

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

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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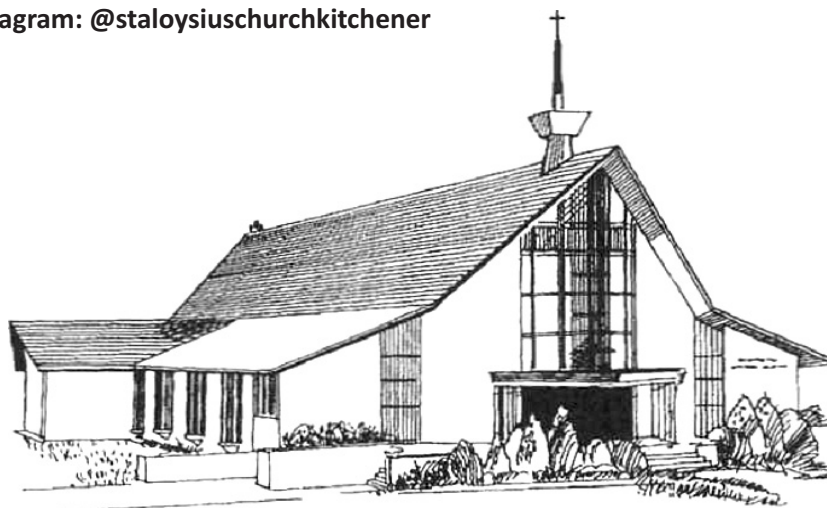
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OFFICE HOURS:

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.....7:00pm

WEDNESDAY...8:30am

THURSDAY.....8:30am

FRIDAY.....8:30am

CONFESSIONS - Tuesday: 6 - 6:45pm, Saturday: 3:45 - 4:30pm, or by appointment.

BAPTISM - Please fill out an application form and contact our parish office for more details. Application forms can be found online or in our front foyer.

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.



Oct 25 – Oct 31, 2021

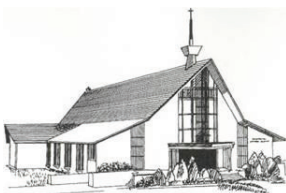
Diocese of Hamilton Statement on Covid Vaccines:

- Monday** (ferial)
8:30 am + Istvan and Etelka Dicsi- Family
Tuesday (ferial)
7:00 pm + Muriel Lukas – Lynne and Mark Lukas
Wednesday (ferial)
8:30 am - Conversion of sinners – Rosa Paiva
Thursday (Feast – St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles)
8:30 am - Int. of Eduarda Avila – A. Pacheco
Friday (ferial)
8:30 am - Int. of Emeric Dicsi

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Sat 5:00pm** - Int. of the Parishioners of St. Aloysius
Sun 9:00am + Jennie Kubrak – The CWL
 + Kevin Gervais – Mary Ann Mooney
Sun 11:00am + Julius and Margit Farago – a friend
Sun 7:00pm + Rafael Patai and family - family

Parish News



We are happy to see you! We now have more space to welcome you at our public Masses! Physically distant seating and our Covid-19 health and safety regulations remain in place. **Our Parish Office is**

open by appointment only. Please contact us in advance by phone or email to arrange an appointment during office hours.

The Obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been suspended until further notice. If you choose to return to Mass at this time, please read these important guidelines;

- All Masses are first come first served
- Masks must be worn at church
- Physical distancing measures are in place.
- Doors Open 30 minutes prior to Mass and will lock during Mass or prior to Mass if we have reached our Church capacity.
- Please arrive at the main door of St. Aloysius at least 15 minutes before Mass time.
- Follow the direction of Ushers will seat you at the available designated seats.

Thank you for continuing to follow our Covid-19 safety measures to help keep everyone safe and healthy!



The official position of the Catholic Church is that all available COVID vaccines are ethical and all Catholics who are able are encouraged to receive the vaccine. All employees serving in the Diocese of Hamilton are encouraged to be fully vaccinated or to submit to a COVID rapid test every Monday and Thursday in order to carry out their responsibilities. Volunteer liturgical ministers are required to be fully vaccinated. Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, encourages every member of the Catholic Church within our Diocese of Hamilton to be fully vaccinated.



