

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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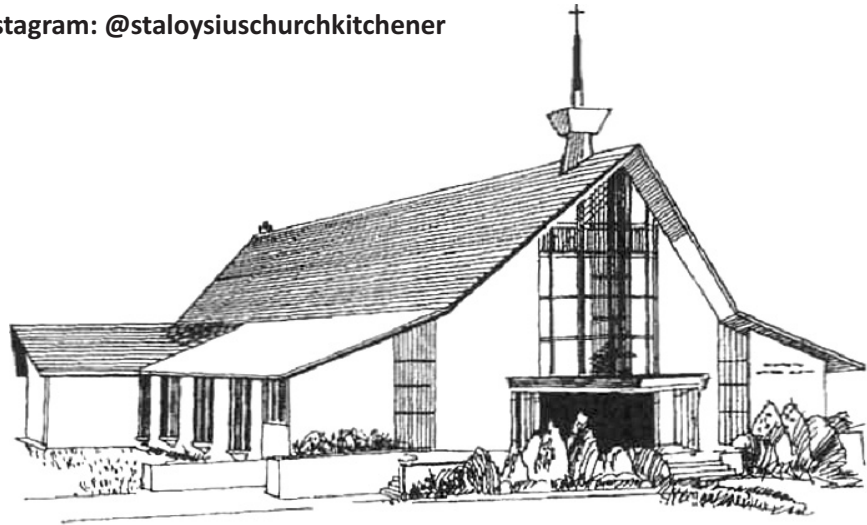
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.....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.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Jan 20–26, 2025

<u>Monday</u> 8:30 am	<i>(ferial)</i> + Mary D'Souza - Int. of Allan Walters
<u>Tuesday</u> 6:00 pm	<i>(Memorial, St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr)</i> - Int. of Karn Thurnell + Steven Thibodeau
<u>Wednesday</u> 8:30am	<i>(ferial)</i> + Mary D'Souza
<u>Thursday</u> 8:30 am	<i>(ferial)</i> + Herb Altman
<u>Friday</u> 8:30 am	<i>(Memorial – St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor)</i> + Luiza Cabral
<u>Saturday</u> 8:30 am	<i>(Feast – The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle)</i>
<u>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	
<u>Sat 5pm</u>	- Int. of Clara D'Cunha
<u>Sun 9am</u>	- Int. of Earl Byrne - Int. of Mike Lana-Sarrate
<u>Sun 11am</u>	+ Taylor Wood
<i>Children's Liturgy in parish hall during 11:00 am Mass</i>	
<u>Sun 7pm</u>	- Int. of our Parishioners

Schedule of Events

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Jan 20-26, 2025</u>
• Stained Glass Guild 4:00 pm	
<u>Tuesday</u>	
• Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service 10:30 am	
• Adoration, Confessions and Mass 5:00 pm	
• Marian Movement for Priests Prayer Group .. following 6pm Mass	
• CWL General Meeting following 6pm Mass	
<u>Wednesday</u>	
• Briarfield Gardens Mass/Communion Service 10:00 am	
• RCIA/RCIC Program 7:00 pm	
<u>Thursday</u>	
• Doon Village Communion Service/Mass 10:00 am	
<u>Saturday</u>	
• Confessions 3:45 pm	
<u>Sunday</u>	
• Children's Liturgy during 11:00 am Mass	

OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection	\$2075.00
Sunday Loose Collection	\$860.00
Total Offertory for January 12, 2025	\$2935.00
Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....	\$833.31
<i>Thank you for your ongoing support!</i>	

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.



News from the CWL - Their next general meeting will be taking place on Tuesday January 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 January 21!

St. Aloysius Parish Potluck

Join us for a potluck dinner on Friday January 31 in our Parish Hall. Doors will open at 5:30pm, and the dinner will start at 6pm. Please sign up in the Church foyer. When signing up, remember to include the dish you will bring to the potluck and the number of guests. We hope to see you for an evening of food and fellowship.



'Bible Sunday', January 26, 2025

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. This year, within the context of the Jubilee, we celebrate the Sacred Scriptures as a great source of hope for all the faithful.

The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources in celebration of Bible Sunday. Visit; <https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/> for more information.



Jubilee of Hope 2025 - Pope Francis has declared 2025 to be a Jubilee Year for the entire Church. We are invited to experience in a profound way the transforming power of God's mercy and forgiveness, and a renewal of our faith and commitment to love God and our

neighbour as God has first loved us.

In our world suffering from the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19, the climate crisis, economic hardships, and countless afflictions of mind, body and spirit, Pope Francis is inviting us to rekindle the hope which is rooted in our faith.

More information is available on the Diocesan Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/jubilee/>

Heroes of Hope

As part of our Jubilee 2025 commitment, the Diocese of Hamilton is asking us to pray for **Heroes of Hope**.



In 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*

St. Agnes Education Café - Families today can be faced with many challenges: mental health, addiction, financial stress and beyond. How can we draw on our faith to persevere? Consider attending "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 West in Waterloo. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact 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 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. Feb 6, 2025 from 10-11am opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E, Kitchener. Parking is available across the road at Schneider Park.



Save the Date: Wedding Anniversary Mass - Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year

2025? Then you are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sun Jun 1** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. Registration is available online through this link; <https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/family-ministry/supports-for-marriage/wedding-anniversary-mass/>.

Gospel Reflection: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's reading, John tells us that Jesus and his disciples were invited to this wedding at Cana, as was Jesus' mother, Mary.

Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God's salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, John's Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfill Yahweh's promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus' miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God's kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us. *From Loyola Press – Sunday Connection*



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