



St. Louis Catholic Church

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Office hours: Monday – Thursday 9 - 12 and 1- 4 p.m.
Summer hours (Canada Day to Labour Day): Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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)

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 resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com or www.resurrectionists.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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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

Monday, April 15 - No Mass

9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
5:30 PM	Good Shepherd Catech.	Nursery
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (11:30AM)	Church

Tuesday, April 16

9:00 AM To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church

9:30 AM	Book Group	L. Hall
6:30 PM	CWL Exec Meeting	L. Hall

Wednesday, April 17- St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

9:00 AM † Mary-Ann Toussaint – Richard & Claire Armitage

9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
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Thursday, April 18

9:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Graces Received by Estrada

Family – Estrada Family

Friday, April 19

9:00 AM † Rosemary Peterson – Peterson Family

Saturday, April 20

Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM People of St. Louis Parish

Sunday, April 21– The Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:30 AM † Janet Stevens – Family

† Don Miller – Miller Family

† Donaldo Negron – Michael & Maggie Ehrlich

† Valsamma Varghese – Philip Varghese

10:30 AM	Sunday Social	L. Hall
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10:30 AM	First Communion Class	Nursery
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11:30 AM † Mark Reitzel – Audrey Reitzel & Family

† Don Kehn – Beaton Family

† Carlos Sobrero – Blanco-Garcia Family

† David Kuntz – Kuntz Family

12:30 AM	Bible Study 10/12	L. Hall
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5:00 PM	OOTC Community Supper	Gym
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Saint Kateri Tekakwitha's Story (1656 – April 17, 1680) - The blood of martyrs is the seed of saints. Nine years after the Jesuits Isaac Jogues and Jean de Lelande were tomahawked by Iroquois warriors, a baby girl was born near the place of their martyrdom, Auriesville, New York.



Her mother was a Christian Algonquin, taken captive by the Iroquois and given as wife to the chief of the Mohawk clan, the boldest and fiercest of the Five Nations. When she was four, Tekakwitha lost her parents and little brother in a smallpox epidemic that left her disfigured and half blind. She was adopted by an uncle, who succeeded her father as chief. He hated the coming of the Blackrobes—Jesuit missionaries—but could do nothing to them because a peace treaty with the French required their presence in villages with Christian captives. She was moved by the words of three Blackrobes who lodged with her uncle, but fear of him kept her from seeking instruction. Tekakwitha refused to marry a Mohawk brave, and at 19 finally got the courage to take the step of converting. She was baptized with the name Kateri-Catherine—on Easter Sunday.

Now she would be treated as a slave. Because she would not work on Sunday, Kateri received no food that day. Her life in grace grew rapidly. She told a missionary that she often meditated on the great dignity of being baptized. She was powerfully moved by God's love for human beings and saw the dignity of each of her people.

She was always in danger, for her conversion and holy life created great opposition. On the advice of a priest, Kateri stole away one night and began a 200-mile walking journey to a Christian Indian village at Sault St. Louis, near Montreal.

For three years she grew in holiness under the direction of a priest and an older Iroquois woman, giving herself totally to God in long hours of prayer, in charity, and in strenuous penance. At 23, Kateri took a vow of virginity, an unprecedented act for an Indian woman whose future depended on being married. She found a place in the woods where she could pray an hour a day—and was accused of meeting a man there!

Her dedication to virginity was instinctive: Kateri did not know about religious life for women until she visited Montreal. Inspired by this, she and two friends wanted to start a community, but the local priest dissuaded her. She humbly accepted an "ordinary" life. She practiced extremely severe fasting as penance for the conversion of her nation. Kateri Tekakwitha died the afternoon before Holy Thursday. Witnesses said that her emaciated face changed colour and became like that of a healthy child. The lines of suffering, even the pockmarks, disappeared and the touch of a smile came upon her lips. She was beatified in 1980 and canonized in 2012.

Reflection: We like to think that our proposed holiness is thwarted by our situation. If only we could have more solitude, less opposition, better health. Kateri Tekakwitha repeats the example of the saints: Holiness thrives on the cross, anywhere. Yet she did have what Christians—all people—need: the support of a community. She had a good mother, helpful priests, Christian friends. These were present in what we call primitive conditions, and blossomed in the age-old Christian triad of prayer, fasting and almsgiving: union with God in Jesus and the Spirit, self-discipline and often suffering, and charity for her brothers and sisters. St. Kateri Tekakwitha is the Patron Saint of: Indigenous Americans. (From Franciscanmedia.org)

Date	Sunday	Loose	Maint.	Easter	PAD
April 7	3102.65	455.85	500.00	430.00	2317.31

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Reflection on the First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

More than other New Testament writers, Luke used speeches to convey early Christianity's *kerygma* (the salvific message of Christ). Throughout the Acts of the Apostles, this powerful message was communicated by Peter, Stephen, and Paul who, through their speeches, interpreted the events of Jesus' life, death, and Resurrection and showed how these events fulfilled God's salvific plan.

