

# St. Louis Catholic Church

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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.**



St Louis Catholic Church

## Pastoral Team:

### **Pastor**

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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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### **St. Vincent De Paul**

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# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

## MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

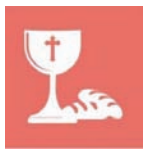
<b>Monday, April 3 – No Mass</b>			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
<b>Tuesday, April 4</b>			
9:00 AM	To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church		
9:30 AM	Book Group		L. Hall
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal for 11:30 AM Mass		Church
<b>Wednesday, April 5</b>			
9:00 AM	† Catherine & Robert McNulty – Family		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
<b>Thursday, April 6 - Holy Thursday</b>			
7:00 PM	For Priestly Vocations		
<b>Friday, April 7 – Good Friday</b>			
10:00 AM	Good Friday Service – with Gospel dramatization		
3:00 PM	Good Friday Service		
<b>Saturday, April 8 – Holy Saturday</b>			
<b>Vigil of Easter</b>			
8:30 PM	For People of St. Louis Parish		
<b>Sunday, April 9 – Easter Sunday</b>			
9:30 AM	For the Congregation of the Resurrection		
11:30 AM	For those Baptized and Received into the Church this Easter in Our Diocese		
10:30 AM	Sunday Social		L. Hall
5:00 PM	OOTC Community Supper		Gym



**Palm Sunday** is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified.

In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or palms, in front of Him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect. Palm branches are widely recognized symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday. The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war.

During Palm Sunday Mass, palms are distributed to parishioners who carry them in a ritual procession into church. The palms are blessed and kept for the year. Because the palms are blessed, they may not be discarded as trash. Instead, they are gathered at the church and burned to create the ashes for the next year's Ash Wednesday.



**Holy Thursday** is the commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ, when He established the sacrament of Holy Eucharist prior to His arrest and crucifixion. It also commemorates His institution of the priesthood. Jesus celebrated the supper as a Passover feast. Christ would fulfill His role as the victim of the Passover for all to be saved by His final sacrifice.

The central observance of Holy Thursday is the ritual re-enactment of the Last Supper at Mass. This event is celebrated at every Mass, as part of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, but it is specially commemorated on Holy Thursday. During the Mass, Catholics rightly believe, as an article of faith, that the unleavened bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through transubstantiation. He also establishes the special priesthood for his disciples, which is distinct from the "priesthood of all believers." Christ washed the feet of His disciples, who would become the first priests.

On the night of Holy Thursday, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place where the faithful remain in the presence of the Eucharist just as the disciples kept a vigil with Christ.

No Mass will be celebrated again in the Church until the Easter Vigil proclaims the Resurrection.



**Good Friday** is the day for fasting and commemoration of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. According to the gospels, Jesus was betrayed by Judas on the night of the Last Supper. The morning following Christ's arrest, He was brought before Annas, a powerful Jewish cleric. Annas condemned Jesus for blasphemy for refusing to repudiate Annas' words that He was the Son of God. From there, Jesus was sent to Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of the province. Pontius Pilate questioned Jesus but found no reason to condemn Him. Instead, he suggested Jewish leaders deal with Jesus according to their own law. But under Roman law, they could not execute Jesus, so they appealed to Pilate to issue the order to kill Jesus.

Pilate appealed to King Herod, who found no guilt in Jesus and sent Him back to Pilate once again. Pilate declared Jesus to be innocent, and washed his hands to show that he wanted nothing to do with Jesus, but the crowds were enraged. To prevent a riot and to protect his station, Pilate reluctantly agreed to execute Jesus and sentenced him to crucifixion. Jesus was convicted of proclaiming himself to be the King of the Jews.

Before his execution, Jesus was flogged, which was a customary practice intended to weaken a victim before crucifixion. Crucifixion was an especially painful method of execution and was perfected by the Romans as such. It was reserved for the worst criminals, and generally Roman citizens, women, and soldiers were exempt in most cases.

During His flogging, the soldiers tormented Jesus, crowning Him with thorns and ridicule. Then, Jesus was compelled to carry His cross to the place of His execution, at Calvary. During His walk to the site of His execution, Jesus fell three times and the Roman guards randomly selected Simon, a Cyrene, to help Jesus.

At Calvary, Jesus was nailed to the cross and crucified between two thieves. One of the thieves repented of his sins and accepted Christ. A sign, was posted above Christ to indicate His supposed crime. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." It is commonly abbreviated in Latin as "INRI" (*Iesus Nazarenus, Rex Iudaeorum*).

During Christ's last few hours on the cross, darkness fell over the whole land. Jesus was given a sponge with sour wine mixed with gall, a weak, bitter painkiller often given to crucified victims.

Prior to death, Jesus spoke His last words, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" This line is the opening of Psalm 22, and it may have been common practice to recite lines of songs to deliver a greater message. Properly understood, the last words of Christ were triumphant. Guards then lanced Jesus' side to ensure He was dead.

At the moment of Christ's death, an earthquake occurred, powerful enough to open tombs. The long, thick curtain at the Temple was torn from top to bottom. The body of Christ was removed from the cross and laid in a donated tomb, buried according to custom.

The Veneration of the Cross: In the 7<sup>th</sup> century, the Church in Rome adopted the practice of Adoration of the Cross from the Church in Jerusalem, where a fragment of wood believed to be the Lord's cross had been venerated every year on Good Friday since the 4<sup>th</sup> century. According to tradition, a part of the Holy Cross was discovered by the mother of the emperor Constantine, St. Helen, on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem in AD 326. In veneration of an image, or representation of Christ's cross we are actually adoring what it represents. We are paying the highest honour to our Lord's actual Cross as the instrument of our salvation and because the Cross is inseparable from His sacrifice, in reverencing His Cross we are adoring Christ. *'We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee because by Thy Holy Cross Thou has Redeemed the World.'* (From Catholic Online catholic.org.)



