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Weekday Masses:

Tuesday – Friday 9:00 a.m.

*Rosary: Tuesday to Friday
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Sunday Masses:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday: 9:30 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.

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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.

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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

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, August 24 – St. Bartholomew, Apostle –
No Mass**

Tuesday, August 25 – St. Louis

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

Wednesday, August 26

9:00 AM Intentions of Moser Family – The Family

Thursday, August 27 – St. Monica

9:00 AM † Monica Hayes – Malton Family

**Friday, August 28 – St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor
of the Church**

9:00 AM † Fred Gillard – Cecilia Beechey

**Saturday, August 29 – The Passion of St. John the
Baptist**

**Vigil of The Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary
Time**

5:00 PM † Alex Sichewski – Joan Sichewski

† John Weir – Pat & Joan Forde

† Alexandra Stockie – Janet & Grant Ertel

**Sunday, August 30 -The Twenty-Second Sunday In
Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Intentions of Hayden John Starczala - Ken & Rosie North

† Fred Gillard – Mary Deutsch

Intentions of Phyllis Ayoun-Chée – Amanda Ayoun-Chée

11:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

Reflection on the Second Reading from Romans 11:33-36

This short hymn expresses Paul's awe at how much "more" God is than the human mind can imagine. Divine riches, wisdom, and knowledge are infinite. And divine ways, though often baffling, always work everything together for the good of all. Paul's questions invite reflection on two common misperceptions about God and divine methods.

The first is to think that one knows what is in God's "mind." Israel's sages insist that anyone who thinks that they do is a fool. People can never figure out exactly what God is doing or grasp the novel approach that He is taking to their situation. Humans see only what their small slice of life shows them, and even this they do not comprehend fully. Having only limited knowledge, they should not presume to give God advice – a piece of their mind perhaps as the psalmists frequently do, their hopes expressed in prayer certainly, but guidance on the best thing to do for all in a given set of circumstances, never.

Paul also corrects the common assumption that because people "do the Lord a favour," like make a difficult choice or decision, lay down their life to perform a charitable act, offer a costly sacrifice, etc., the Lord "owes" them. Baptism does not set up a quid pro quo relationship with the Lord. All things come from God and through Him and exist for Him. Paul urges believers to contemplate God's all-encompassing presence and attention, and to seize the opportunities that the gift of a human life gives them to participate with all creation in giving glory to God. (From the *Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word*.)

**The bulletins are posted on-line only.
Office open by appointment only.
(Mon – Thu: 9 AM to 1 PM)**

Sacrament of Confirmation - if you have a child in grade 7 this year and would like them to receive their Sacrament of Confirmation here at St. Louis parish please sign up for our classes. Classes will begin Tuesday, September 22nd from 7pm-8:30pm and will take place in the Nursery. We will be following guidelines given to us by the Hamilton Diocesan office, who is being directed by the Ontario Health organization, in order to keep all participants safe. If you would like details, have any questions and/or would like to sign up, please call Kelly Krause at the parish office.

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"For who has known the mind of the Lord?" Sometimes our mind is not necessarily the mind of the Lord. If God is calling you to serve as a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, 905-528-7988, or Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha at 519-884-6700, or Fr. Dan Lobsinger, CR, Vocation Director, crvocations@gmail.com.

Statue of St. Louis in Sainte Chapelle in Paris



This year, 2020, is the 750th Anniversary of the death of St. Louis (King Louis IX, King of France). In bulletins starting on May 17th we are looking at the world and life of our Patron Saint.

King Louis IX and Crusades:

King Louis' IX father (Louis VIII), grandfather (Philip II) and great grandfather (Louis VII) all participated in crusades. With exception of the very first crusade (1096 - 1099) they were all unsuccessful. In June 1245, a year after the final loss of Jerusalem, Pope Innocent IV opened a great ecclesiastical council at Lyons. Although urgent appeals for help had come from the East, it is unlikely that the Crusade was uppermost in the pope's mind, for a combination of crises confronted the church: numerous complaints of clerical abuses, increasing troubles with Frederick II in Italy, and the advance of the Mongols into eastern Europe. Nevertheless, when King Louis IX of France announced his intention to lead a new Crusade, the pope gave it his support and authorized the customary levy on clerical incomes.

Louis possessed of a rare combination of religious devotion, firmness as a ruler, and bravery as a warrior, he seemed the very ideal of the Crusader. He was beloved by his subjects and respected abroad. He ardently believed the Crusade to be God's work.

It was three years before Louis was ready to embark. Peace had to be arranged with England, transport had to be provided by Genoa and Marseilles, and funds had to be raised. When the king embarked in August 1248, he was accompanied by his queen; his brothers Robert of Artois and Charles of Anjou; many distinguished French nobles, including Jean, sire de Joinville, author of *The Life of St. Louis* (1309); and a small English contingent. His army was a formidable one, numbering perhaps 15,000. France was left in the experienced hands of the queen mother, Blanche of Castile.

The Crusade arrived at Cyprus in September, and it was again decided to attack Egypt as in the prior crusade. Since a winter campaign was not feasible and Louis rejected the suggestion that he

attempt negotiations, it was not until May 1249 that an expedition of some 120 large and many smaller vessels got under way. Fortune favoured them at first, and Damietta was again in Christian hands by June. Shortly afterward the army was strengthened by the arrival of Louis's third brother, Alphonse of Poitiers. Sultan al-Şāliḥ Ayyūb's death was followed by confusion in Cairo, which, after some argument, had become the Crusaders' objective. In February 1250 Robert of Artois led a surprise attack on the Egyptian camp 2 miles (3 km) from Al-Manşūrah, but, rejecting the advice of more-experienced campaigners and acting impetuously, he was trapped within the city. Many knights lost their lives. Louis soon arrived with the main army and won another victory, albeit a costly one, near Al-Manşūrah. It was the last Crusader success.

