b>Sun 11am</b>	+ Herb Altman + Laurie Lowe
<i>Children's Liturgy during 11am Mass</i>	
<b>Sun 7pm</b>	+ Adam Regier

### Schedule of Events

Dec 16– Dec 22, 2024

- Monday**
- Stained Glass Guild ..... 4:00 pm
- Tuesday**
- St. Kateri School – Christmas Mass in Church .....9:30 am
  - Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service .....10:30 am
  - Adoration, Confessions and Mass..... 6:00 pm
  - Marian Movement for Priests Prayer Group ..... after Mass
- Wednesday**
- St. Timothy School – Christmas Liturgy/Mass in School .....9:30 am
  - Briarfield Gardens Mass/Communion Service .....10:00 am
- Thursday**
- St. Aloysius School Mass in Church .....9:30 am
  - Fergus Place Mass/Communion Service .....10:00 am
- Saturday**
- Children's Liturgy – Play Rehearsal .....10:00 am
  - Confessions 3:45-4:30pm
- Sunday**
- Children's Liturgy .....during our 11am Mass
  - Children's Christmas Party..... following our 11am Mass

### Office hours over Christmas holidays

If you are looking to visit the parish office over the Christmas holidays, please note the following office hours;

- Mon Dec 23 - Thurs Dec 26:** office closed
- Fri Dec 27:** office open from 9am - 12
- Mon Dec 30:** office closed
- Tues Dec 31:** office open from 9am-12
- Wed Jan 1:** office closed
- Thurs Jan 2:** office open from 9am-12 and 1-4:30pm
- Fri Jan 2:** office open from 9am-12pm

### OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection.....	\$1838.00
Sunday Loose Collection .....	\$1190.00
<b>Total Offertory for Dec 8, 2024 .....</b>	<b>\$3028.00</b>
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....	\$843.46

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

**This weekend marks 'Bambinelli Sunday'** - For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed Baby Jesus figurines, 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 all weekend Masses 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.



### ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES 2024

- 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

# 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**  
**Tues Dec 31 - 11:00pm Adoration followed by Mass at Midnight**  
**Wed Jan 1 - 9:00am and 11:00am**





## Prayer for the Third Sunday of Advent

Lord Jesus, our brother and our saviour, come into our hearts with your love, joy, hope and peace. Help us to reflect your love by loving and serving all we meet. Lord Jesus, come

into our lives and share your gifts with all people. Blessed are you Lord Jesus, forever and ever, Amen. *Prayer from cccb.ca*

## News from the St. Aloysius Children's Liturgy

The St. Aloysius Children's Christmas Party will be taking place after the 11 am mass **Sunday December 22**. Children can enjoy crafts, face painting, snacks, pizza, a Christmas movie, and Santa will be in attendance! Sign up in the lobby at the back of the church.



The Children's Liturgy program will be hosting a **Christmas play at the Christmas Eve Mass on December 24 at 4:30 pm**. We look forward to another joyous Christmas play.

Please note, there will not be a Children's Liturgy program on Sun Dec 29 or Sun Jan 5. The Children's Liturgy program will resume on Sun Jan 12, 2025 during the 11am Mass.

**Flower Donations and Memorial Masses** - If you have lost a loved one and would like them to be remembered during our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Memorial Masses, consider making a Christmas flower memorial donation. Please take an envelope from our lobby and bring it back next week with your donation to help with the cost of our Christmas flowers. Remember to write the names in whose memory the donations are made on the back of your envelope.



## New Year's Eve Adoration at St. Aloysius Parish

In Thanksgiving to God for all that has happened in 2024, we will be having Adoration in our Church on December 31 starting at 11pm, followed by Mass.

**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. The weekly Marian Movement for Priests Prayer group will start at 6:30pm following Mass.

**Ways to Donate:** Are you looking to make an ongoing or annual donation to St. Aloysius Church? In addition to our weekly offertory collection, there are several ways to support the parish  
**CanadaHelps:** Make a one-time or monthly donation to our parish through Canada Helps. *Look for the link on our website.*



**Pre-authorized Giving:** Support the parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account with an amount that you specify. *Contact our parish office or visit our website to download a pre-authorized giving enrollment form.*

**e-transfer:** Donate electronically from your bank account with a one-time or monthly gift by emailing our Diocesan email address at [staloyuskitcheener@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:staloyuskitcheener@hamiltondiocese.com). Please put your name, and full mailing address in the 'memo' line of the e-transfer for tax receipt purposes. *e-transfer donations will be applied to our regular weekly offertory unless otherwise noted.*

**Please note; 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

St. Aloysius Parish relies solely on the generosity of our Parishioners. Thank you for your support of St. Aloysius Parish! *May God bless you and your loved ones.*

## Gospel Reflection The Third Sunday Of Advent –

**December 15, 2024** - In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics on preparing the way for Christ. John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand. *From the Loyola Press – Sunday Connection*

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