LAST LENTEN  
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:  
Wed. April 5 from 8 AM to 9 PM at St. Michael's Church

**Holy Week Mass and Service Schedule**

- Holy Thursday** – The Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7PM
- Good Friday** – The Passion of the Lord Services – 10 AM & 3 PM
- Holy Saturday** – Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord – 8:30 PM
- Easter Sunday** – Resurrection of the Lord – 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM



**Holy Thursday food drive:** It has been a tradition of St. Louis Parish to remember the Last Supper of Our Lord, with gifts of food or money for The Society of St. Vincent de Paul food bank at our Parish. This year, we are asking for donations of **peanut butter, canned tuna, Kraft Dinner or canned beans in tomato sauce.** Please place donations in front of the Holy Family Altar at Holy Thursday Mass. Thank you and God bless.



**Easter Egg Hunt for children age 10 and under, on Easter Sunday after both Masses.**



The Waterloo Knights of Columbus is gearing up for another Good Friday Fish Fry at the Columbus Conference Centre, with inside seating starting at 1 PM through to the last seating at 6 PM. Therefore the seatings are on the hour. 1 Piece Dinner \$15, 2 piece Dinner \$20, and includes fries, a roll and slaw. Address: 145 Dearborn Place in Waterloo, YOU must call Martin at 519-884-2060 to reserve your seating time and also call regarding your Take Out order.



"Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord!" 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 crvocations@gmail.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph, St. Agatha, at 519-884-6700. Pray for vocations!



**Resurrectionist Vocation Minute** - That's what Holy Week is all about, it's about taking the time to ritually enter into, to experience, and encounter Jesus in His paschal mystery through the liturgies of Holy Week. The people in the Gospel reading of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem asked: "who is this?" Our participation in Holy Week is an opportunity to go deeper into our own version of this question. Jesus didn't open a school or design a curriculum. He called disciples by name, and said: "follow me." And like the disciples, it is only by doing just that – through the events of Holy Week – that we too will come to know the answer for ourselves to that question: "who is this?" Read more at [www.resurrectionists.ca](http://www.resurrectionists.ca)

**Mini Lenten Retreats** - The Apostles of the Resurrection invite you to spend 20 minutes in prayer on this Palm Sunday for the last of their mini Lenten Retreat videos, with the theme The Journey Ahead. The retreats focus on the Sunday Gospel and follow a Lectio Divina format, including times for personal reflection. Today's video is available on the Congregation of the Resurrection website, [www.resurrectionists.ca](http://www.resurrectionists.ca). The Apostles hope these retreats have been helpful for you on your Lenten journey.

**PRAYERS STRAIGHT FROM THE BIBLE – CANTICLES:**



The Cantic of Simeon, also called Nunc Dimittis, is found in St. Luke's Gospel 2: 29-32, The title is formed from the opening words in the Latin Vulgate, "Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine" etc. ("Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord" etc.). The circumstances under which Simeon uttered his song-petition, thanksgiving, and prophecy are narrated by St. Luke 2: 21-35. The words following those quoted above, "according to thy word in peace", are explained by v. 26: "And he had received an answer from the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Christ of the Lord." Brief though the Cantic is, it abounds in Old Testament allusions. Thus, in the following verses, "Because my eyes have seen thy salvation" alludes to Isaiah 3:10, rendered afterwards by St. Luke 3:6, "And all flesh shall see the salvation of God". Verse 31, "Which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples" accords with the Psalmist (98:2); and verse 32, "A light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel", recalls Isaiah 42:6.

*Now, Master, you let your servant go in peace. You have fulfilled your promise.  
My own eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all peoples.  
A light to bring the Gentiles from darkness; the glory of your people Israel.*

In the Roman Office, the cantic is assigned to Compline, or Night Prayer. Both Canticles and Psalm were sung, but Psalms were collected together and Canticles come from various parts of the Bible. (From [catholicculture.org](http://catholicculture.org))

**Heartache to Healing** - Grief Support Group - Online Zoom or In Person - Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. Our 6 week grief support program follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. All who have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless of how much time has passed since your loss.

Online 6 week - co-ordinated by the Diocese of Hamilton - Thursday's from 7-8:30pm - April 13 to May 18. Register with Teresa 905-528-7988 X 2250 or - [crm.hamiltondiocese.com/register/workshops.aspx](http://crm.hamiltondiocese.com/register/workshops.aspx).

In person 6 week - you can register now - Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm - May 17 to June 21 2023 at St. Michael Parish. Register with Kathy Shaw 519-886-2117 or email [shawbing@rogers.com](mailto:shawbing@rogers.com). More info/dates - [stmichaelw.ca/grief-support](http://stmichaelw.ca/grief-support).

Monthly drop-in support is also available at St. Michael Parish on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month; 7PM in the Parish Resource Centre/Library.

Sunday	Loose	Maint.	Diocesan	Pre Auth.
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THEREFORE GOD ALSO HIGHLY EXALTED HIM  
AND GAVE HIM THE NAME  
THAT IS ABOVE EVERY NAME,  
SO THAT AT THE NAME OF JESUS  
EVERY KNEE SHOULD BEND,  
IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH  
AND UNDER THE EARTH,  
AND EVERY TONGUE CONFESS THAT  
JESUS CHRIST IS LORD,  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER.



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