

"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

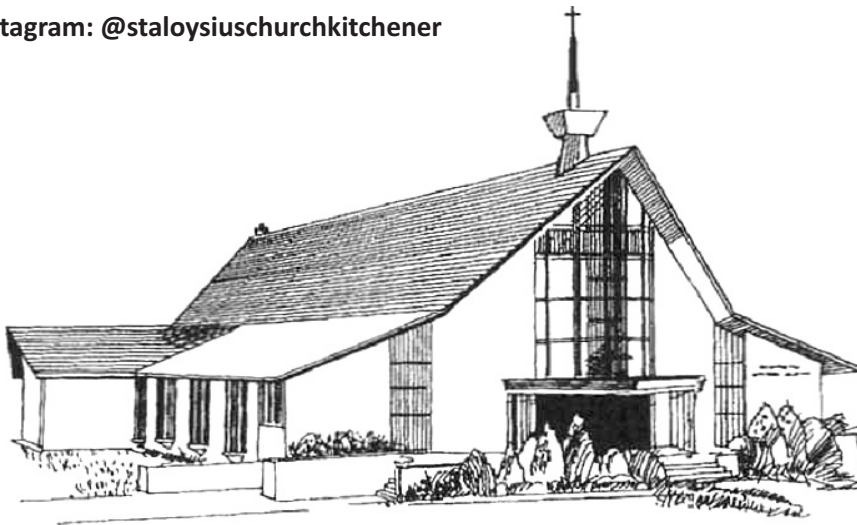
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#### **OFFICE HOURS:**

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.....6:00pm

WEDNESDAY....8:30am

THURSDAY.....8:30am

FRIDAY.....8:30am

SATURDAY.....8:30am

**CONFESSIONS** - Tuesday: 5 - 5:45pm, 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](http://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.

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### MASS INTENTIONS

Feb 10– Feb 16, 2025

**Monday** (Memorial – St. Scholastica, Virgin)  
8:30 am + Lucy DeAmorim

**Tuesday** (ferial)  
6:00 pm + Jeff Lacy

**Wednesday** (ferial)  
8:30am + Ivan Kubrak  
+ Ross Mooney

**Thursday** (ferial)  
8:30 am + Beatriz Atienza  
+ Arminda Pacheco

**Friday** (Memorial – St. Cyril, Monk, and St. Methodius, Bishop)  
8:30 am + Josephine and Manuel DaSilva

**Saturday** (ferial)  
8:30 am

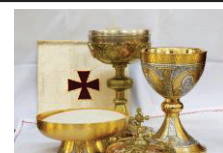
#### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Sat 5pm** - Int. of Karn Thurnell  
**Sun 9am** + Juan and Fe Dollentas + Harold Schmitt  
**Sun 11am** + Conception Pereira  
**Children's Liturgy in parish hall during 11:00 am Mass**  
**Sun 7pm** - Int. of our Parishioners

### Upcoming Sacraments at St. Aloysius Parish

#### **Sacrament of Confirmation:**

Sat Feb 22 at 11am – Mandatory Rehearsal for all Candidates and Sponsors  
Sat Mar 1 at 11am - The Sacrament of Confirmation



#### **Sacrament of First Reconciliation:**

Sat Mar 29 and Sat Apr 5 for our registered candidates.

#### **Sacrament of First Holy Communion:**

Sat Apr 26 at 10am – Mandatory rehearsal for all candidates  
Sat May 3 at 10:30am for Students of St. Aloysius and St. Timothy Schools.  
Sun May 4 at 2:00 pm for Students of St. Kateri and our local public/private schools.

**February 11 is World Day of the Sick** - The Ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral caregivers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

### Schedule of Events

**Monday** Feb 10 - Feb 16, 2025

- 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 ..... 5:00 pm
- Marian Movement for Priests Prayer Group .. following 6pm Mass

**Wednesday**

- Briarfield Gardens Mass/Communion Service ..... 10:00 am
- RCIA/RCIC Program ..... 7:00 pm

**Thursday**

- Doon Village Mass/Communion Service ..... 10:00 am

**Saturday**

- Confessions ..... 3:45 pm

**Sunday**

- Children's Liturgy ..... during 11:00 am Mass

**News from the St. Aloysius CWL** - The CWL would like to remind their members that their next General meeting is coming up on Tuesday February 18 following the 6pm Mass. They will be discussing their budget.



