

St. Louis Catholic Church



2021

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

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Office hours: Monday – Thursday 9 - 12 and 1- 4, Friday 9 - 12

Weekday Masses:
Tuesday – Friday 9:00 a.m.
*Rosary: Tuesday to Friday
before 9:00 a.m. Mass*

Sunday Masses:
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.



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Welcome new members - Whether you are just passing through the area or looking for a spiritual home, we welcome you to St. Louis Catholic Church. We hope you will find our worship environment hospitable and prayerful. People often attend Mass at a parish for months or years without officially registering. Registration here at St. Louis is an expression of your commitment to being an active member of our community. Parish registration simplifies the process with regard to sponsoring a sacramental candidate; obtaining pastoral references and for preparation of baptisms, weddings and funerals. Registration is easy and can be completed at the Parish Office during regular office hours. Registration forms are available at the back of the Church.

Parish Records - Our parish records are very important. We try to keep them up to date. Please advise the office of any changes.

Music in the Liturgy - Music plays an integral role in the liturgical life of the parish. Parishioners are invited to join our choirs. Please contact the choir directors:

- 9:30 Choir - Bob Reinhart (robertreinhart182@msn.com),
- 11:30 Choir - Donna McLellan (donna-ipad@hotmail.com),
- 5:00 Choir - Peter DeSousa (organist) or Youth Music.

Sunday programs for children - During the Sunday morning 9:30 a.m. Mass there is babysitting for children under 3 years of age, Sunday School for 3 to 6 years of age and Children's Liturgy of the Word for children ages 7 and up.

Sacramental Life - St. Louis Parish celebrates the sacraments for its members who are registered and regularly attending. If you are not registered you are automatically a member of a parish closest to you.

Baptism - Celebrated once a month. Please speak with a priest after Mass on Sunday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturdays 4 - 4:30 p.m., or by appointment.

Marriage - For registered and supporting members, please contact the parish office at least one year in advance of your date.

Becoming Catholic - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, preparing adults for baptism and/or to join the community. Please contact the office for further information.

Anointing and Pastoral Care - Our parish community cares about the sick and elderly and the lonely. Please notify the parish office to arrange for them to receive the Anointing of the Sick, or to have the Holy Communion brought to them.

Pastoral Care to those in Hospital - A family member is asked to contact the parish whenever a parishioner is in hospital and requests a pastoral visit, or Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing).

Priesthood and Religious Life - Is God calling you to religious life, as a Brother, Deacon or Priest? If so, please contact the Vocation Director for the Congregation of the Resurrection, at crvocations@gmail.com or www.resurrectionist.ca

Diocesan Newsletter - For information about Activities and Events of interest in the Diocese of Hamilton, subscribe to the online Diocesan Newsletter at www.hamiltondiocese.com

Parish Organizations and Contacts:

Finance Council

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2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 12 – No Mass

Tuesday, April 13 – St. Martin, Pope

9:00 AM To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church – Monday
Lunch & Learn Group

Wednesday, April 14

9:00 AM † Casey Elenbaas – Rosemary & Shaun MacNeil

Thursday, April 15

9:00 AM † Josephine Haid – Children

Friday, April 16

9:00 AM † Arthur Russel – K of C Seniors' Club

Saturday, April 17

Vigil of 3rd Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM † Marie O'Brien & Fr. Francis Forde OMI– Pat & Joan Forde

† Walter & Kaye Hartman – Their Family

† Loretta Schnarr – John & Sharon Carey

† Candice Uniac – Mike & Dianne Uniac

Intentions of Brian Jones – Donna Mallard

Sunday, April 18 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

9:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

11:30 AM † David Kirby – Kirby Family

† Colonel & Jean Moser – Kim Moser

† Gerald & Jean Moser – Reid Family

† Max Reitzel – Audrey Reitzel & Family

Reflections on the Gospel: John 20:19-31

Today's Gospel highlights the source of energy for the post-resurrection Christian community: the presence of the crucified and risen Christ and His message of peace. There is no disconnect. The crucified Jesus, whom the disciples knew as their master, is the risen Christ. He has triumphed over death, even as the evidence of His wounds remain. Moreover, His ability to be present with them has no barriers: neither locked doors nor debilitating fear. This is cause for great joy, as is demonstrated by the disciples' reaction to His appearance.

The risen Christ's message – "peace to you" – recalls the teaching that Jesus gave to His disciples in His Farewell Discourse (John 14:1 – 31). Jesus told them that He would be leaving soon but that they should not let their hearts (i.e. their inner selves) be troubled, because He would not leave them orphaned. Instead He would ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit as their Paraclete (Greek, *parakletos*, meaning "helper or court-appointed advocate") to be with them. All they needed to do is to obey His commandment and believe in Him. The commandment is to love one another as Jesus has loved them. In John's Gospel, to believe in Jesus is to trust in Him and align oneself with Him and with the Father. The greeting of peace (Greek *elrenerr*, Hebrew *shalom*) is a wish that the disciples experience a sense of security and safety, because of the saving power of God and Jesus Christ, who is God's agent in the world. Those last words of the soon-to-be-crucified Jesus are now realized in the message of the risen Christ to His fearful disciples.