Today's first reading forms part of Peter's third speech, in which he addresses his fellow Jews who marvel over the healing of a lame man, and who presume that Peter and John have done this by their own power. In response, Peter clarifies that the One at work is none other than the God of their ancestors. Peter then emphasizes his central message: Jesus, whom they and their leaders had handed over and had sentenced to death is, in fact, "the Holy and Righteous One," "the Author of Life," and the One whom God raised up and glorified. Strikingly, Peter notes that their action came from their ignorance. This fact justifies the current offer of salvation to them. (Compare this with Jesus' words on the cross in Luke 23:34). To emphasize the enormity of this message, the offer, and their divine origin, Peter declares that these events are the fulfillment of what God had proclaimed through the Prophets.

The speech indicates that Jesus' prophetic power is now found in the words and deeds of the Apostles. Addressed to the Jewish people of the era, the call to "turn to God" offers the promise of being cleansed of their sins, but also the warning that their fate rests in responding to the Apostles' prophetic words. It is, of course, as timely a call now as it was then. (From *Workbook for Lectors*)

Vacation Bible & Lego Robotics Camp 2024 – To Mars and Beyond – July 15-19. The camp will run all day. Campers have the choice of coming all day, or half a day. The morning will be focused on the space theme with faith intertwined through everything we do. The afternoon will be Lego Robotics, also with the space theme running throughout what they do. Ages for the all day camp is 7 to 11 years old. Children 5 to 6 years old are welcome to sign up for the mornings only. Registration is now open. Forms available from the Nursery, the back of the church, or contact Kelly Krause at the parish office. Please register soon, the camp will fill up fast.

Lector & Eucharistic Minister Upcoming Retreats - If you are volunteering, or would like to volunteer as a Minister of the Word, or Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Communion you might be interested in two retreats that are coming up: For Ministers of the Word on Saturday, April 13 at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown. 9:30 AM to 3 PM and for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on Saturday, April 20, at St. John the Baptist Parish, Guelph, ON. 9:30 AM to 3 PM. Please register using the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - Telling someone carrying a burden of sin that they are sinners in need of repentance is not a proclamation of good news – any more than telling someone they have cancer and in need of treatment is a proclamation of good news. But someone who's actually had cancer and recovered – has something credible to say. And someone who's carried a burden of sin but has experienced God's forgiveness – has something credible to say. We are all called to proclaim the good news of the forgiveness of sins. But are we in touch with God's forgiveness? Are we credible witnesses of these things? Fr. Raphael Ma, CR, Vocation Team; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

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Reel Justice Film Festival April 25th Join us from 7– 9 PM for the screening of *Bigger Than Us*. The film follows youth activist Melati Wijsen as she travels the world to meet other young activists like herself, striving to make the world a better place. Guest speaker Peter Mahfouz from Caritas Lebanon will speak to his work supporting youth initiatives in Lebanon and the strength of young people in supporting their communities. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register at: <https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com> . A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

Lectures in Catholic Experience Presents – Br. Guy Consolmagno SJ
When Science Goes Wrong: The Desire and Search For Truth
Monday April 15th at 7:30 PM, St. Jerome's University, SJ2, Atrium
Event is free - all are welcome

When we think that following science is a sure way to get to all the right answers, we misunderstand the nature and history of science; it can only get closer to the truth by recognizing where and how it has gone wrong. Even Galileo's revolution in science included some truly bizarre ideas of what the Earth looked like and how (and why) it was situated in the heavens. What can this tell us as we grapple today with dark matter and dark energy...and about the nature of the search for Truth itself?

Br. Guy Consolmagno SJ is the Director of the Vatican Observatory. A native of Detroit, Michigan, he earned undergraduate and masters' degrees from MIT, a Ph. D. in Planetary Science from the University of Arizona. He was a postdoctoral research fellow at Harvard and MIT, served in the US Peace Corps (Kenya), and taught university physics at Lafayette College before entering the Jesuits in 1989. At the Vatican Observatory since 1993, and in 2015 Pope Francis appointed Dr. Consolmagno director of the Vatican Observatory. Register on-line <https://ticketfi.com/event/5220/lectures-in-catholic-experience-presents-brother-guy-consolmagno-sj>

350th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Quebec

- This year marks the 350th Anniversary of the founding of the Catholic Church in Canada, with the establishment of the Archdiocese of Quebec. To mark this occasion, a Diocesan pilgrimage has been planned to take place from July 13th - July 17th, 2024. The pilgrimage will include a visit to the Cathedral Basilica of Notre Dame in Quebec City and the **Holy Door** (pictured above), visits to the sites made famous by the saintly founders of the Canadian Church, visits to St. Anne de Beaupré, Notre-Dame-du-Cap in Trois Rivières, Notre Dame Basilica and St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal. The five-day pilgrimage will include guided tours exploring Quebec's religious and cultural heritage and will be led by Monsignor Murray Kroetsch, Vicar General and Chancellor of the Diocese of Hamilton. Registration deadline is April 30th. For more information, please contact Matthew Trafford at the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis: 905-528-7988 X2339. Email: catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com



Pentecost Celebration - Join Bishop Scott McCaig, Peter Herbeck and other great speakers for an uplifting Pentecost celebration on May 17 & 18 at St. Raphael Parish in Burlington. A bus is being planned, leaving Kitchener at 7 AM on Sat. May 18 & returning at 7 PM, if numbers warrant. It is important that you register as soon as possible as bus seats will be assigned on a first come basis until the bus is full. Please call to register Pat or Rita: 519-748-5548 or email paddym@golden.net



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