

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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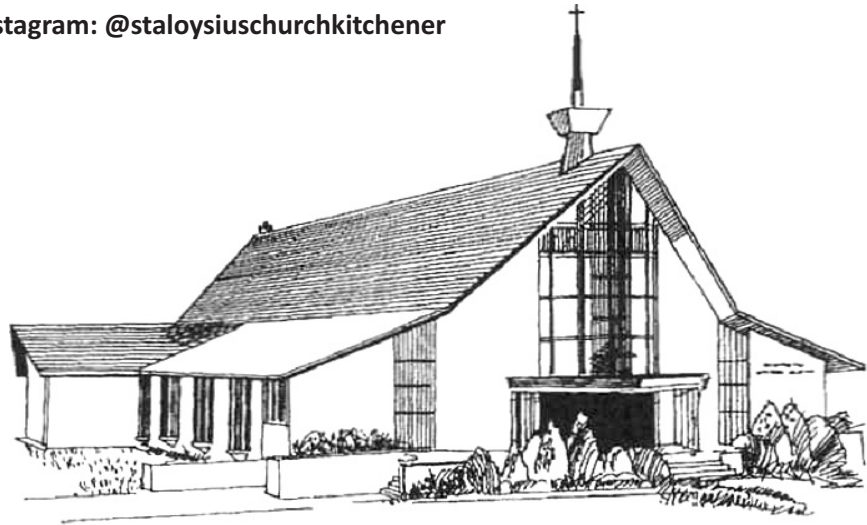
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS

Dec 9– Dec 15, 2024

Monday 8:30 am	(Solemnity – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary) + Herb Altman + George and Anna Grzesiak
Tuesday 7:00 pm	(ferial) + David Grzesiak + Michael Ziegler
Wednesday 8:30 am	(ferial) + Herb Altman + Connie Fausto
Thursday 8:30 am	(Feast – Our Lady of Guadalupe) + David Grzesiak
Friday 8:30 am	(Memorial – St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr) + Lucy De Amorim
Saturday 8:30 am	(Memorial – St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor) + All Souls in Purgatory
Third Sunday of Advent	
Sat 5pm	+ Wendy Briere - Int. of Fr. Melvin Pinto
Sun 9am	+ Amelia De Monte - Int. of Mike Lana-Sarrate
Sun 11am	- Int. of our Parishioners
Children's Liturgy during 11am Mass	
Sun 7pm	+ Anthony Baldasaro



Prayer for the Second Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you came to give us abundant life. Just like every generation before us, we get attached to the hills and valleys and sins that keep us at a "safe"

distance from you. Help us to turn back to you, to see the obstacles. Give us the grace to desire a smoother way by letting go of our sins, so you can fill our hearts with new life.

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

Schedule of Events

Dec 9– Dec 15, 2024

Monday	
• Stained Glass Guild	4:00 pm
• Food Pantry Open	7-8:00 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
• Advent Confessions at St. Aloysius Parish.....	7:00 pm
Thursday	
• Doon Village Mass/Communion Service	10:00 am
• Children's Liturgy Practice (in hall)	6:00 pm
Saturday	
• Secular Carmelite Meeting (OcDs)	9:30 am
• Monthly Baptisms.....	3:00pm
• Confessions	3:45-4:30pm
• Bambinelli Sunday - blessing Baby Jesus figurines following 5pm Mass	
Sunday	
• Bambinelli Sunday - blessing Baby Jesus figurines following all Masses	
• Children's Liturgy	during our 11am Mass

OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection	\$2667.00
Sunday Loose Collection	\$1181.00
Total Offertory for Dec 1, 2024	\$3848.00
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....	\$843.46

Thank you for your ongoing financial support!

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

St. Aloysius
Food Pantry Info



News from the St. Aloysius

Food Pantry: 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.

To assist the St. Aloysius Food Pantry with their toy program

this year, look in the church foyer for the 'Angel Board'. The board has 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.



St. Aloysius Children's Liturgy News:

The St. Aloysius Children's Christmas Party will be taking place after the 11 am mass on **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**. Upcoming practices include;

Thurs Dec 12 at 6pm practice in the parish hall

Saturday December 21 at 10am rehearsal in the Church

Dec 15 – '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 Mass on Dec 14/15 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.



Thank You - The CWL would like to thank everyone who came out as a guest and those who volunteered their time to make their annual Senior's Dinner on Dec 4 a wonderful event! A special thank you to the dancers from

Carousel Dance Centre for the fantastic entertainment.

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



Flower Donations and Memorial

Masses - If you have lost a loved one and would like them to be remembered during one of our Christmas Day Masses, consider making

a Christmas flower memorial donation. Take an envelope from our lobby and bring it back next week with your donation to help with the cost of Christmas flowers. Include your name, address and contact information on the front of the envelope and remember to include the names in whose memory the donations are made on the back of the envelope.

Gospel Reflection The Second Sunday Of Advent –

December 8, 2024 - This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. The three Synoptic Gospels; Mark, Matthew, and Luke, attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3.

In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.

We also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

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