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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.**



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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:

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 27 – No Mass

Tuesday, April 28 – St. Louis de Montfort, Priest

9:00 AM † Walter & Bill Allensen – Carol Adams

**Wednesday, April 29 – St. Catherine of Sienna,
Virgin, Doctor of the Church**

9:00 AM Intentions of Pat Nairn – Cecilia Beechey

Thursday, April 30

9:00 AM † Lucy Monaco – Cecilia Beechey

Friday, May 1 – St. Joseph the Worker

9:00 AM † Betty Hoffarth – Cecilia Beechey

**Saturday, May 2 – St. Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor
of the Church**

Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM † Walter & Kaye Hartman – Children

† Barbara & Zygmunt Adamski – Malton Family

Sunday, April 26 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:30 AM † Janet Stevens – Malton Family

† Anna Van Eyk – Rita Poechman

† Ian MacNeil – Rosemary & Shaun MacNeil

11:30 AM For People of St. Louis Parish

Reflection on Sunday Readings:

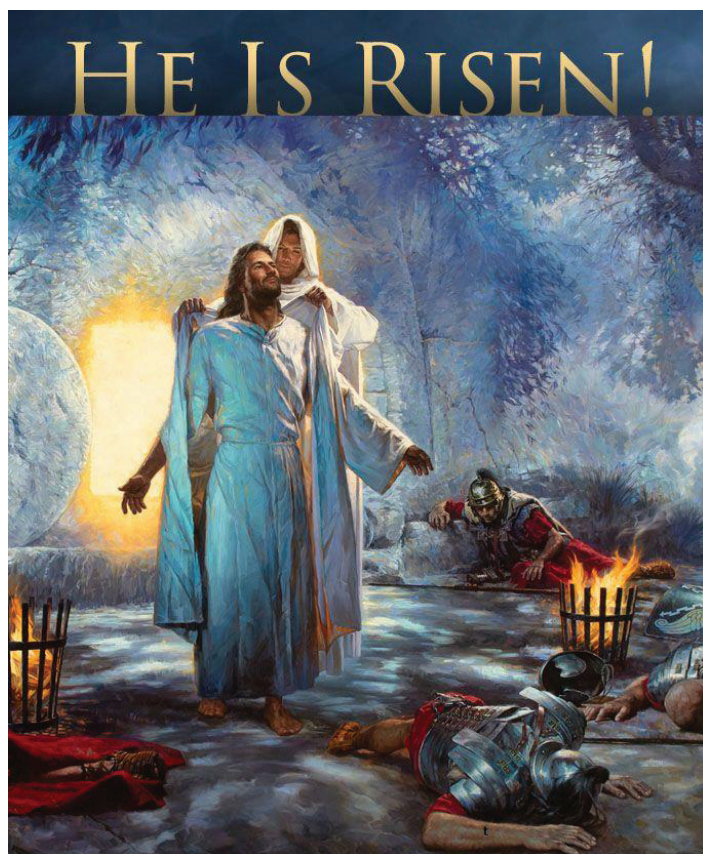
Today's Gospel opens with two dejected disciples leaving the community in Jerusalem, and closes with the two of them, rejoicing, back in Jerusalem. Between this opening and closing is the story of their encounter with Jesus, unrecognized. On the road, He explains the Scriptures to them, and in the evening shares in the breaking of the bread when they finally recognize Him. All of this happens on the first day of the week, the very day that the women discovered Jesus' empty tomb. On one level, the story is about the experience of Jesus' disciples after His death and Resurrection; on another level it is the story of Jesus' disciples in later eras and circumstances who also meet Him on their journey. Those who hear this account can see their own questions, actions, and emotions in those of the two Emmaus-bound disciples. And Jesus' words and deeds teach every generation about His identity and how He is present among them.

One of the themes of Luke's Gospel, is the journey of Jesus and His disciples. Earlier in the Gospel, Jesus made the journey to Jerusalem with His followers, both men and women. Now as He walks with these two, it becomes apparent that the risen Jesus is just as present to them as was the earthly Jesus to His disciples. Although the two on the road do not understand what they tell Jesus, they accurately recount His story and the hope that they once had. Their recital is reminiscent of that of Peter, who correctly identified Jesus as the Messiah, even though he did not understand. Peter, the two confused disciples, and present-day believers as well need Jesus to interpret the words of faith that they proclaim. After the disciples on the road review the story of Jesus, the risen Jesus Himself teaches them in the same way He had taught Peter and the other disciples when they made the journey to Jerusalem. He listens to them, questions them, corrects their misunderstanding, and uses the Scriptures to lead them to new knowledge. He explains how the entirety of the Jewish tradition pointed to Him, and that His suffering was necessary for Him to enter into His glory.

When it is nearly evening, they reach Emmaus and invite Jesus, still unrecognized, to stay with them. As they sit at table, Jesus' words and actions repeat what He had done at the last supper, and also anticipate what the Church will do in His name. By the time Luke's

Gospel was written, believers were already celebrating the Lord's Supper in their homes, where the Lord is again present with them. At each of these extraordinary meals, the same actions are repeated: the taking of bread, saying the blessing, breaking the bread, and giving it to the gathered community. St. Augustine affirms the continuing significance: "When is the Lord made known? In this breaking of the bread. ... in the sharing of bread, the Lord is made present".

