

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:

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

Monday, April 22 - No Mass			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
5:30 PM	Good Shepherd Catechesis		Nursery
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (11:30AM)		Church
7:30 PM	Bible Timeline study 10/12		L. Hall
Tuesday, April 23			
9:00 AM	To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church		
9:30 AM	Book Group		L. Hall
7:00 PM	Painting with Kelly		L. Hall
Wednesday, April 24			
9:00 AM	Intentions of Michelle Toussaint – Richard & Claire		Armitage
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
Thursday, April 25 – St. Mark, Evangelist			
9:00 AM	Intentions of Pierre Toussaint – Richard & Claire		Armitage
Friday, April 26- Our Lady of Good Counsel, Patron of Catholic Women's League of Canada			
9:00 AM	† Deceased Members of Estrada – Estrada Family		
Saturday, April 27			
9 AM – 5 PM	Engaged Encounter		L. Hall
Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Easter			
5:00 PM	† Paul Horan – Marie Miller		
	† Paul Schnarr – Krause Family		
	† Sharon Tokar – Helen Wiley		
Sunday, April 28- The Fifth Sunday of Easter			
9:30 AM	† Patricia Wiseman – Lorie Saxby		
	† Liz Zorzetto – CEE District 2		
	† Joan (Spellman) Dulong – Helen Hamblin, sister		
	† Dolly Prus – Louann Miller		
	10:30 AM	Sunday Social	L. Hall
	10:30 AM	First Communion Practice	Church
11:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish		
	12:30 AM	Bible Timeline Study 11/12	L. Hall
	5:00 PM	OOTC Community Supper (last)	Gym

Our Lady of Good Counsel

by Rev. Matthew R. Mauriello

The church that enshrines the original painting of Our Lady of Good Counsel is located in the small town of Genazzano, about thirty miles southeast of Rome. As early as the fifth century, the people of Genazzano were greatly devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary. When Pope Sixtus III (432- 440) asked for donations to restore the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome, the faithful were generous in their support. Shortly thereafter, they built a church dedicated to Our Lady of Good Counsel in Genazzano. The church was entrusted to the care of the Augustinian Fathers in 1356.

With the passage of time, it was necessary to repair the church and it appeared that only a local widow, Petruccia de Geneo, was willing to aid with the financing of the restoration. She was criticized by some of her neighbors but her efforts were rewarded by the miraculous event of April 25, 1467.

According to legend, the entire town was participating in the yearly feast in honour of St. Mark the Evangelist. The church was still unfinished and roofless when the image of the Madonna and Child was transported there from its former location in Scutari, Albania. Around four o'clock that afternoon, the multitude of people saw a mysterious cloud descend upon the church. The church bells rang of their own accord and the cloud parted revealing the portrait. The image, fifteen inches wide by seventeen inches high, came to rest on a narrow ledge in the church and remains in that position to this day. The painting is a fresco, painted on a thin layer of plaster as thin and fragile as an egg shell.

Within weeks, two refugees from Albania arrived in Genazzano. They testified before the papal delegation that the same image was in a church in the Albanian town of Scutari only a few weeks earlier. When the town was on the verge of being invaded, the portrait was miraculously relocated for its own protection. The commission verified that there was indeed an empty space in the plaster wall of the church at Scutari, the exact size of the portrait. The unfinished church was soon completed after the miraculous event of April 1467 and became a place of pilgrimage. Within the first six months alone, over 170 healings and miracles were recorded.

The miraculous image, at first called the Madonna of Paradise, has always been regarded with special favor by the Apostolic See. Pope Paul II (1464-1471) called for an investigation and gave initial approval to devotion to Our Lady of Good Counsel. Pope St. Pius V (1565-1572) attributed the victory in the Battle of Lepanto to the help of Our Lady of Good Counsel. In 1753, Pope Benedict XIV approved the placing of a gold crown over the image and in 1779 Pope Pius VI granted the Augustinian Order the special privilege of celebrating the feast day each year on April 26. Pope Pius IX (1846-1878) had special devotion to Our Lady under this title and made a pilgrimage to Genazzano in 1864.

More than any other pope, Pope Leo XIII (1878- 1903) had a deep love for this devotion. He was born in the town of Carpineto, not far from the Church of Our Lady of Good Counsel, and elevated the shrine to the status of a Minor Basilica. In 1903, he inserted the title "Mater Boni Consilii" into the Litany of Loreto and also had a copy of the image installed in the Pauline Chapel of the Vatican Basilica.

Pope Pius XII (1939-1958) dedicated his entire pontificate to the Madonna of Good Counsel and Saint Pope John XXIII (1958-1963) made a visit to the shrine in 1959. The present church was built in 1628.

In World War II, a bomb crashed through the roof, destroying the sanctuary and high altar. The fragile image of Our Lady of Good Counsel was only a few yards away but was miraculously undamaged.

Image: Mater Boni Consilii, P. Sarullo (Article from udayton.edu)



Reflection on the First Reading: Acts 4: 7-12

Today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, features yet another speech from Peter. This fourth speech is the first directed at the leaders and elders of the people, and it addresses the same event as last week: the healing of a man crippled from birth. Whereas last week's speech to the people was explanatory and received a sympathetic hearing (Acts 4:4), this speech was confrontational, and the disciples are met with skeptical questioning.

