

St. Louis Catholic Church

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Served by the Congregation of the Resurrection since 1890.

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.



St Louis Catholic Church



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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

Terry Collins, 519-741-1534

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS			
Monday, April 17 – St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin, Patroness of Canada - No Mass			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
Tuesday, April 18			
9:00 AM	† Bernard Duval – Catherine Duval-Russell		
9:30 AM	Book Group		L. Hall
4:30 PM	Good Shepherd Catechesis		Nursery
6:30 PM	CWL Exec Meeting		L. Hall
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal for 11:30 AM Mass		Church
Wednesday, April 19			
9:00 AM	† Eileen Fischer		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
6:00 PM	First Communion Class		Nursery
Thursday, April 20			
9:00 AM	† Janet Stevens – The Family		
Friday, April 21			
9:00 AM	† Rosemary Peterson – Peterson Family		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
Saturday, April 22			
9 AM – NOON	St. V. de Paul Sandwich Project		L. Hall
Vigil of Third Sunday of Easter			
5:00 PM	† Francis Forde, OMI & Gerard Forde – Pat & Joan Forde		
	† Ken Danard – Kirby Family		
	In Thanksgiving for Graces Received – Estrada Family		
Sunday, April 23 – Third Sunday of Easter			
9:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish		
11:30 AM	† David Kirby – Kirby Family		
	† Cameron MacLean – Rosemary & Shaun MacNeil		
	† Bob Loughridge – Rosemary & Shaun MacNeil		
	Intentions of Dick & Mary Sue Caron – R. & S. MacNeil		
10:30 AM	Sunday Social		L. Hall
5:00 PM	OOTC Community Supper		Gym

The Gospel from John 20:19-31

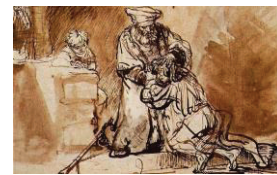
In today's reading we find that Jesus' disciples are in hiding for the fear of the persecution by the Jewish authorities over their belief that Jesus was long-awaited Messiah. Jesus suddenly appears and displays His hands and feet to the disciples to allay their fears and show that He is truly alive. He also greets them "Peace be with you" and confers the Holy Spirit for the forgiveness of sin. The greeting of peace is a reminder of Jesus' words to the disciples during the farewell discourse, when He says "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you.... Do not let your hearts be troubled". The conferral of the Holy Spirit when Jesus breathes upon the disciples, brings to mind the second creation story of Genesis where God creates a man, Adam and breathes into him the breath of life, The disciples are made "new" insofar as they have a new mission, which is to continue the work that God had given Jesus to do – to be the light that casts out darkness.

The second part of this scene is about the Apostle Thomas. It is a reminder that not all of us come to faith in the same way. When the disciples tell Thomas, "We have seen the Lord," he adamantly refuses to believe. But when the risen Jesus appears again after eight days to respond to Thomas' demand to see the risen Jesus' wounds, Thomas makes a profound expression of faith: "My Lord and my God." The blessing directed toward those who have not seen but believe is intended for the Johannine community and by extension to us. Such is the mercy of God!

(From the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, & Proclaimers of the Word)

The Feast of Divine Mercy

- St. Faustyna Kowalska was a Polish nun who received mystical revelations in which Jesus showed her His heart, the source of mercy and expressed His wish that this feast was celebrated. (1930s)



- The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued on May 23, 2000 a decree in which the feast of Divine Mercy would be celebrated each year on the 2nd Sunday of Easter. (The Mass readings for this Sunday already contained the theme of Divine Mercy).

- In order to celebrate this day, it is recommended to pray the Chaplet and the Novena of the Divine Mercy, go to confessions (after a deep examination of conscience), and to receive Holy Communion on the day of the Feast of the Divine Mercy.

- The main purpose of this Feast is to send the entire world an important message: God is merciful and He loves us all. *(From Catholic-link.org)*

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Our Lord gave St. Faustina a set of prayers to invoke His mercy, called the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

On standard rosary beads, pray the following prayers:

First, on the crucifix, pray one *Our Father*, *Hail Mary* and the Apostles' Creed.

On each "Our Father" bead, pray: "Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins, and those of the whole world."

On each "Hail Mary" bead, pray: "For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us, and on the whole world."

Repeat for five decades. To conclude, pray three times: "Holy God, holy mighty One, holy immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."



Muffins, Mugs and Mingle - Families, parishioners of St. Louis parish, please come out on Saturday, May 20th from 10 AM - noon in the Large Hall for a time of visiting and fun with one another. Bring your own mug, muffins and other treats will be available for consumption. Babysitting will be provided in the nursery by some of our wonderful youth of our parish!! It is an opportunity to get out and enjoy one another's company!! We hope to see you there.



Babysitting/Sunday School - right now we have this program offered during the 9:30 AM Mass downstairs in our babysitting room. Children 0-3 yrs of age participate in babysitting. Children 3-7 yrs of age join Kelly Krause in our Sunday School room (just inside our babysitting area) to hear the Gospel read to them at their level and to make a craft. No registration is required, just come and check us out.

We are open to the possibility of offering this program during the 11:30 AM Mass as well. To make this happen we are in need of 8 volunteers. If you are interested in helping out please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office. If we get 8 volunteers, we will make an announcement that this program will run during both the 9:30 AM and the 11:30 AM Masses each Sunday.



Tuesday morning Book Group will start a new book on Tue. April 18 (9:30 AM in the Large Hall): "The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully" by Joan Chittister. We read & discuss during 1 hr meetings. No homework. Everyone welcome.

