

# St. Louis Catholic Church



2021

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

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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.**



**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),

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:**

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# 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, August 2 – No Mass**

**Tuesday, August 3**

9:00 AM To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church – Monday  
Lunch and Learn Group

**Wednesday, August 4 – St. John Vianney, Priest**

9:00 AM Deceased Benefactors and Members of the CRs

**Thursday, August 5**

9:00 AM Intentions of Danielle Pilon – Cecilia Beechey

**Friday, August 6 – Transfiguration of the Lord**

9:00 AM † Eileen Fisher – Cecilia Beechey

**Saturday, August 7**

**Vigil of 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM † Edna Ertel – Larry Ertel

† Phyllis Ertel – Janet & Grant Ertel

† Joan & Rita Barnes, Bill Smith – Joan & Pat Forde

**Sunday, August 8 – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM People of St. Louis

11:30 AM † Max Reitzel – Audrey Reitzel & Family

† Stella & Edward Hrycyk – Their Family

† Robert Dupuis – Rosemary & Shaun MacNeil

† Helen Dietrich – Gohl Family

**Reflections on the Gospel:** John 6:24 - 35

Today's Gospel continues last Sunday's story of the miracle of loaves and fishes. In some respects, it reflects the dark side of human nature. It begins with the crowds seeking Jesus, even securing boats with which to cross the Sea of Galilee in order to find him. "Seeking and finding" is one of the central themes of John's Gospel, as it is associated with discipleship. But when the crowd finds Jesus, they address Him only as "rabbi," teacher, and Jesus knows what is on their minds. Their "seeking" is not for the purpose of discipleship, but only to have their bellies full! Thus, He exhorts them to work for "food that endures for eternal life." Consistent with many dialogues in John's Gospel, the narrator presents the crowds as clueless at best or even somewhat hostile. "What must we do to perform the works of God?" they say. Their question opens the door for Jesus to make a remarkably profound statement: "Believe in Him whom God has sent."

But the crowd persists in their supposed ignorance – "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe in you?" – and they even back up their question with a reference to the manna given to Israelites in the wilderness. "Seeing and believing" is another important theme in John's Gospel. Only those who believe can truly see. Obviously, this crowd does not see, because they dare Him to perform a sign greater than that of Moses in the wilderness of the Exodus. Notice how the Jesus reinterprets the biblical text by changing the verb tenses and the referents of the pronouns in Scripture. The past tense "gave" is changed to the present tense "gives." The referent for the pronoun "he" is changed from Moses to God the Father. Moreover, the bread to which Jesus refers is no longer manna, which was intended only for the Israelites in the wilderness and which would miraculously appear in the morning but become rotten later in the day, so the wilderness dwellers would have to rely on God for their daily sustenance. No, this bread is eternal, and it gives life to the world! Still missing the point and wanting only for full bellies, the crowd asks for this bread. Finally, Jesus reveals to them that He is the "bread of life." Imagine their shock and awe! Later, they will grumble, asking one another, "How can this man claim that he came down from heaven?" and "How dare he suggest that we should eat his flesh!" (From the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word)



2021 is the Year of St. Joseph.

The following excerpts are taken from the book *Consecration to St. Joseph – The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father* by Fr. Donald H. Calloway, MIC. In this book Fr. Calloway describes ten "wonders" of St. Joseph, which we are following in successive bulletins this summer.

### Wonder 5: Just and Reverend Man

*Saint Joseph was "a just man," a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. – St. John Paul II*

Saint Joseph is called the "Son of David" by the angel of God when he is instructed by the angel not to be afraid to take Mary into his home. Why does the angel call St. Joseph the "Son of David," especially in light of the fact that it is a title associated with the Messiah? It is because St. Joseph needs to be reminded of his royal ancestry at a very crucial moment in salvation history. Saint Joseph had recently discovered that his wife was pregnant and, in his humility, not fully understanding the origin of the child in her womb, he is about to take action by separating himself from her and the Child. The angel had to come to remind St. Joseph of who he was and let him know what role he had been given by God in the coming of the Messiah, lest he walk away from divine mysteries and the vocational call he had been created to fulfill. In other words, God planned for his Eternal Son to be known by those around him as the son of a man of the house of David.

*To be just is to be perfectly united to the Divine Will, and to be always conformed to it in all sorts of events, whether prosperous or adverse. That St. Joseph was this, no one can doubt. – St. Francis de Sales*

*Joseph discovered both Mary's pregnancy and its cause, namely, that it was of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, he feared to be called the husband of such a wife, and wished to put her away privately since he did not dare to reveal what had taken place in her. Yet, because he was just, he desired a revelation of the mystery. – St. Basil the Great*

*Joseph wanted to give the Virgin her liberty, not because he suspected her of adultery, but out of respect for her sanctity he feared to live together with her. – St. Thomas Aquinas*

*Consider that the Holy Spirit chose only Joseph to be the protector of the Blessed Virgin, to be her true husband and consequently, no created being can equal the glory of this great saint? – Blessed William Joseph Chaminade*

St. Joseph was not only chosen to be the protector of Mary, but also the protector of Jesus – and you! He watches over those entrusted to his loving care and asks the Holy Spirit to pour out gifts on his children. We have a mission: to become holy, loving God truly and our neighbour mercifully. We need the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit in our lives. They will help us resemble our spiritual father and reach heaven.

The *Gift of Knowledge* enables the soul to evaluate created things and their worth – in their relation to God.