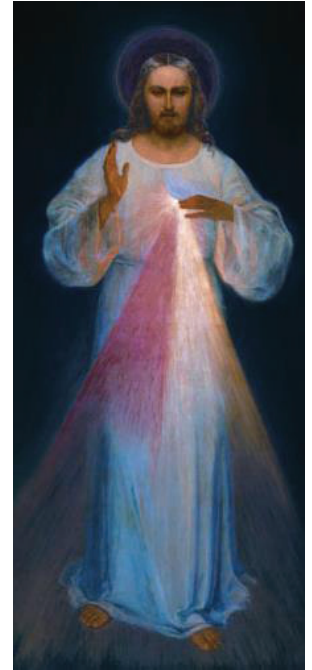
Like other appearance narratives in the Gospels, this story of the appearance of the risen Christ contains a commissioning: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (John 20:21). In the ancient world, kings and other powerful figures would send out their representatives to accomplish their work among their subjects. In this capacity the king's representative took on the role of the king and for all intents and purposes became the king in their midst. In the same way, we are called to join in Christ's ministry, a ministry characterized by peace and reconciliation in a hostile and unreceptive world.

As part of the commissioning, we are told that Jesus "breathed on" (Greek *enephyse*) the disciples. This word appears only once in the

entire New Testament, but it suggests the second creation story, in which God breathes on Adam and gives him a life-giving spirit (Genesis 2:7). It also recalls the vision in which Ezekiel calls the wind to breathe into the dry bones to bring to life those who had once been exiled (Ezekiel 37).
(From the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word)

Divine Mercy Sunday – Celebrating God's Merciful Love

In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kowalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God. St. Faustina (1905–1938) was born and raised in Poland. Following a vocation to religious life, she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. As a member of the Congregation, she worked as a cook, gardener, and porter. In her spiritual life, her contemplation on the Mercy of God led her to develop a childlike trust in God and deep love for her neighbor.



In her years in the convent, St. Faustina heard a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the rosary for the sake of Christ's sorrowful passion.

The Chaplet is prayed as follows:

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross, one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed.

2. On the Our Father beads, recite the following:

"Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."

3. On the ten Hail Mary beads, say the following:

"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

4. Repeat step two and three for all five decades.

5. Conclude by reciting three times:

"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."


When celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, the faithful are called to reflect more personally on the graces won through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In this way their hearts may be more fully aware of the mercy of God for them personally and for the sake of the world. (From *loyolapress.com*)

Sunday School & Liturgy of the Word (ages 3-10)

– is a little different! Join Teacher Kelly every Sunday morning at 10:30 AM for on-line Sunday school session. We explore our church calendar, sing songs and read the Gospel together where we take away a few important points from the reading. Kelly has a link for a children's bulletin that is full of fun information and activities. Email Kelly (kkrause@hamiltondiocese.com) to get the link to our virtual Sunday school. Join us to learn more about your faith!



St. Louis Youth Group (Gr. 6 – 12) is meeting on-line twice a month on Friday nights. Contact Kelly for more information.

 Easter! Resurrection and new life; anew life shared from an earthen tomb. This has been the meaning of life for Christian people for two thousand years. There is nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. Come and share the thrill of proclaiming this truth through your life as a priest, religious or deacon. Call Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop and Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, 905-528-7988, or Congregation of Resurrection Vocation Director, at crvocations@gmail.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.

St Louis Moms - (biological, spiritual, Godmothers, Grandmothers) Welcome to our weekly message board -

Covid 19 social gathering restrictions have placed many constraints on all communities - including our St Louis mothers.

Our role in the domestic church is so important - until we can meet in person, you are invited to tap into some excellent online resources focused on personal spirituality, family, marriage, and our Catholic faith.

A few resources to get you started...

KW Catholic Moms Group (Face Book) KW Catholic Moms is a private group allowing women to share experiences, ask questions and encourage one another in their vocation of motherhood and married life

Ablaze Ministry <http://ablaze.us/>

Small group bible study (weekly sessions in April)

Catholic Mom's Podcasts

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Stay tuned for more resources each week....

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CALL DEREK AT 226-748-8378 BY 4:30 P.M.

PICK UP TIMES: 4:30 PM TO 6:00 PM; 1 PC \$15, 2 PC \$18 - TAX INCL.

WEDNESDAY KNIGHT SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALL DINNERS

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WHY@Breakfast will be hosting another online presentation, *The Call of Hope*, on Saturday, April 17th, from 9:30 AM to noon via Zoom. Sister Eileen Power, CND has years of experience working as school chaplain, retreat facilitator, and spiritual director. For the upcoming presentation, she will be offering her insights on our call of hope at this pandemic time, leading us into a discussion, and offering practical exercises and suggestions for self-healing and for our response to that call. Registration to attend the presentation is free and available on the website <https://whyatbreakfast.com>.

Anniversary Mass 2021 Registration - The Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021 has been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years of marriage on the Diocesan website at www.hamiltondiocese.com, simply click on the Anniversary Mass icon on the home page. We will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass. If you have questions contact familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.



St. Martin I (Optional Memorial on April 13)

Elected Pope in 649, Pope Martin I promptly convened a Lateran council to resolve the Monotheite heresy, which asserted that Jesus had only a divine will and no human will, thus undermining the integrity of the human nature Christ assumed for our redemption. In promulgating the orthodox teaching, Martin drew the ire of the Byzantine Emperor Constans II, who arrested and imprisoned the pontiff. For two years, Martin suffered exile, public indignities, and terrible mistreatment, but he held fast to the Lord. From his prison in Naxos, Greece, he wrote, "For forty-seven days, I have not been given water to wash in. I am frozen through and wasting away... But God sees all things and I trust in him." (*From Magnificat.org*)

HE BREATHED ON THEM?
IS THAT EVEN SAFE?



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IT IS... IF IT'S
THE BREATH OF GOD!



JOHN 20:19-31

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