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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 Fr. Dan Lobsinger, C.R., 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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EASTER SUNDAY

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 13 – Easter Monday - No Mass

Tuesday, April 14

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

Wednesday, April 15

9:00AM † Suresh Ganouir – Esther MacKinnon & Ganouir Family

Thursday, April 16

9:00AM † Shirley Hinsperger – Rob Hinsperger

Friday, April 17

9:00AM Intentions of Pat Nairn – Cecilia Beechey

Saturday, April 18

Vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday

5:00PM † Albert Ruetz – Katie Ruetz & Family

† Marie O'Brien & Anne Forde – Pat & Joan Forde

Sunday, April 19 – Divine Mercy Sunday

9:30AM Intentions of Moser Family – The Family

† Shirley Hinsperger – Rob Hinsperger

† Eileen Flaman – Rita Poachman

† Samren, Khamphens, Kasem & Johnny Xaysy – Xaysy

Family

11:30AM For People of St. Louis Parish

Reflection on the Gospel Reading John 20:1-18

Jesus' crucifixion and death occur in the context of the great Jewish feast of Passover. As John narrates the account of Jesus' rising from the dead, the Passover with all its crowds and rituals is no longer mentioned. It is now "the first day of the week," signalling a new stage in the story. In the early morning of that first day it is still dark. In John's Gospel, darkness symbolizes a variety of unlightened human experiences and emotions: sin, betrayal, doubt, sadness, fear, ignorance. The darkness of sadness and confusion in this scene is on the verge of becoming daylight for Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter, and the disciple whom Jesus loved.

In predawn darkness, Mary Magdalene, who had stood by the cross with the other women and the beloved disciple, comes to the tomb. John narrates Mary's action actions in the present tense, giving the episode an energetic and urgent feeling: Mary *comes* to the tomb; she *sees* the stone removed; she *runs* to Peter and the other disciple; she *tells* them bluntly that they have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where He is. Her understanding is still in the darkness. Having come to Jesus' garden tomb to mourn or to anoint his body, Mary was shocked at what she saw. Her words to the two disciples clearly show that she had no expectation that Jesus would be risen from the dead. Like many Jews of the day, most notably the Pharisees, Mary looked for the resurrection of the dead on the on the last day. Simon Peter and the beloved disciple, also played a part in the account of Jesus' passion and death. Peter is remembered for his denial and abandonment of Jesus, and the other disciple for being a faithful witness at Jesus's death. Peter's rehabilitation begins at this early morning darkness. Both disciples run immediately to the tomb, exhibiting the same urgency as Mary. Although it is common to refer to the "empty tomb" because Jesus' body is not there, the tomb is not entirely empty. They see the burial cloths in which Jesus had been wrapped. These garments of death have been left behind because death has no dominion over the risen Jesus. Unlike Lazarus, Jesus will not die again. For the beloved disciple, seeing the tomb and the burial cloths was enough; "he saw and believed." He believes, even though not yet understands. The darkness of sadness and not comprehending will gradually be transformed to joy and understanding so great that they will proclaim it abroad. Then others will also come to believe.

(Excerpt from Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word)

Blessings to you during this very quiet Holy Week.

This week we remember the great events that led to new resurrected life. We remember that Jesus left us the Eucharist to sustain us, something we are missing these days. We remember that we are called to service, maybe not washing feet, but in doing what we can with what we have to bring the presence of the new life of Jesus more fully into the world. We remember the Passion and the suffering endured for us, that eventually led to the Resurrection. We remember that though we are isolated we are not alone, Jesus has promised us to be present always.

The Diocese of Hamilton has many resources hamiltondiocese.com These include links to online masses, and resources for celebrating at home. The Bishop has cancelled or postponed all Baptisms, Firsts Communions, ordinations, weddings, funerals, confessions until June 30.

If you wish to donate to the parish online there are two avenues, one at the Diocese hamiltondiocese.com/covid19parishfund/ (be sure to indicate the parish and to fill in the information to get a receipt) and one at CanadaHelps canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-louis-parish/

A receipt will come by email. If you drop your envelopes at the Rectory, I check the mailbox every hour.

Palms have been blessed and I will leave them in the front entrance of the Rectory if you wish to pick up some for your home.

As we celebrate Easter in this very quiet and isolated way, we remember the first Easter when the apostles and Mary were isolated and locked away because of fear, but that did not prevent Jesus from entering into their isolation and bringing them the Joy of new life.

Have a blessed Holy Week and a Joyous Easter.

Fr. Phil

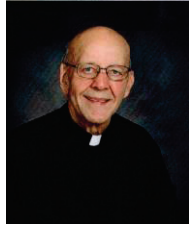


HE IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!
ON THIS GREAT FEAST

FR. PHIL

AND THE STAFF OF ST. LOUIS
WISH YOU ALL EASTER BLESSINGS.
MAY THE JOY OF THE
RESURRECTED CHRIST
REMAIN WITH YOU THROUGHOUT
THIS COMING YEAR!