Meanwhile, Tūrān-Shāh, the sultan's son, had returned from Diyarbakır (now in Turkey) to Cairo and temporarily dominated dissident factions there. Frankish supply ships from Damietta were intercepted, and before long the Crusaders were suffering from famine and disease. Louis, reluctant to abandon a work to which he had dedicated his very kingdom, perhaps delayed too long before ordering a retreat. Refusing the pleas of others to protect himself by fleeing, he remained to lead his soldiers and was captured with many of them as the Muslim forces closed in.

The king and nobles were held for ransom, but many non noble captives were killed. The queen, who had just given birth to a son sorrowfully named John Tristan, managed with great courage to secure sufficient food and to persuade the Genoese and Pisans not to evacuate Damietta until it could be ceded formally by treaty and the king's ransom arranged. On May 6, 1250, the king was released, and Damietta surrendered.

Despite the pleadings of his advisers, Louis did not return home immediately. He felt bound in conscience to negotiate the release of as many prisoners as possible, and he also improved the defenses of the kingdom by strengthening a number of fortifications before he left in April 1254. Thus, he atoned in some small measure for the failure of the Crusade and returned to France, determined to lead a life as a Christian king worthy of rescuing Jerusalem one day.

During these same years a group of Mongols under Hülegü overran Mesopotamia and in 1258 took Baghdad, thus ending the venerable 'Abbāsid caliphate. In 1260 the Mamlūks of Egypt, a new dynasty that had arisen from the leaders of former slave bodyguards of the sultan, defeated the Mongols at 'Ayn Jālūt in Syria and halted their southward advance. The Muslim states of Syria were caught in the middle, and the Latin states were in grave danger. King Hayton of Armenia and his son-in-law Bohemond VI of Antioch-Tripoli allied themselves with the Mongols. But the barons at Acre were still more disposed to dealing with the Muslims, whom they knew, than with the terrifying and unknown Mongols.

In 1260, after murdering his predecessor, Baybars became sultan of Egypt. Though this famous Mamlūk sultan did not live to see the fall of the Latin states, he had reduced them to a few coastal outposts. Baybars was ruthless, utterly lacking the generous chivalry that the Crusaders had admired in Saladin. Most of his conquests were followed by a general massacre of the inhabitants, often including the native Christians, especially when they had been in league with the Mongols. In 1265 he took Caesarea, Haifa, and Arsuf. The following year he conquered Galilee and devastated Cilician Armenia. In 1268 Antioch was taken and all the inhabitants slaughtered. The great Hospitaller fortress of Krak des Chevaliers fell three years later.

These disasters again brought pleas for aid from the West. King Louis once again took up the cross, but his second venture, the Eighth Crusade, never reached the East. The expedition instead went to Tunis, probably because of the influence of Louis's brother Charles of

Anjou, who had recently been named by the papacy as the successor to the Hohenstaufens in Sicily. In 1268 he defeated Conradin, the last of the Hohenstaufen line, and he was soon involved in grandiose Mediterranean projects, which ultimately included even Byzantium.

Louis's new Crusade embarked from southern France in July 1270. Soon after the French landed in North Africa, disease struck the troops and claimed the lives of both Louis and his son John Tristan.



Death of King Louis IX
(Excerpts from Britannica.com/events/Crusades/The-Crusades-of-St-Louis)

Charles arrived with the Sicilian fleet in time to bargain for an indemnity to evacuate the remnants of the army. Thus, the Crusade ended in tragedy and brought no help to the East. Nevertheless, despite two failures, Louis IX became for all Christians the model of the selfless warrior of Christ. Although the expansion of Muslim power seemed increasingly unstoppable, Europeans continued to embrace the idea of the Crusades and to pray for their success.

**Letter of Saint-Louis IX, King and Confessor
to His Son Philip III (cont. from previous bulletin)**

34. Dear son, take care that the expenses of your household are reasonable and moderate, and that its moneys are justly obtained. And there is one opinion that I deeply wish you to entertain, that is to say, that you keep yourself free from foolish expenses and evil exactions, and that your money should be well expended and well acquired. And this opinion, together with other opinions which are suitable and profitable, I pray that our Lord may teach you.

35. Finally, most sweet son, I conjure and require you that, if it please our Lord that I should die before you, you have my soul succoured with masses and orisons, and that you send through the congregations of the kingdom of France, and demand their prayers for my soul, and that you grant me a special and full part in all the good deeds which you perform.

36. In conclusion, dear son, I give you all the blessings which a good and tender father can give to a son, and I pray our Lord Jesus Christ, by His mercy, by the prayers and merits of His blessed Mother, the Virgin Mary, and of angels and archangels and of all the saints, to guard and protect you from doing anything contrary to His will, and to give you grace to do it always, so that He may be honoured and served by you. And this may He do to me as to you, by His great bounty, so that after this mortal life we may be able to be together with Him in the eternal life, and see Him, love Him, and praise Him without end. Amen. And glory, honour, and praise be to Him who is one God with the Father and the Holy Spirit; without beginning and without end. Amen. (From www.christendomrestoration.org)

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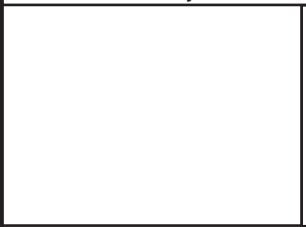
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