**Parish Potluck** - Join us for a potluck dinner on Fri Feb 28 in our Parish Hall. Doors will open at 5:30pm, and the dinner will start at 6pm. Sign up in the church foyer and remember to list the dish you are brining and the number of guests. We hope to see you!

**Please remember St. Aloysius Parish in your will** The Bequest Clause can be added to your existing Will as a codicil.

#### **Bequest Clause**

I give and bequeath to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Hamilton, under a special Act of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, and whose offices are in Hamilton, ON for the benefit of St. Aloysius Parish, Kitchener; the sum of \$\_\_\_dollars, or a \_\_\_ percentage of the Estate, or the total of the residue of the Estate.



#### OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection .....	\$2538.00
Sunday Loose Collection.....	\$875.00
<b>Total Offertory for February 2, 2025 .....</b>	<b>\$3413.00</b>
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....	\$833.31

**Thank you for your ongoing support!**

**2025 Giving Options** - Thank you for your ongoing support of St. Aloysius Parish! Please remember to pick up your annual tax receipt for your 2024 offerings, available now in our church foyer. For your convenience in 2025, there are several ways to help support the Church besides the weekend offertory.

- ✓ **Pre-Authorized Giving** – give monthly directly from your bank account! No need to prepare cheques or have cash on hand. Contact our parish office to sign up.
- ✓ **E-Transfer** – donate by emailing our Diocesan email address at [staloysiuskitchener@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:staloysiuskitchener@hamiltondiocese.com)
- ✓ **Canada Helps** – Scan the QR Code below to give with your credit card! One time or ongoing donations!



### February Heroes of Hope

The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Jubilee Year, 2025, as “Pilgrims of Hope!” We are invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal.

### During the month of February, we are asked to pray for Diocesan Ministries.

Lord God, by the grace of our baptism, you have given us new life in Christ and called us to serve as pilgrims of hope.

We pray in thanksgiving for those who have responded to your call to use their gifts and service of our Diocese, working in union with our Bishop, providing counsel to our Pastors and to support their Ministry as coworkers in the vineyard of the Lord.

Through their varied ministries, may they support the pastors of our Church, and through their work in our Diocese touch the hearts of all in our community who long for the hope, born of our Christian faith, that never disappoints.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Struggling in your Marriage?** Retrouvaille is a marriage program that helps couples who are struggling to restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. Retrouvaille helps to improve communication, build stronger marriages and aids couples to reconnect. For more information visit [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) or email [1013r@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:1013r@helpourmarriage.org).

**Opening the Holy Door: Spring Book Club** - The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to join them for a four-week virtual book club, exploring the new book by Joan Watson, *“Opening the Holy Door.”* Tuesdays from 1–2pm from **Mar 18-Apr 8, 2025**. Join them for this time of prayer and conversation, during this Jubilee Year of Hope. Register here; <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>.

**Enhancing Self-Esteem** - This Diocesan program provides an opportunity to increase your self-awareness and to learn specific skills for building positive self-esteem. Issues covered include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings, positive ways to be assertive and setting realistic goals. The program runs from Mar 24-Jun 9 at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. To register go to [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com).

### Hamilton Diocese – Parenting Tip of the Month -

Family love is one of the most complex loves to navigate. Siblings often love each other but also know clearly all the buttons to push to make other members react negatively. Children challenge parents as they age, generally trying to define and discover whom they are as an individual, and sometimes personalities just clash. These are hard moments, so work to stay connected with good moments that bring you together. Nature walks, movie nights, game nights, and brunch following Mass on the weekend – any actions that will remind everyone that family is our greatest support. Putting in the effort to plan fun moments will have lifetime benefits to all members of the family!

### Gospel Reflection: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches from Simon's boat. Jesus turns to Simon and instructs him about where to lower the fishing nets. Simon and others have been fishing throughout the night and have not caught anything. Simon protests, claiming that such an effort would be futile. Simon ultimately obeys Jesus and lowers his nets into the deeper water as directed. Notice here that Peter calls Jesus by the title “master.” He already recognizes Jesus as a person of authority. They catch so many fish that the nets begin to tear.

Simon Peter becomes a follower of Jesus immediately. He calls Jesus “Lord”—the title given to Jesus after his Resurrection—and protests his worthiness to be in Jesus' presence. Today's Gospel, therefore, marks a turning point in the relationship between Jesus and Peter.

We continue to speak of Peter's leadership and influence in the Church today when we call the pope the “successor of Peter.” We participate in the mission of the Church when we bring people to Christ through the example and positive influence of our lives. *From Loyola Press – Sunday Connection*


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