

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 Annointing 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 (Annointing).

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 Terry Collins, 519-741-1534

Maintenance Committee Bob Lorentz, 519-576-5556

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Parish Webmaster Daniel Delattre, daniel@uwaterloo.ca **Altar Servers Coordinator** Dave Pagett, 519-744-7705

Catechesis Of The Good Shepherd, **Youth Ministry** Kelly Krause, 519-743-4101

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Prayer Chain Sharon Carey, 519-746-8073

St. Vincent De Paul For food hamper or more information call 519-743-4101



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HOSTS

20TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS						
Monday	, August 21 – St. Pius X, Pope - No Mass					
	9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball	Gym				
Tuesday, Aug. 22 – The Queenship of						
0.00	the Blessed Virgin	ı Mary				
9:00 AM	+ Sr. Audrey McCarville – Sandrock Family 9:30 AM Book Group Meeting	L. Hall				
Wadman	lay, August 23 – St. Bartholomew, Apostle	L. Hall				
9:00 AM						
3.00 AW	9 AM - NOON Pickle Ball	Gym				
	7 PM SVDP meeting	L. Hall				
Thursda	y, August 24					
9:00 AM Intentions of Alice Desiletes – Krause Family						
Friday.	August 25- St. Louis of France -					
	Patron of our	parish				
9:00 AM	t Rosemary Peterson – Peterson Family	<u>#</u>				
	9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball	Gym				
Saturda	y, August 26					
1:00 pm	Wedding of Bradley Reitzel and Amanda Victorious					
Vigil of	the 21 st Sunday of Ordinary Time					
5:00 PM	t Fergus Feeney – Family					
	+ Alex Sichewski – Sichewski Family					
	† John Weir – Pat & Joan Forde					
	+ Katie and Albert Ruetz – Ruetz Family					
	August 27 – 21 st Sunday of Ordinary Time					
9:30 AM	+ Geraldine Smith – Martin Family					
	+ Moe Webster – Mary Sehl					
	+ Jack Sehl – Anne Marie Webster					
	Intentions of Moser Family – The Family					
11:30 ам	For the People of St. Louis Parish					

Reflection on the First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Chapters 55-66 of Isaiah constitute the section known as Trito-Isaiah, a collection of prophetic material spoken to the Israelites after their return to Jerusalem following the Babylonian Exile. By the time this portion of Isaiah had been written, the Temple has been rebuilt and there needed to be a rethinking as to what constitutes the true nature of the religion. Sacrifice in the Temple was an established means of expressing fidelity to the covenant, but in the time that passed during the absence of the Temple, the people deepened their understanding of what God truly looks for in choosing them as His beloved possession.

The primary theme of this passage is that the covenant is about justice, especially demonstrated in the acceptance of outsiders. The Lord's voice speaks to the people, reminding them that His justice will dawn very soon. Furthermore, the Israelites must not see themselves as having exclusive access to the fruits of God's justice. Instead, all those who love the Lord and find a way to serve Him will be welcome on God's mountain. The Lord suggests that those who have been gifted with the law ought to teach those who do not know the law how to serve God, as well as how to keep the covenant and honour the Sabbath. Undoubtedly, those who have returned from exile rejoice in the restoration of God's house in the city of Jerusalem, but now they must extend God's household far beyond the Temple precincts. The truly acceptable sacrifice is to participate in the construction of a unity among all peoples so that God's house may become "a house of prayer for all peoples."

Why do Catholics call the Virgin Mary a Queen?

It has to do in part with ancient Jewish kingdoms, which operated much differently than medieval ones.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is repeatedly referred to in the Catholic Church as "Queen," and often called the "Queen of Heaven and Earth." Why is that?

First of all, the Catechism states that "the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death" (CCC 966).

Thus Mary is recognized as the Queen of heaven and earth, and a feast day on August 22 is dedicated to the queenship of Mary.

