

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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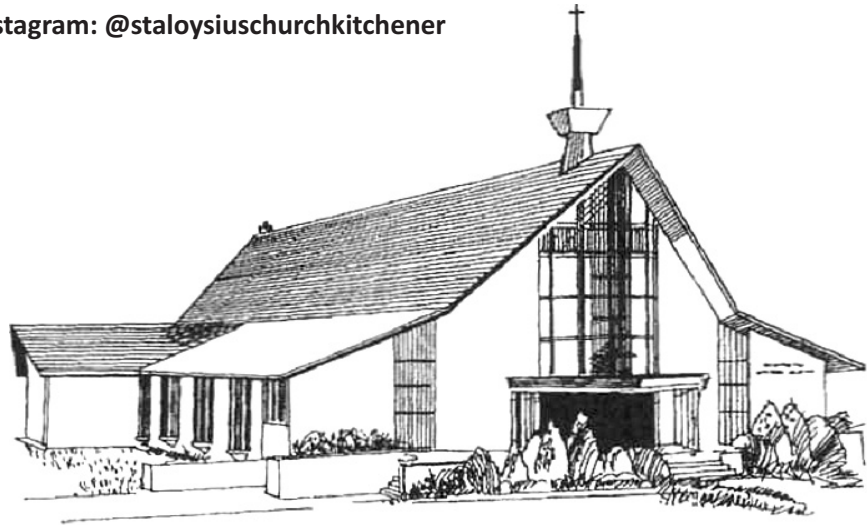
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

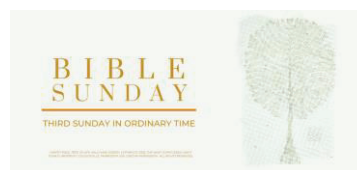


Jan 27– Feb 2, 2025

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.

- Monday** (ferial)
8:30 am + Leslie Stumpf
- Tuesday** (Memorial – St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor)
6:00 pm + Alexandra Gioenco
+ Sheela Paul
- Wednesday** (ferial)
8:30am - Int. of Clara D’Cunha
- Thursday** (ferial)
8:30 am - Int. of Francis Cooke
- Friday** (Memorial – St. John Bosco, Priest)
8:30 am + Albert and Josephine Gignac
- Saturday** (ferial)
8:30 am + Zelia Penso
Feast – The Presentation of the Lord
- Sat 5pm** - Int. of Milka Persin
+ Steven Thibodeau
- Sun 9am** + Beatriz Atienza
- Int. of all Seminarians in the Hamilton Diocese
- Sun 11am** + Leslie Stumpf
Children’s Liturgy in parish hall during 11:00 am Mass
- Sun 7pm** - Int. of our Parishioners

St. Aloysius Parish Potluck - Join us for a potluck dinner on Fri Jan 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.



Today is ‘Bible Sunday’
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/>.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
Sunday February 2 is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord also known as Candlemas. It marks forty days after Christ’s birth when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple for the rites of purification and dedication. Bring a candle to be blessed after Mass that day. We will also have blessed candles for sale at \$5 dollars per box.



Special Diocesan Collection Feb 2 - Next Sunday is our Seminary Education Collection. This annual collection supports the educational needs of seminarians in the Diocese of Hamilton. Look for your envelope in your offertory box.

World Day for Consecrated Life Feb 2 – Please pray today and during the month of February for all who have been called to serve Christ’s mission in the priesthood and religious life. Pray also for young people who feel a calling.

Schedule of Events

- Jan 27- Feb 2, 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
- Friday**
- Parish Potluck Dinner 6:00 pm
- Saturday**
- Confessions 3:45 pm
- Sunday**
- Children’s Liturgy during 11:00 am Mass

OFFERTORY REPORT

Sunday Envelope Collection\$1734.00
 Sunday Loose Collection\$1002.00
Total Offertory for January 19, 2025 \$2736.00
 Pre-Authorized Giving (weekly amount).....\$833.31

Thank you for your ongoing support!



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, 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*

Thomas Toast Event - The Communio Circle of the Diocese of Hamilton invites you to their annual Thomas Toast event on Tuesday, January 28th starting with Mass on the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas at 7pm at St. Anthony Daniel Church in Kitchener. After Mass, the group will gather in the hall for a social with food. At 8:00pm there will be talk prior to the toast by Fr. Mark Morley, Vocations Director, Diocese of Hamilton, entitled: "St. Thomas Aquinas: The Unity of Philosophy, Theology and Spirituality." For more information visit: communiohamiltondiocese.org, or contact Fr Mark Morley: mmorley@communiohamiltondiocese.org, or Deacon Charles Fernandes: 519-923-0454.

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.

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.

Gospel Reflection: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time -

In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath.

As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow, and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed.

This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled.

The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God. *From Loyola Press – Sunday Connection*

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