

# 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.**



### Pastoral Team:

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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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# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

<b>Monday, April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin</b>			
<i>- No Mass</i>			
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 11/12		L. Hall
<b>Tuesday, April 30 – St. Marie de L'Incarnation, Religious</b>			
9:00 AM	† Marlene Schlumkoski – Prayer Shawl Ministry		
9:30 AM	Book Group		L. Hall
1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Meeting		L. Hall
7:00 PM	Painting with Kelly		L. Hall
<b>Wednesday, May 1 – St. Joseph the Worker</b>			
9:00 AM	Intentions of Dominique Toussaint – Richard & Claire Armitage		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
7:00 PM	† Dolly Prus – CWL Mass		
7:30 PM	CWL Meeting		L. Hall
<b>Thursday, May 2- St. Athanasius, Bishop</b>			
9:00 AM	Intentions of the Martin Family – Martin Family		
<b>Friday, May 3 – St. Philip and St. James, Apostles</b>			
9:00 AM	† Francisco Paredes – Blanco-Garcia Family		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
<b>Saturday, May 4</b>			
<b>Vigil of the Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>			
5:00 PM	† James Doyle – Hulme Family		
	† Phillis Ertel – Larry Ertel		
	† Robert J. Thomas – Cavel Thomas & Family		
	† Carol Schneider – Ron Schneider		
<b>Sunday, May 5– The Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>			
9:30 AM	Intentions of the First Communion Children and Their Families		
10:30 AM	Sunday Social		L. Hall
11:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish		
12:30 AM	Bible Timeline Study 12/12		L. Hall
5:00 PM	OOTC Community Supper		L. Hall
	<i>Volunteer Appreciation Dinner for</i>		



**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://resurrectionists.ca/vocations/come-see/)



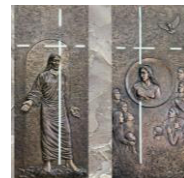
Our next General Meeting will take place on Wed., May 1<sup>st</sup> beginning with Mass at 7 PM. Following Mass, we will have our Crowning of Mary ceremony and presentation of our service pins. We will then meet in the Large Hall for refreshments and a short meeting. Join us and bring a friend! All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

Link to a video of the interview about St. Louis CWL 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is located on the main page of our parish website: [www.saintlouisparish.ca](http://www.saintlouisparish.ca)

**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 soon on May 12. Please register now.**

**Would anyone have to donate?** Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program needs a cross with the risen Jesus on it. It needs to be a cross that can stand on a table, not one that can hang on a wall. If it is no more than 5-6 inches tall that would be ideal. If you would happen to have a cross like this that you would be interested in donating to our program, please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office.

**350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pilgrimage to Quebec** (Founding of the Catholic Church in Canada, by the establishment of the Archdiocese of Quebec in 1674). Diocesan pilgrimage dates: July 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 Msgr. Murray Kroetsch, Vicar General and Chancellor of the Diocese of Hamilton. Registration deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup>. For info., please contact Matthew Trafford at the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis: 905-528-7988 X2339, [catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com)



**Prayer Vigil - Thursday, May 2, from 10 to 11 AM.** Opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: [cmlamers@rogers.com](mailto:cmlamers@rogers.com)

The **2000 Hail Mary's Devotion** to the Blessed Virgin Mary will be prayed on Sat. May 11, at St. Agnes Parish, (75 Bluevale St. N. Wat.) from 7:30 AM till 7:30 PM. Join us for all or part of the day. For info. email Marilynne at [canadianrosarybrigade@gmail.com](mailto:canadianrosarybrigade@gmail.com)

Date	Sunday	Loose	Maint.	Diocesan	PAD
April 21	1899.30	269.80	1170.00	70.00	2317.31

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### Reflection on the First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

The previous weeks have focused on understanding the Easter events, developing ideas about Jesus, the Father, and the early community. This week's readings issue a call: be fruitful. It is not enough to know about the mystery. One must abide in it and bear fruit.

The reading from the Acts of the Apostles introduces Saul/Paul, who first appeared at the stoning of Stephen. Consistent with earlier descriptions of the Jerusalem community, today's reading describes the community's hesitant acceptance of its former foe in a short passage marked by consistency and paradox. In terms of consistency, Paul's credentials are similar to those of the other Apostles: he has seen the Lord, he speaks boldly in the name, and, like the master, he faces opposition even to death. Still, it is paradox that dominates. Saul the persecutor is now Paul the reluctantly accepted Apostle. Saul, earlier in league with the Hellenists, is now opposed to and by the Hellenists. Saul, who approved of the Hellenists' killing of Stephen, is now the object of their hatred. These paradoxes fulfill what had been predicted when Saul first saw the Lord: that he would suffer for the name.

Finally, Paul's rescue by the believers and his addition to the ranks of the Apostles – all linked to geographical expansion and community growth – remind us of the community's active mission. Encouraged by the Holy Spirit, Paul and the Apostles boldly preach in the name of Jesus, thus bearing fruit in the preparation for the next phase: the outreach to the Gentiles. (From Workbook for Lectors)



**Proposed  
Parish Picnic –  
YES?  
NO?**

Are you interested in helping organize and run St. Louis Parish Picnic? If “yes”, then please contact the parish office. The proposed date is June 9<sup>th</sup>. There would be one Mass at 10:30 AM followed by food and socializing in the Gym and activities on the parish grounds. To make it all happen a number of volunteers is needed. The final decision will be taken later in May based on the response.

**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 info. or for tickets: please call Patrycja at 519-886-0342 X 3 or email [lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com](mailto:lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com) Ticket are \$20. Includes hot buffet lunch: Grilled Chicken breast, scalloped potatoes, veggies, Caesar and Greek salad, cake, coffee, tea. Door prizes, 50/50, Raffle.