The *Gift of Understanding* helps us to grasp the meaning of the truths of our holy religion.

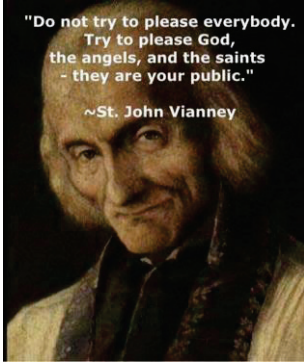
The *Gift of Counsel* endows the soul with the supernatural prudence, enabling it to judge promptly and rightly what must be done, especially in difficult circumstances.

The *Gift of Fortitude* strengthens the soul against natural fears and supports us in the performance of duty.

The *Gift of Piety* begets in our hearts a filial affection for God as our most loving Father.

The *Gift of Fear* fills us with a sovereign respect for God, and makes us dread nothing so much as to offend Him by sin.

The *Gift of Wisdom* embodies all the other gifts, as charity embraces all the other virtues.



**Jean-Baptiste-Marie Vianney**, was born May 8, 1786 in Dardilly, France and was baptized the same day. He was the fourth of six children born to Matthieu and Marie Vianney. John was raised in a Catholic home and the family often helped the poor.

In 1790, when the anticlerical Terror phase of the French Revolution forced priests to work in secrecy or face execution, young Vianney believed the priests were heroes. He

continued to believe in the bravery of priests and received his First Communion catechism instructions in private by two nuns who lost their convents to the Revolution. At 13-years-old, John made his first communion and prepared for his confirmation in secrecy.

When he was 20-years-old, John was allowed to leave the family farm to learn at a "presbytery-school" in Écully. There he learned math, history, geography and Latin. As his education had been disrupted by the French Revolution, he struggled in his studies, particularly with Latin, but worked hard to learn.

In 1802, the Catholic Church was reestablished in France and religious freedom and peace spread throughout the country.

Unfortunately, in 1809, John was drafted into Napoleon Bonaparte's armies. He had been studying as an ecclesiastical student, which was a protected title and would normally have exempted him from military services, but Napoleon had withdrawn the exemption in some dioceses as he required more soldiers.

Two days into his service, John fell ill and required hospitalization. As his troop continued, he stopped in at a church where he prayed. There he met a young man who volunteered to return him to his group, but instead led him deep into the mountains where military deserters met John lived with them for one year and two months. He used the name Jerome Vincent and opened a school for the nearby village of Les Noes' children. John remained in Les Noes and hid when gendarmes came in search of deserters until 1810, when deserters were granted amnesty.

Now free, John returned to Écully and resumed his ecclesiastical studies. He attended a minor seminary, Abbe Balley, in 1812 and was eventually ordained a deacon in June 1815.

He joined his heroes as a priest August 12, 1815 in the Couvent des Minimes de Grenoble. He was appointed assistant to Balley in Écully. Three years later, when Balley passed away, Fr. John Vianney was appointed parish priest of the Ars parish. With help from Catherine Lassagne and Benedicta Lerdet, La Providence, a home for girls, was established in Ars.

When he began his priestly duties, Fr. Vianney realized many were either ignorant or indifferent to religion as a result of the French Revolution. Many danced and drank on Sundays, or worked in their fields. Fr. Vianney spent much time in confession and often delivered homilies against blasphemy and dancing.

He spent eleven to twelve hours each day working to reconcile people with God. In the summer months, he often worked 16-hour days. His fame spread until people began to travel to him in 1827. Within thirty years, it is said he received up to 20,000 pilgrims each year.

He was deeply devoted to St. Philomena and erected a chapel in her honour. When he later became deathly ill but miraculously recovered, he attributed his health to St. Philomena's intercession.

By 1853, Fr. Vianney had attempted to run away from Ars four times, each attempt with the intention of becoming a monk, but decided after the final time that it was not to be.

Six years later, he passed away and left behind a legacy of faith and was viewed as the champion of the poor.

On Oct. 3, 1873, Pope Pius IX proclaimed Fr. Vianney as "venerable" and on Jan.8, 1905, Pope Pius X beatified him. St. John Vianney was canonized on May 31, 1925 by Pope Pius XI. His feast day is now on August 4. (From Catholic Online catholic.org)



"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Today's readings remind us that the priest is ordained by the Holy Spirit to be the means by which Jesus' words are fulfilled. If you feel God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Most Rev. W. Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop and Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988, [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com), or Fr. Raphael Ma, Congregation of the Resurrection Vocation Director, at [crvocations@gmail.com](mailto:crvocations@gmail.com), or Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.



**WE ARE BACK OPEN: (Waterloo Knights of Columbus)**

Dining inside and outside on our new Patio is finally a reality. If you wish to dine in, or out on the Patio, please contact Martin at 519-884-2060 to reserve for our Friday Knight Fish and Chips Dinner, BEST IN REGION. To order take out, please continue to call Derek at 226-748-8378 by 4p.m. on Friday. PICK UP TIMES: 4:30 P.M. TO 6 P.M.; 1 PC \$15, 2 PC \$18 - TAX INCL.

Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday night is cancelled for now, but will be returning in September with an enlarged menu and dining in or take out. We look forward to welcoming you back, especially to our new patio. May God Bless and Keep you safe.

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**Churches open for public Masses.**  
Office is open during summer hours: Mon. – Thu. 9 AM – 1 PM  
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