Having been taken into custody while they were speaking to the people, Peter and John are questioned by the Sanhedrin regarding their authority and their use of the name through which the crippled man was healed. Peter boldly clarifies that it is the power of Jesus Christ, and God who raised Him, that healed the crippled man. The use of "healed" echoes Acts 2:21, where Peter declared that "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." As in earlier speeches, Peter states that they (the people and the leaders) had crucified Jesus. But now he goes further. By citing and slightly altering Psalm 118:22, Peter replaces the image of the stone rejected with the stone scorned, representing the attitude of the leaders towards Jesus in Luke 18:9. The entire scene echoes Luke 21:13-15, where Jesus predicted that the disciples' opponents would be unable to refute them. In the end, Peter courageously proclaims that salvation can be found only in this name, and none other. Strikingly, the leaders and elders receive no call for conversion at the end. (From Workbook for Lectors)



Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - To what does God call? Fr. Peter Semenenko CR, the Co-Founder of the Resurrectionists, answers, "the individual is called to give himself to God completely, without restriction, and since this is a most sublime act, it must also be completely free". In responding to our vocation, we simply entrust ourselves entirely into the hands of Jesus, our Good Shepherd. If you are wondering how to discern if God is calling you to religious life, consider joining us for a Come and See Day. Fr. Pawel Szymanowski CR.

How do I discern a vocation to Religious Life? If you're looking to understand God's plan for you, join us for the 'Come and See' day retreat on May 25th at St. Mary's Parish. This retreat offers a chance to join community prayers, engage in discussions with three Resurrectionists, and meet other young people on a similar journey. For further details, please visit: //resurrectionists.ca/vocations/come-see/



Our next General Meeting will take place on Wed., May 1st beginning with Mass at 7 PM. Following Mass, we will have our Crowning of Mary ceremony and presentation of our service pins. We will then meet in the Large Hall for refreshments and a short meeting. Join us and bring a friend! All ladies 16 years of age and older are welcome.

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. **Early bird discount ends on May 12. Please register soon.**

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.

350th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Quebec

(Founding of the Catholic Church in Canada, by the establishment of the Archdiocese of Quebec in 1674). A Diocesan pilgrimage has been planned to take place from July 13th - 17th, 2024. It will include a visit to the Cathedral Basilica of Notre Dame in Quebec City and the **Holy Door** (pictured right), and to the sites made famous by the saintly founders of the Canadian Church, 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 info., please contact Matthew Trafford at the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis: 905-528-7988 X2339. Email: catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Waterloo invites you for Lunch in honour of Mother's Day, on Sunday, May 12 at noon in the parish hall. Bring your whole family (Tickets are limited and on sale now.)

For more information and to purchase tickets: please call Patrycja at 519-886-0342 X 3 or email lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com
Ticket price \$20 each. Includes hot lunch served buffet style: Grilled Chicken breast, scalloped potatoes, veggies, Caesar and Greek salad with cake, coffee, and tea. Door prizes, 50/50, Raffle tickets will be sold.



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

Saint Mark's Story - Most of what we know about Mark comes directly from the NT. He is usually identified with the Mark of Acts 12:12. When Saint Peter escaped from prison, he went to the home of Mark's mother.

Paul and Barnabas took him along on the first missionary journey, but for some reason Mark returned alone to Jerusalem. It is evident, from Paul's refusal to let Mark accompany him on the second journey, that Mark had displeased Paul. Because Paul later asks Mark to visit him in prison, we may assume the trouble did not last long.

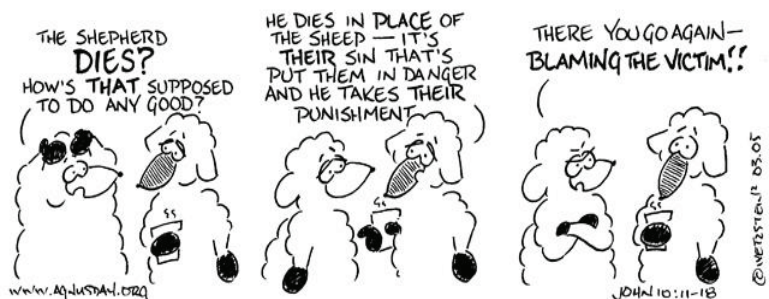
The oldest and the shortest of the four Gospels, the Gospel of Mark emphasizes Jesus' rejection by humanity while being God's triumphant envoy. Probably written for gentile converts in Rome—after the death of Peter and Paul sometime between A.D. 60 and 70—Mark's Gospel is the gradual manifestation of a "scandal": a crucified Messiah.

Evidently a friend of Mark—calling him "my son"—Peter is only one of this Gospel's sources, others being the Church in Jerusalem (Jewish roots), and the Church at Antioch (largely Gentile).

Mark was not one of the 12 apostles. We cannot be certain whether he knew Jesus personally. Some scholars feel that the evangelist is speaking of himself when describing the arrest of Jesus in Gethsemane: "Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked" (Mk 14:51-52). Others hold Mark to be the first bishop of Alexandria, Egypt. Venice, famous for the Piazza San Marco, claims Mark as its patron saint; the large basilica there contains his remains.



A winged lion is Mark's symbol. The lion derives from Mark's description of John the Baptist as a "voice of one crying out in the desert" (Mk 1:3), which artists compared to a roaring lion. The wings come from the application of Ezekiel's vision of four winged creatures to the evangelists. (From franciscanmedia.org)



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