**Pentecost Celebration** - Join Bishop Scott McCaig, Peter Herbeck for an uplifting Pentecost celebration on May 17 & 18 at St. Raphael Parish in Burlington. A bus is planned, leaving Kitchener at 7 AM on Sat. May 18 & returning at 7 PM, if numbers warrant. It is important to 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 [paddy@golden.net](mailto:paddy@golden.net)

**Prayer to St. Joseph for Workers:**

Joseph, by the work of your hands and the sweat of your brow, you supported Jesus and Mary, and had the Son of God as your fellow worker.

Teach me to work as you did, with patience and perseverance, for God and for those whom God has given me to support.

Teach me to see in my fellow workers the Christ who desires to be in them, that I may always be charitable and forbearing towards all.



Grant me to look upon work with the eyes of faith, so that I shall recognize in it my share in God’s own creative activity and in Christ’s work of our redemption, and so take pride in it.

When it is pleasant and productive, remind me to give thanks to God for it. And when it is burdensome, teach me to offer it to God, in reparation for my sins and the sins of the world. (From [www.stjosephshrine.org](http://www.stjosephshrine.org))

**Saint Catherine of Siena’s Story** (March 25, 1347 – April 29, 1380)

The value Catherine makes central in her short life is complete surrender to Christ. What is most impressive is that she learns to view her surrender to her Lord as a goal to be reached through time.

She was the 23<sup>rd</sup> child of Jacopo and Lapa Benincasa and grew up as an intelligent, cheerful, and intensely religious person. Catherine disappointed her mother by cutting off her hair as a protest against being overly encouraged to improve her appearance in order to attract a husband. Her father ordered her to be left in peace, and she was given a room of her own for prayer and meditation.

She entered the Dominican Third Order at 18 and spent the next three years in seclusion, prayer, and austerity. Gradually, a group of followers gathered around her—men and women, priests and religious. An active public apostolate grew out of her contemplative life. Her letters, mostly for spiritual instruction and encouragement, began to take more note of public affairs. Opposition and slander resulted from her mixing with the world and speaking with authority of one completely committed to Christ. She was cleared of all charges at the Dominican General Chapter of 1374.

Her public influence reached great heights because of her evident holiness, membership in the Dominican Third Order, and the impression she made on the pope. She worked tirelessly for the crusade against the Turks, for peace between Florence and the pope.

In 1378, the Great Schism began, splitting the allegiance of Christendom between two, then three, popes and putting even saints on opposing sides. Catherine spent the last two years of her life in Rome, in prayer and pleading on behalf of the cause of Pope Urban VI and the unity of the Church. She offered herself as a victim for the Church in its agony. She died surrounded by her “children”; was canonized in 1461.

Catherine ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church. In 1939, she and Francis of Assisi were declared co-patrons of Italy. Pope Paul VI named her and Teresa of Avila doctors of the Church in 1970. Her spiritual testament is found in *The Dialogue*.

Saint Catherine of Siena is a Patron Saint of: Europe, Fire Prevention and Italy. (From [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org))

**Saint Marie of the Incarnation (1599-1672)** - Marie Guyart was born in Tours, France, on Oct. 28, 1599. As a young child of seven, she said “Yes” to the Lord when she dreamed that he asked her to be his. At age 17, although she was attracted to cloistered life, she obeyed her parents and married the master silk worker Claude Martin. He died two years later. At 19 she was a widow with a six-month-old son. She liquidated her husband’s business, which was on the verge of bankruptcy and went to live with her family and took care of her son.

From this time, her prayer life grew stronger. She was given a strong sense of the presence of God and sought to intensify her union with the divine, with whom she spoke “with intimacy”. She led a profoundly contemplative life, she also remained involved in practical life. She put her administrative talents to good use, when, in 1621, her brother-in-law asked her to take over the management of his transportation company.

Her call to consecrated life pursued her, so in 1631 she asked her sister to look after her son, who was now 12 years old, and she entered the novitiate of the monastery of the Ursulines of Tours. She took the name in religion of Marie of the Incarnation.

In 1639, her superiors invited her to respond to her conviction that God was calling her to Canada, there “to create a house for Jesus and Mary.” She embarked from Dieppe on May 4, with two other Ursulines and four Hospital Sisters. When she arrived in Quebec, Marie would later write, “The first thing we did was to kiss the ground of the place to which we had come to fulfill our lives in the service of God and the Indigenous people.” She never returned to France.

She organized construction of a small monastery and a boarding school for Indian and French girls.. She welcomed and fed the Huron and Algonquin adults who knocked at the door; gave them Christian instruction. In fact, her door was always open to everyone. It was a welcoming place where everyone could find counsel as well as material help.

She wrote the Constitutions & Rule of the Ursulines of Quebec (1647), created dictionaries, grammars, catechisms and prayer books in four First Nations languages. At the request of her son, by now a member of the Benedictine Order, she wrote an autobiographical memoir on “her states of prayer and of grace”. The experiences she reveals place her among the masters of the spiritual life. A collection of her lessons to the novices at Tours has also been conserved. The intensely mystical quality of her writing led the well-known French Bishop Bossuet to give her the nickname of “the Teresa of New France”, after Saint Teresa of Avila. She maintained an ongoing correspondence with her relatives, friends and benefactors in France. Marie of the Incarnation died in Quebec on April 30, 1672. She was beatified on June 22, 1980 and canonized on April 3, 2014. (From [ccb.ca/the-catholic-church-in-canada](http://ccb.ca/the-catholic-church-in-canada))

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