Beyond that, however, Mary is called a queen because of an ancient tradition that dates back to the time of King David. According to theologian Colin B. Donovan, "In the Old Testament monarchy the Queen of the Davidic Kingdom was the Queen Mother. The Kings, for reasons of state and human weakness, had many wives, none of whom fittingly could be called Queen. That honour was reserved for the mother of the King, whose authority far surpassed the many 'queens' married to the king. We see this is the role Bathsheba played with respect to King Solomon and the occasions when the Queen Mother acted as regent on behalf of juvenile successors to the throne."

There are references to the queen mother in the Old Testament, for example in the Second Book of Kings, "*Then King Jehoiakim, along with his advisers, nobles, and officials, and the queen mother, surrendered to the Babylonians*" (2 Kings 24:12).

The queen mother in the Davidic Kingdom would hear the pleas of the people and bring them to the king for consideration.

Is this not exactly what the Virgin Mary does, as Queen of Heaven and Earth?

For these reasons the Church has always seen Mary as a queen seated next to her Son in Heaven. Throughout the centuries Christian art has highlighted this belief by putting a crown on her head both in Eastern iconography and in traditional Western art. There also developed over the years a tradition during the month of May to crown Mary with a wreath of flowers. This is often done by First Communicants in many parishes and honors Mary throughout the month as our beloved Queen Mother.

The Regina Caeli (Queen of Heaven) is a traditional prayer that is prayed by the Church especially during the Easter season. Here is the beautiful text of the Regina Caeli, which recalls Mary's queenship and asks for her powerful intercession.

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you merited to bear, alleluia.

- V. Has risen, as He said, alleluia.
- **R.** Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

(From aleteia.org)

Office Hours During Summer (until Labour Day) Office will be closed: on all Fridays. July 10 – Aug 31, the office will be open Mon. - Thu. 9 AM - 1 PM.

(From the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, & Proclaimers of the Word)



A dad of 11, a true gentleman, and also a king: Louis IX is France's only canonized king - He learned the faith from his mother, and endeavored to pass it on to his children.

Born April 25, 1214, near Paris, France, little Louis IX lost his grandfather (Philip II) at age 9 and his father (Louis VIII) three years later. That

meant that at age of 12, Louis IX was crowned king. Queen Mother, Blanche, took over the reins of government. A great woman in her own right, she made sure to prepare her son for his life as king.

Queen Blanche, (Blanche of Castile), took her Catholic faith very seriously. She was determined to teach her son the faith and to instill genuine piety and devotion in him. She told her son, "I love you, my dear son, as much as a mother can love her child but I would rather see you dead at my feet than that you should commit a mortal sin."

At the age of 21, Louis was ready to take charge of the government. His mother's influence was apparent. Louis strove to rule justly and to attain sanctity. King Louis had an affinity for the sick and poor of his kingdom. He treated the downtrodden with compassion, understanding, and with a humility that was unheard of in a king.

Imagine this: Every day King Louis IX would have three special guests called in from among the poor to have dinner with him! Since there were always crowds of poor and hungry outside the palace, he would try to have as many of them fed as possible. During Lent and Advent anyone who presented themselves before him was given a meal and often, the king served them himself. He even had lists compiled of needy people in every province under his rule.

Louis married his true love, Margaret of Provence, on May 27, 1234. Queen Margaret was filled with religious fervor as was her husband and they truly made a beautiful couple while setting a fine example for all married couples. They enjoyed each other's company and liked riding together, listening to music and reading. King Louis and Queen Margaret had 11 children.

Louis was a strong-willed and strong-minded man with a powerful faith. His word was trusted throughout the kingdom, and his courage in taking action against wrongs was remarkable.

King Louis built churches, libraries, hospitals, and orphanages; reformed the justice system. He treated both princes and commoners equally. His wishes were to be treated the same by the real King of Kings, to whom he pledged to give his life, his family, and his country.