The two parts of today's Gospel reflect the two parts of the Eucharistic celebration: Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist. As the disciples met Jesus in both word and sacrament, so too does the Church. When the disciples finally recognized Jesus and remembered that their ears were burning within them as He explained the Scriptures, they returned to the community in Jerusalem. Like these two disciples who told how Jesus was made known to them, now all who participate in the liturgy also go for the to bring the Good News to others. (*Excerpt from Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word*)



Not everything is cancelled

Sun is not cancelled
Spring is not cancelled
Relationships are not cancelled
Love is not cancelled
Reading is not cancelled
Music is not cancelled
Imagination is not cancelled
Kindness is not cancelled
Conversations are not cancelled
Devotions are not cancelled
Hope is not cancelled



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in Kitchener-Waterloo needs your help. With schools and churches being closed, we are not able to easily collect supplies from the broader community, especially with grocery stores seeing shortages of some key staples. With your help, we are hoping we can continue to assist the community of Baker Lake, Nunavut, through financial donations sent through CanadaHelps – you can visit our campaign page at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-kitchener-particular-council/campaign/northof60/>.

All money raised as part of this campaign will be used to purchase food from wholesale grocery suppliers and to assist in the cost of shipping and you will receive a tax receipt from CanadaHelps for your donation. Thank you in advance for helping to address food insecurity in the north.



In 1870, Pope Pius IX declared Joseph patron of the Universal Church and instituted another feast, a solemnity with an octave, to be held in his honour on Wednesday in the second week after Easter. The 1870 feast was replaced in the 1955 General Roman Calendar of Pope Pius XII by the Feast of "Saint Joseph the Worker", to be celebrated on 1 May. This date coincides with the secular International Workers' Day promoted by the labour movement and left-wing parties since the 1890s, and reflects Joseph's status as patron saint of workers. Catholic and other Christian teachings and stories about or relating to Joseph and the Holy Family frequently stress his patience, persistence, courage, and hard work. (From wikipedia)


Joseph, Model of Labourers

Good Saint Joseph, when God wanted a family for his Son, He looked among the labourers, and chose you along with Mary, demonstrating His esteem for human work.

You put your heart into your work, and share your workshop with Jesus. Your work, like that of other humans, found new meaning in the presence of God.

Sustain us in the hope of finding work when we are confronted with the desolation of unemployment. Counsel business leaders to create an equitable division of labour that is respectful of individuals, and promotes our growth and happiness.

Help us to perform our work joyfully, conscientiously, fairly and honestly. Prepare our hearts to recognize your Son in our colleagues at work. Amen. (From St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal website)

 Do you recognize Christ in your life? Does your heart burn in his presence? How are you being called? If God is calling you to the priesthood, 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.

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Sunday offerings : \$3205.00, Easter offerings: \$1090.00
 Preauthorized (per week) \$2555.23
 Needs of Holy Land: \$ 60.00, Share Lent: \$ 220.00

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Devotion to the **Mother of Good Counsel** (Feast Day-April 26th) is associated with the story of a miraculous icon. The sacred image is found in a church in Genazzano, a beautiful town thirty miles south-east of Rome. The church dedicated to the Mother of Good Counsel was built there in the 4th century. In 1356 the church was given over to the Augustinians. Restoration started in 1467, when a widow, Petruccia, sold all her belongings to help finance the project. However, funds ran out before the task was completed.



That same year, all the residents of Genazzano heard a beautiful melody coming from heaven. As they looked up, they saw a white, shining cloud that descended on the church of the Mother of Good Counsel. The cloud gradually vanished, revealing a beautiful painting of Our Lady tenderly holding her Divine Son in her arms. Immediately, Mary began to cure the sick and grant countless graces.

The news spread throughout the country. Two Albanians from Scutari appeared in the town with a curious tale. They had fled from their homeland to escape the invading Turks. Before fleeing, they had stopped in the church and had seen how the icon of Our Lady, wrapped in a white cloud, lifted off the wall on which it had hung for two centuries. They followed the picture until they could see the towers of Rome, when it suddenly disappeared. The mysterious icon of Genazzano was identical to the one in the church in Scutari.

The amazing news reached Rome. Pope Paul II sent two bishops to investigate the story. The prelates reported that 171 miracles were recorded in the months following the icon's appearance. The pope's commission also found that there was an empty space on the church wall at Scutari. An icon that had been venerated there for centuries was, indeed, missing.

The image was painted on a sheet of plaster so thin that it would have been impossible for any human hand to remove it without damage. It had survived the subsequent centuries through the tumult of several earthquakes and withstood the bombing during World War II. Several altars were destroyed, walls caved in, and the roof was crushed. The icon, only yards away from the explosion, remained intact.

The icon at Genazzano is about 12" wide & 18" high. It depicts a mother figure that is half turned toward her son and half toward the viewer, reflecting Mary's concern for both Jesus and his Church.

If Our Blessed Mother is willing to ask her Son to work miracles to let us know of her motherly concern, Our Lady of Good Counsel is certainly willing to speak words of advice and instruction to help us over the hurdles of our daily lives. Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us! Our Lady of Good Counsel is Patroness of Canadian CWL. (From www.clavermissonarysisters.org)

THEY INVITE JESUS IN WITHOUT KNOWING IT'S HIM?



THEY WERE EXPRESSING NORMAL HOSPITALITY!



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

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