

"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

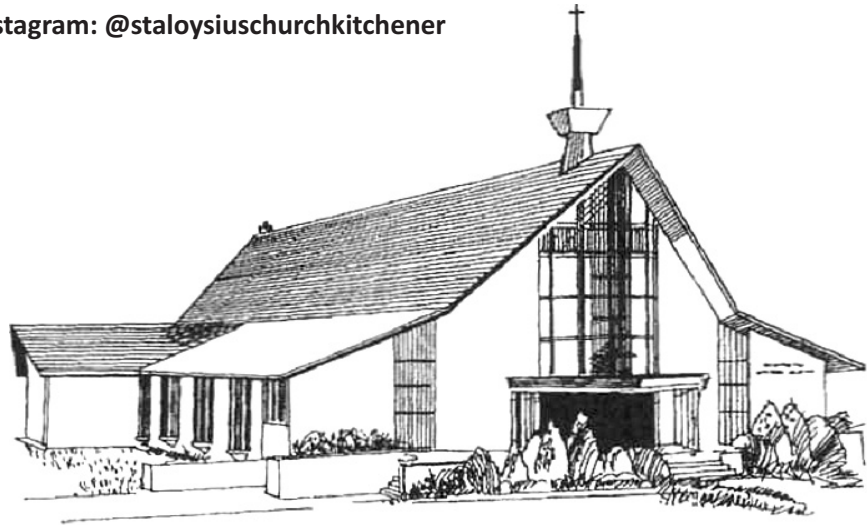
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**OFFICE HOURS:**

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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



## MASS INTENTIONS

Jan 6– 12, 2025

- Monday** (ferial)  
8:30 am + All Souls in Purgatory
- Tuesday** (Memorial – St. Andre Bessette, Religious)  
6:00 pm
- Wednesday** (ferial)  
8:30am + Rita Pereira
- Thursday** (ferial)  
8:30 am - Int. of Father Melvin Pinto
- Friday** (ferial)  
8:30 am - Int. of Audrey Roessler
- Saturday** (ferial)  
8:30 am - Int. of Gladys McMullin
- Feast – The Baptism of the Lord**
- Sat 5pm** - Int. of all Priests in the Diocese of Hamilton  
**Sun 9am** + Herb & Violet Altman  
- Int. of Maria & John Costa
- Sun 11am** + All Souls in Purgatory  
+ Corrine DeSousa
- Children’s Liturgy in parish hall during 11:00 am Mass**
- Sun 7pm** - Int. of our Parishioners

## Schedule of Events

Jan 6 - 12, 2025

- Tuesday**
- Trinity Village Mass/Communion Service ..... 10:30 am
  - Marian Movement for Priests Prayer Group..... following 6pm Mass
  - CWL Executive Meeting..... 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**
- Secular Carmel Meeting (Ocds) ..... 9:30 am
  - Monthly Baptism ..... 3:00 pm
  - Confessions..... 3:45 pm
- Sunday**
- Children’s Liturgy.....during 11:00 am Mass

## Children’s Liturgy



## News from the St. Aloysius Children’s Liturgy

There will not be a Children’s Liturgy on Sunday January 5. The Children’s Liturgy will resume on Sun Jan 12, 2025 during the 11am Mass.

## Marian Movement for Priests Prayer Group

The prayer group will resume their weekly gathering following the 6pm Tues evening Mass on Jan 7. See information below about the change to the Tues Mass time.

## 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 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 St. Aloysius CWL



The St. Aloysius Catholic Women’s League would like to wish all members and their families best wishes for the new year. A reminder, they will be having their next

Executive Meeting on Tuesday January 7 at 6:30pm following mass. For more info about the CWL, visit; <https://www.cwl.ca>, or email; [StAloysiusCWL@gmail.com](mailto:StAloysiusCWL@gmail.com).

## Pre-Authorized Giving

**Interested for 2025?** St. Aloysius Parish depends entirely on the generosity of our parishioners. Pre-authorized giving allows you to give to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account. On or near the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month, your account will be debited an amount you specify. These funds are then deposited directly in the Parish’s Account. For more information please see the brochures in the Church foyer, pick up a form at the parish office, or download the forms through our website at; <https://staloyusius.on.ca/pre-authorized-giving>. Thank you for your support of St. Aloysius Parish! May God bless you and your loved ones.

**Offertory Report unavailable this week.  
Thank you for your ongoing support!**



### 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).

**The Reel Justic 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/>.

**Save the Date – Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass 2025** 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 Sunday, June 1, 2025, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available online in January at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com).

**Struggling After an Abortion?** Project Rachel is available to help – you can heal from the pain. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. Please call 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

### Tax Receipt Information:

We will soon be preparing the tax receipts for the 2024 tax year. If your home address changed in 2024, please inform our Parish Office as soon as possible so we may update our records.

### 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.

Feb 6, 2025 from 10-11am opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E, Kitchener. Parking is available across the road at Schneider Park.

### Serra Club’s ‘Vocation Seeds’ for the Epiphany of the Lord – Jan 5, 2025

“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ’s name? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

### Gospel Reflection: The Epiphany of the Lord



The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family’s flight into Egypt.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus’ role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus’ kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus’ death.

The word Epiphany means “manifestation” or “showing forth.” Historically several moments in Christ’s early life and ministry have been celebrated as “epiphanies,” including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

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