Deacon Phil Tremblay, C.R. died this week on April 7, 2020. He was 82 years old, in his 62nd of religious life and his 40th year as an ordained Permanent Deacon. He served in North Bay, Kitchener, Ancaster and Kentucky. Just before his retirement in 2013 he served as a Deacon and Administrator at St. Louis Parish. He will be remembered for his generous heart, compassionate soul and great sense of humour. His body will be cremated and buried in the family plot in Sault St. Marie.



"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." (Luke 24:5)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of the Risen Lord Jesus! This Easter message arrives amidst the seemingly unending news cycle we have all experienced over the past weeks. At times, despite the positive stories we hear, this news has been harrowing and frightening. However, I write to you today to implore you, most especially in this Easter Season: **Do not allow this bad news to obscure your vision of the Good News of Christ!** We cannot allow the darkness of the present moment to cast a shadow on our vision of the light of Christ's Resurrection! Indeed, the Resurrection is what transforms the darkness of Good Friday, the suffering of the innocent Christ, and the desolation of the Cross. As followers of Jesus we know there is no Easter without the Cross. And yet the Cross always points toward the glory of the Resurrection and God's ultimate victory over death. Our suffering can point toward salvation as well, if we unite it to the One who suffered all for us.

We may sense a contradiction to the Easter feast this year: how can our celebration and joy be complete when the world is locked-down, isolated, quarantined - when we cannot even gather in our parish churches to celebrate the Solemnity of solemnities? What do we make of this suffering that remains even after the tomb has been found empty and the Risen Lord appeared?

The Easter story provides the definitive example of how God gives meaning to suffering. Through the Lord's suffering and death, we are liberated from death's grasp. The Lord will also transform the difficulties of today into profound grace - but we must allow Him to do so. We must open ourselves to the Lord's voice, and allow ourselves to be instruments of His love when it is so desperately needed.

How can we do this? The foundational way is prayer. The rhythm of our prayer life has been upended in these days, most painfully through the absence of the faithful at Sunday Mass. But our prayer must continue. I encourage you to read the daily scripture readings, to pray the Rosary and other devotions, to watch the Mass being broadcast on television or the internet, making an act of spiritual communion. Pray for your families, for your parish, for healthcare workers, for our political leaders, for those who are sick, and for those who are dying. We must also remember not only to focus on our trials, but to be thankful for our continued blessings. *"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (Thess. 5: 16-18)*

We also open ourselves to the Lord when we do good. While we will not be able to make all things well, we can follow the example of St. Teresa of Calcutta to, *"do small things with great love."* Grow closer to your family and loved ones, being gentle and patient with them during this time together. Call on family, friends, neighbours, and the vulnerable. Help those in need as you are able. Make sacrifices to promote the common good and ensure others have what they need. Remember: *"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)*

Our parishes and pastors will continue to be here for you during this time. Our priests continue to celebrate Mass for your intentions and, like me, they anxiously await your return to worship at the table of the Lord. Sadly, our parishes are sharing in the damage of the measures to contain the virus. If you are able, continuing to support your parish financially will help them overcome this ordeal. Financial uncertainties abound, and we must ensure we take care of our families; not everyone will be able to maintain their giving. However, our parishes are vitally important, and the support of the faithful is what sustains them. I know Divine Providence directs us at this time and always, and I know those who can will do their part.

The Easter story solidifies the triumph of light over darkness, the victory of life over death, and the culmination of God's breaking into history to bring each of us to Himself. We know that the suffering of this present moment cannot separate us from God's love. *"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."* (Romans 8: 38-39) While we may be separated from one another, Christ remains close to us. I pray for health, well-being, and peace for you and your family, and wish you an abundance of Easter blessings. May the Easter Alleluia resound in your heart, until such time as it rings out once again from the gathered assembly in the house of God!

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,



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

Solemnity of Easter 2020



"He has been raised from the dead!" Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, 905-528-7988, or Fr. Dan Lobsinger, CR, Vocation Director, at crvocations@gmail.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.

The Diocese of Hamilton is committed to help parishes in great financial need at this exceptional time. To do so it needs support from parishes which have reserve funds on Deposit with the Diocese. St. Louis Parish was asked to donate \$80,000.00 to the Struggling Parishes Fund. When the situation with COVID-19 virus is resolved all money left over in the fund will be returned to the donors.

Donations during April 4 -9, 2020

Sunday offerings : \$2125.00, Easter offerings: \$810.00
Maintenance: \$ 210.00, Preauthorized (per week) \$2555.23
Needs of Holy Land: \$ 280.00, Share Lent: \$ 605.00

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Due to the COVID 19 coronavirus outbreak all Masses are celebrated privately by the priest.

All public Masses, meetings and programs are cancelled.

All Easter Services at St. Louis are cancelled.

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