



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Feb 8 – 14, 2021

THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC MASSES DURING THE COVID-19 LOCKDOWNS. Please note, the following Mass Intentions will be celebrated by our Priests on the following dates:

Monday (Ferial)

- + Wynn Scott – The Cormier Family
- + Wilfried Putz – Frank and Theresia Burgund

Tuesday (Ferial)

- + Francisco Paiva – A. Pacheco

Wednesday (Memorial – St. Scholastica, Virgin)

- + Lucy De Amorim - Parents

Thursday (Ferial)

- + Stan Bolger – Legion of Mary

Friday (Ferial)

- + Ross Mooney – Mary Ann Mooney

Saturday (Ferial)

- + Irene Detzler – Theresia Smith

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Sunday - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Aloysius Parish and those written in our Parish Book of Life



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Feb 15 - 21, 2021

Monday (Ferial)

- +Isauro Oliveira – Elisa Oliveira

Tuesday (Ferial)

- Int. of Fr. David Avila – Lee Ann Paiva

Wednesday **ASH WEDNESDAY**

- No scheduled intentions

Thursday (Ferial)

- + Deceased friends and family of Lois Tessner

Friday (Ferial)

- Fr. Ziggy – Krystyna Krulic

Saturday (Ferial)

- + Margot Solomon – Dianne and Family

First Sunday In Lent

Sunday - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Aloysius Parish and those written in our Parish Book of Life

HOW TO SUPPORT US DURING THE LOCKDOWN

Even though we are closed, our Parish is still responsible for paying the bills and keeping our Church afloat. We could really use your financial support during these difficult times. If you are financially able, and looking to support us during our Church closure, there are a number of ways to help! You can support St. Aloysius Parish through our CanadaHelps donation portal. You can choose a one-time or a monthly gift with your credit card or PayPal account. To make a donation to St. Aloysius Church through CanadaHelps, please visit this link; <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/119110450RR0049-st-aloysius-parish/> or visit our website at staloysius.on.ca and click on the **'Donate' button on our homepage**



If you prefer, you can mail in your Sunday collection to our Parish Office. Interested in Pre-Authorized giving from your bank account? Click here to find out more: <https://www.staloysius.on.ca/pre-authorized-giving> We thank everyone who is financially able to support us during these difficult times.

Parish News



St. Aloysius Parish is closed to Public Masses until the Province Wide Lockdown is ended. Our Parish Office will also be closed during this time. If you have a Pastoral

Emergency during our closure, please call our Office at 519-893-1220 and leave a message. Thanks for your patience as we may be delayed responding to voicemail messages. All other requests can be emailed to us at info@staloysius.on.ca.



YouTube Masses:

We are Live Streaming our Masses at St. Aloysius during the Lockdown on our YouTube channel. Livestreams air daily at 9am. If you haven't subscribed yet, visit our YouTube Channel at the to subscribe; <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX7FhzT1OuPieve5XmAfBRw/>



First Reconciliation, First Communion & Confirmation Information for Spring 2021

St. Aloysius Church online registration is now active for our Spring Sacraments! Visit <https://www.staloyus.on.ca/> to register.

Candidates looking to sign up for First Reconciliation and First Communion must be currently enrolled in Grade 2 or above. Confirmation candidates must be enrolled in Grade 7 or above and must submit all information online by February 15, 2021. Students who were part of our 2020 group and have already registered through the office will not need to register again. We will communicate separately with families who have already registered and have been through our Preparation Classes in Fall/Spring 2019/2020. Children enrolled in Public Schools are encouraged to enroll in the Hamilton Diocese Correspondence program to prepare for the Sacraments as we are not offering Sacramental preparation classes at our Parish at this time. More information can be found at this link; <https://hamiltodiocese.com/offices/evangelization-catechesis/correspondence/>

Due to Public Health Measures, we will be holding several Celebrations of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation Sacraments this Spring. Dates and Times TBD.



Ash Wednesday, February 17th, begins the Holy Season of Lent.

The Diocesan Office for Evangelization and Catechesis and the Diocesan Office for Liturgy are preparing an Ash Wednesday program that can be celebrated at

home – with the Gospel proclamation and a brief reflection by His Excellency, Bishop Douglas Crosby. Parents may bless their children by tracing the Sign of the Cross on their foreheads, marking the beginning of the annual Lenten journey. For more information and additional resources for celebrating Lent in pandemic times, please see our Diocesan website: www.hamiltodiocese.com/lent2021.



The group 'Bags to Sleeping Mats' is helping the homeless.

Sleeping mats made out of plastic bags are a good insulating layer from the cold ground for homeless. If you are interested in collecting bags, cutting them to make a plastic yarn, or crocheting a mat – please check the following website:

www.bagstosleepingmats.com

Hamilton Diocese Parenting Tip of the Month.



Two kinds of love are on display in the month of February this year – one on Valentine's Day celebrating romantic love and one on Feb. 17th, Ash Wednesday, celebrating the infinite love of a merciful God. When we recognize the depth of God's love, so powerful that nothing can separate us from it, we feel secure that God is always with us. Both these loves are important, and this is a great month to help children understand that God is responsible for both. Talk to them about how He created us to want to be in relationships, care about others and love important people in our lives. Help them to understand that the six weeks of Lent ends with the celebration Easter. Easter, the day we rejoice over Christ's resurrection and through his love, our ability to spend eternity in Heaven.



Gospel Reflection - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Feb 7, 2021

In today's Gospel we encounter a great number of suffering people who seek the healing touch of Jesus: "The whole town was gathered at the door." Jesus could not possibly respond to them all. But the Gospel also reveals Jesus, after praying in solitude, sensing an urgency to proclaim the Good News of his Father's love to those who suffer in the nearby villages and towns and being present to them. Stewards are called to follow in Jesus' footsteps, to respond to those who suffer with compassion. How are we responding to the suffering in our world? How are we using our gifts to continue the work of Christ's redemptive healing? **ICSS E-Bulletin February**

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Feb 14, 2021

The fate of a leper is a great tragedy at any time and place. In Jesus' time, lepers were considered condemned, part of the plagues God sent as punishment. They were cast out of society and abandoned. Saint Mark's Gospel reveals the unthinkable. Jesus reaches out and touches a leper. He risks catching the contagious disease and heals the man. As the Gospel story teaches, no one is abandoned by Christ. Are there those in our society or in our personal lives for whom we ascribe no hope, who we have abandoned, treated like lepers? Or as Christ's stewards of our sisters and brothers, do we risk reaching out and touching those who may seem to us to be "unclean" or not worthy of our time or attention?

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