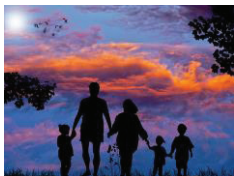
October 24 is World Mission Sunday.

Every Catholic Community and Parish throughout the World is involved in this special event. The financial assistance that you offer today will support mission priests, religious sisters and brothers and catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world in need of His love, healing, and peace

Catechetical Correspondence Courses - Do your children attend public or private school or do you home-school? To support their ongoing formation in religious education, the Diocese of Hamilton offers Catechetical Correspondence Programs for every age and stage from Kindergarten through to High School including programs specially designed to assist children preparing for Sacraments. Visit the Diocese of Hamilton link for info at; <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/evangelization-catechesis/correspondence/> contact Sybil at 905-528-7988 x2339 or email: catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com.

ReStart: A Separation and Divorce Recovery Program

- Feeling the need for support, healing and/or hope after a separation or divorce? The Diocesan ReStart Programs support your journey, providing you with tools to remain healthy. For more information contact Teresa at the Family Ministry Office - (905) 528-7988, ext. 2250.



Letter from Bishop Crosby to all parishioners in the Diocese for the Year of Amoris Laetitia Family

October 22, 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ in the Hamilton Diocese, Family is a powerful influence in our lives. The family models and lives the gifts of love, caring, compassion, humour, kindness and patience. It is in the family that we first learn about God and grow in faith, so we regard the family as the Domestic Church, the first community of faith for each person. On March 19, 2021, Pope Francis officially opened a Year of Amoris Laetitia Family, celebrating and commemorating the fifth anniversary of his Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*. The exhortation both celebrates family and looks at the challenges families face in their everyday living. In his message launching the year, Pope Francis said that the family fulfills two main functions “*the frankness of the proclamation of the Gospel and the tenderness of accompaniment.*” These are crucial tasks and the Church supports families as they endeavour to live together in love, compassion, obedience and faith.

The Pope announced the upcoming year on the Feast of the Holy Family, Dec. 27, 2020. This year of Amoris Laetitia Family overlaps the Year of St. Joseph, which began Dec 8, 2020. These two years are connected by the foundation of family so vital to each of us. We read at the end of the Apostolic Exhortation, “*no family drops down from heaven perfectly formed; families need constantly to grow and mature in the ability to love.*” (*Amoris Laetitia*, 325). The Pope goes on to remind us that support of this essential vocation comes by living in loving community with the Holy Family. St. Joseph played a pivotal role within the Holy Family as a faithful earthly father to Jesus and his life serves as a model for us all; the overlap of the two years unites the Holy Family and all families in their vocation.

The example of love, devotion, faith and trust in God that Mary and Joseph demonstrated in their daily living and care for Jesus should inspire us during this year. The family provides a safe refuge for us to develop ourselves fully and to cultivate the particular gifts God provides each person. The Church offers its full presence and support for families as they experience the highs and lows, the opportunities and challenges of domestic life. As you strive to teach and learn what it means to give and forgive, to work together for a common purpose, and to share both joys and sorrows, may you remember that by nurturing the gift of faith in your children, they will be able to grow into mature Disciples of Christ. We look forward to offering you support through Diocesan initiatives over the coming months, including a family conference at the end of May 2022. May these events serve to provide assistance, learning and inspiration for you in your essential role as a family.

Pope Francis ended his announcement of the Amoris Laetitia Family Year with the following; “*May the Virgin Mary grant that families throughout the world be increasingly fascinated by the evangelical ideal of the Holy Family, so as to become a leaven of [a] new humanity and of a genuine and universal solidarity.*” Together let us continue to work in solidarity to strengthen and care for all families.

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,

**(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI
Bishop of Hamilton**



**Gospel Reflection 30th
Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Oct 24, 2021**

In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesus' fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus' reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity.

When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus' attention. We notice how quickly the crowd's reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.

When Jesus restores Bartimaeus's sight, no elaborate action is required.). In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus's faith has saved him. Throughout Mark's Gospel, the success of Jesus' healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus' help. For example, it is because of her faith that the woman with the hemorrhage is healed. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth.

Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. In Mark's Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith—“*Son of David.*” Many in Jesus' time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus's words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark's Gospel, which begin with Jesus' preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death.

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