To sneak a peek into the heart of this saintly king, here is the quote from a letter to his oldest son: *"If God send thee adversity, receive it in patience and give thanks to our Saviour and bethink thee that thou hast deserved it, and that He will make it turn to thine advantage. If He send thee prosperity, then thank Him humbly, so that thou becomest not worse from pride or any other cause when thou oughtest to be better. For we should not fight against God with His own gifts."*

King Louis took his army on the 7th Crusade in 1248. This proved to be a disaster and the king was captured. After an absence of six years, he was successfully ransomed and returned home. In 1270 he sought redemption for his first failure and embarked on another crusade. It was the dead of summer in northern Africa and dysentery and typhoid swept through the dirty camps. King Louis IX died while lying on a bed of ashes, saying the name of the city he never conquered: "*Jerusalem, Jerusalem.*"

Pope Boniface VIII proclaimed Louis a saint in 1297. He is the only king of France named a saint by the Roman Catholic Church.

This man was a true gentleman as he tried to treat everyone with courtesy and respect while remaining strong and compassionate at the same time. His feast day is August 25 and he is the patron of the Third Order of St. Francis, the nation of France and our parish!

St. Louis IX, please pray for us. (From aleteia.org)

Planning for the Fall programs at St. Louis Parish

Babysitting - We are in need of volunteers to help with this program. The commitment would be, once a month during the 9:30 AM Mass, helping to watch over children under 7 yrs of age in the Nursery. Each Sunday needs a team of two adults along with Kelly Krause who runs the Sunday School program in the room just off the Nursery. Anyone over 16 yrs of age can help out. High school students, you can use this for volunteer hours. Please consider this ministry, our young parents need our support. Screening is needed for this ministry, so please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office as soon as possible if you can help us out.

Liturgy of the Word - We would like to bring back this program for the children of First Communion age and older. This program would take place during the 9:30 AM Mass and will allow the children to hear the First Reading and the Gospel with a short discussion all at their level. The volunteer adults would begin Mass upstairs in the church. After the opening prayer, Fr. Phil would invite you and all the children forward. Everyone gathers at the front, Fr. Phil says a few words and then all would then go down to the Large Hall while the readings and homily are taking place in the church. An usher will come down and tell you when it is time to bring the children back upstairs, in time for the Offertory (you are downstairs about 15-20min, the time goes pretty fast). Everyone is back upstairs in time to participate in Communion. We need two adults each Sunday and we are going to have a 4-week rotation. Your commitment would be once a month. You will have resources prepared by Kelly Krause which includes the readings, and some discussion questions to ask the children and to get a conversation going. If you are interested in helping but don't want to lead the discussions and readings with the children, but would be comfortable just being the second adult, please contact Kelly Krause. She can pair you up with someone who is comfortable with leading the children in the discussions. Anyone interested in helping out with this program, please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office.

"Woman, great is your faith!" It takes faith to hear God's call in our lives and sometimes it may not be what we expect. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, or <u>vocations@hamiltondiocese.com</u>, hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/, 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!

The Inter-Mennonite Children's choir rehearsals are starting again on Tue. Sep. 12. at W-K United Mennonite Church for children in grades 1 & up and provide an excellent music education experience. Singers ages 9 & up who are new to the choir need to have a Vocal Placement Interview. Please go to www.mennosingers.com/imcc under "Join us" for more info. contact: conductor@imcchoir.org and sign up by Aug. 28.

Maryhill Heritage Day – Sunday, September 17 11 AM – Mass; 11:45 AM - Mary Grotto;



12 PM – car tour of the area shrines;

1 PM - lunch (hosted by the CWL); Presentations; 50-50 Draw & Silent Auction. Email: maryhillroots@gmail.com - (519) 242-9595

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	Aug 6	\$2159.80	\$280.00	\$ 510.00	\$2439.27
Γ	Aug 13	\$2255.00	\$201.35	\$10.00	\$2439.27

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