

"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

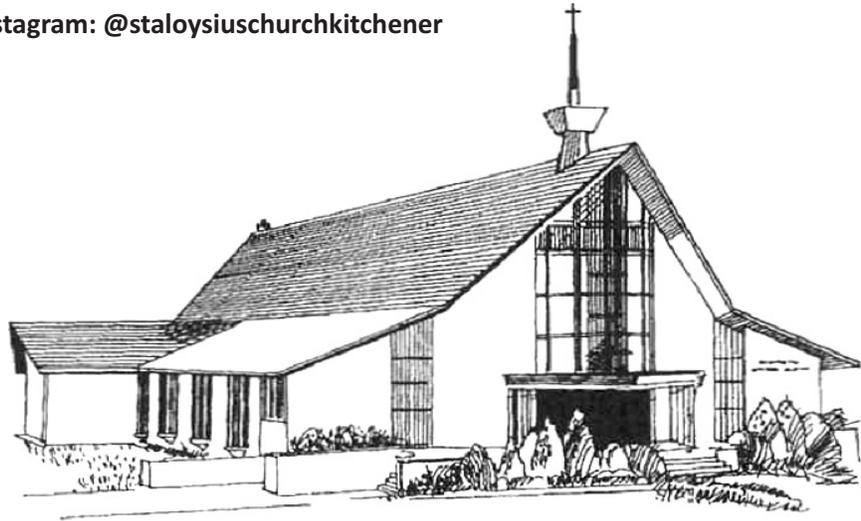
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**OFFICE HOURS:**

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 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.

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Jan 13– 19, 2025

**Change to Tuesday evening Mass time** - The Tues night Mass now begins at 6pm each week (moved from 7pm). Adoration and Confessions begin at 5pm, with Mass starting at 6pm. The weekly Marian Movement for Priests Prayer group starts an hour earlier following the 6pm Mass.

**Stained Glass Guild** - The group has been taking a Christmas break and will resume their meetings on Monday January 13 at 4pm.

**News from the CWL** - Their next general meeting will be taking place on Tue Jan 21 after the 6pm mass. They will have some refreshments and winter treats, discuss the bazaar and senior's dinner and share their plans for the year. They look forward to seeing many CWL members on Jan 21!



**Jubilee of Hope 2025** - The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as "Pilgrims of Hope!" We are all invited to draw closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been

designated as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all made available on the Diocesan Website: [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

## Heroes of Hope

Each month in the Diocese of Hamilton, we will pray for **Heroes of Hope** – those members of our parishes and communities who offer hope to those in need by their ministries and service.



## During January, we pray for those who serve in Parish 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 be leaders in our parish community and for the volunteers who dedicate their gifts for the building up of your Church and the service of their sisters and brothers.

Through their varied ministries, may they 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*

- Monday** (ferial)  
8:30 am - Int. of Mary Lou Hiller  
+ Audrey Saunders
- Tuesday** (ferial)  
6:00 pm - Int. of Eduarda Avila
- Wednesday** (ferial)  
8:30am + Mary D'Souza
- Thursday** (ferial)  
8:30 am + Taylor Wood
- Friday** (Memorial – St. Anthony, Abbot)  
8:30 am + Brian de Silva
- Saturday** (ferial)  
8:30 am + Mary D'Souza
- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- Sat 5pm** - Int. of Clara D'Cunha  
+ Harold Schmitt
- Sun 9am** + Herb Altman  
+ Mark and Lira Desousa
- Sun 11am** - Int. of Laura DeAmorim  
- Int. of Linda Vicente and Family
- Children's Liturgy in parish hall during 11:00 am Mass**
- Sun 7pm** - Int. of our Parishioners

### Schedule of Events

- Jan 13-19, 2025**
- 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 ..... 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**
    - Fergus Place Communion Service/Mass..... 10:00 am
  - Saturday**
    - Confessions..... 3:45 pm
  - Sunday**
    - Children's Liturgy.....during 11:00 am Mass

### OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection .....\$1935.00  
 Sunday Loose Collection .....\$1155.00  
**Total Offertory for January 5, 2025 ..... \$3090.00**  
 Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....\$833.31

**Thank you for your ongoing support!**



## News from the St. Aloysius Food Pantry

The St Aloysius Food Pantry would like to thank our Parishioners for your generous donations of food and toys to our Christmas Hamper program this year. Many toys were also donated through our school community, and we so appreciate their kindness and support. Special thanks to the staff, students and parents of St. Timothy, St. Kateri, and St. Josephine Bakhita Schools for their generous donations. Thank you everyone for your kind contributions and for making a huge difference for families in need in our parish community this Christmas.



## The Reel Justice Film Festival 2025

The season will start on January 23, 2025 with 'She Rises Up', a revealing look at the power of

women's economic participation. The film follows radically different women from Sri Lanka, Peru, and Senegal who are fighting to build businesses, create job opportunities for women, and contribute to the reduction of poverty in their communities. The Reel Justice Film Festival is a partnership between the Diocese of Hamilton's Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace. Film screenings are shown online, once a month For more visit; <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/>.

**St. Agnes Education Café** - Families today can be faced with many challenges: mental health, addiction, division, financial stress & beyond. Even the strongest of families can suffer under the pressure. How can we draw on our faith to persevere with unshakeable hope despite the struggles? Consider attending the St. Agnes Education Café: "Our Families: Signs of Hope Amid the Challenges" with Teresa Hartnett, Director, Family Ministry, Diocese of Hamilton. Sun Jan 26 from 2:00-3:30pm at St. Agnes Parish in Waterloo.

**Young Adults Night** - Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations on Sat Feb 1. The Young Adults Night begins at 6:30pm with a Holy Hour, followed by a social with food, praise night and Compline at St. Michael's Church (80 University Ave W in Waterloo). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilto. For more information, please contact [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

## ALPHA 2025

St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener  
Thursday evenings, Feb 20 to May 1, 6:30 to 9:15pm.

Alpha is an 11-week program that brings adults together for conversations about life, faith and Jesus in a relaxed setting. They start each session with a delicious homemade meal followed by a video and small group discussion. For more info contact Ron at [stmarkalpha@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkalpha@gmail.com) or 226-748-3210.

## Monthly Prayer Vigil - Feb 6, 2025

The KW Right to Life welcomes all to come and pray and be a witness for God's unborn babies being aborted. They invite you to pray to end abortion and pray for the conversion of hearts. When and Where: Feb 6, 2025 from 10-11am opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E, Kitchener. Parking is available across the road at Schneider Park.



## Gospel Reflection: The Baptism of the Lord

- In today's Gospel, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father.

On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.

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