From BISHOP OF HAMILTON: April 16, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Risen Christ,

Next Sunday (the Third Sunday of Easter, April 23,) each Parish in our Diocese will hold a collection in support of the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. This collection supports local initiatives of healing and reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters and forms part of the larger \$30 million national commitment made by dioceses across Canada.

In May of 2022, we held our first diocese-wide collection, asking for support that would add to the Diocese's original \$4 million commitment. Though the fund was new and had neither projects nor committee members, parishioners responded generously - contributing in excess of \$170,000.

Since this time, the Diocese has formed our local Indigenous Reconciliation Fund advisory council, whose members are tasked with the ultimate funding decisions for local reconciliation projects. This advisory council, comprised of four Indigenous and three Diocesan representatives, will be the main point of contact with those local Indigenous groups who will work toward the fund's four priorities: healing and reconciliation for communities and families; culture and language revitalization; education and community building; and dialogues for promoting Indigenous spirituality and culture. Information about our local efforts can be found by visiting hamiltondiocese.com/reconciliationfund/

When the Holy Father met with Canadian Indigenous representatives last year, he remarked that, "any truly effective process of healing requires concrete actions." Your generous support does exactly this: it makes real the Church's deep desire for authentic reconciliation and serves as a tangible sign of the Church's closeness and fraternity with all Indigenous peoples. While the steps we take on this journey of reconciliation may feel small, they move nonetheless in the right direction. May the Risen Lord Jesus, whose resurrection triumphed over sin and death, guide us on this journey from pain to the hope of new life.

Yours in Christ and Our Lady of Guadalupe, +Douglas Crosby, OMI



"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Will you respond to God's call to be sent as priest, deacon, sister or brother or consecrated virgin? If God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, 905-528-7988, vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, or Fr. Raphael Ma, Congregation of the Resurrection Vocation Director, at rvocations@gmail.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph, St. Agatha, at 519-884-6700. Pray for vocations!

Act II (Separated & Divorced Support Group) - 3rd Tuesday of every month following 7 PM Mass at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo - With the support of others you can begin to heal the emotional, social and spiritual devastation of divorce. Join us when you can. Visit our website (www.stmichaelw.ca/separated-and-divorced), or contact St. Michael's Parish office for more information at 519-884-9311.

Heartache to Healing - Grief Support Group - Online or In Person - Our 6 week grief support program follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster. All who have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless of how much time has passed since your loss. Online 6 week - Thur. from 7-8:30 PM - April 13 to May 18. Register with Teresa 905-528-7988 X 2250 or - crm.hamiltondiocese.com/register/workshops.aspx.

In person 6 week - Wed. from 7-8:30 PM - May 17 to June 21 at St. Michael Parish. Register with Kathy Shaw 519-886-2117 or email shawbing@rogers.com. More info/dates - stmichaelw.ca/grief-support. Monthly drop-in support is also available at St. Michael Parish on the 2nd Wednesday of the month; 7PM in the Parish Resource Centre/Library.

PRAYERS STRAIGHT FROM THE BIBLE - CANTICLES

Alleluia! Salvation and Glory (A Song of the Lamb) Revelation 19:1-7

The canticle *Alleluia! Salvation and Glory* is used in the Roman Liturgy of the Hours in Evening Prayer on Sundays.

Alleluia! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, Alleluia! for his judgments are true and just; Alleluia!

Alleluia! Praise our God, all you his servants, Alleluia! you who fear him, small and great. Alleluia!

Alleluia! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Alleluia! Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, Alleluia!

Alleluia! for the marriage of the Lamb has come, Alleluia! and his Bride has made herself ready; Alleluia!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Book of Revelation is sprinkled with canticles that are raised to God, Lord of the universe and history. *A Song of the Lamb* is part the liturgy of Vespers. This hymn is sprinkled with the "*Alleluia*," (Jewish "*praise the Lord*") and which, curiously, in the NT appears only in this passage of Revelation. These verses are intoned in heaven by a "great multitude": it is like an imposing chorus that rises from all the elect, who celebrate the Lord in joy and festivity.

For this reason, the Church, on earth, marks the rhythm of her song of praise with that of the just who already contemplate the glory of God. Thus a channel of communication is established between history and eternity: it has its starting point in the earthly liturgy of the ecclesial community and has its end in the heavenly, where our brothers and sisters have already arrived who have preceded us on the way of faith.

In this communion of praise three topics are substantially celebrated: God's "salvation," "glory" and "power", namely, transcendence and saving omnipotence; the "Kingdom" of the Lord, namely, the divine plan of redemption of the human race; and the definitive end toward which the last book of the Bible leads us - the nuptial meeting between the Angel, who is Christ, and the purified and transfigured bride, which is redeemed humanity.

In conclusion the words of St. Augustine about the spiritual meaning of the word "Alleluia":

We sing in unison this word and, united around it in communion of feelings, we encourage one another mutually to praise God. God can be praised with a peaceful conscience by the one who has not committed anything that displeases Him. Moreover, as regards the present time in which we are pilgrims on earth, we sing the "Alleluia" as a consolation to fortify ourselves through life; the "Alleluia" which we pronounce now is like the song of the wayfarer; in walking on this exhausting way we tend toward that homeland in which is rest, in which, with all the present concerns having disappeared,

there will only be the *Alleluia!*

(From canticanova.com from Pope John Paul II audience Sep. 14, 2005)

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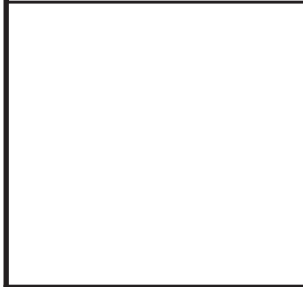
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