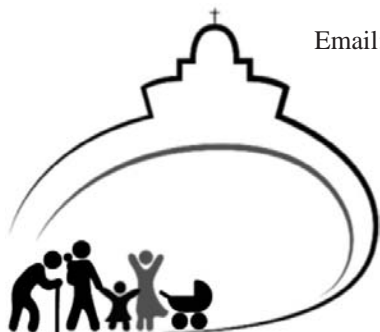


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Office hours: Monday – Thursday 9 - 12 and 1- 4, Friday 9 - 12



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Year 2021 - 2022

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 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

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THE 19TH AND 20TH SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

Monday, August 8 – St. Dominic, Priest - No Mass

9:00 AM – noon Pickleball Gym

Tuesday, August 9

9:00 AM † Anne Malton – Malton Family

Wednesday, August 10 – St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr

9:00 AM † Doreen Lichty – Krause Family
9:00 AM – noon Pickleball Gym

Thursday, August 11 – St. Clare, Virgin

9:00 AM † André Duval – Catherine Duval-Russell

Friday, August 12

9:00 AM † Don Miller – Barbara Braman
9:00 AM – noon Pickleball Gym

Saturday, August 13

Vigil of The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM † Sr. Margaret Mary Forde & Sean McNamara – Patrick & Joan Forde

† Walter & Kaye Hartman – Their Family

† John Poechman – Rita Poechman

Sunday, August 14 – The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Intentions of James & Joanna on their First Wedding Anniversary – St. Louis Quilting Club

† Edna & Phyllis Ertel – Larry Ertel

† Frank Pendergast – John Pendergast

† Paul Moser – The Family

11:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

Monday, August 15 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – No Mass

9:00 AM – noon Pickleball Gym

Tuesday, August 16

9:00 AM To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church

Wednesday, August 17

9:00 AM † Bob Ruetz – Fran Ruetz
9:00 AM – noon Pickleball Gym

Thursday, August 18

9:00 AM

Friday, August 19

9:00 AM
9:00 AM – noon Pickleball Gym

Saturday, August 20 – St. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor

9:00 AM – noon St. Vincent de Paul project Kitchen

Vigil of The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM

Sunday, August 21 – The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM † Don Miller – Family
† Glorai & Dave Schoenhals – Joanne Kraemer
† Leo & Steven Ditner – Joanne Kraemer
† Bill Smith – Mary & Geraldine Smith

11:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

July 24 donations- Thank you!

Sunday	Loose	Mainten.	Diocesan	Pre Auth.
\$2980.00	\$115.00	\$190.00	\$0.00	\$ 2531.88

July 31 donations- Thank you!

Sunday	Loose	Mainten.	Diocesan	Pre Auth.
\$ 2128.10	\$ 153.00	\$ 510.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2531.88

Reflection on the First Reading on August 7th: Wisdom 18:6-9

The people of God live by faith. They trust that God, often despite appearances to the contrary, is present and active in their midst. The author of Wisdom writes to a Jewish community in Alexandria, Egypt, at the turn of the BC-AD eras. During this period, the dominant Greek culture and its gods seem more relevant and effective to many Jews than their covenant-based culture and beliefs. The Book of Wisdom reminds the Jews living in Alexandria that their God is the one who delivered their ancestors from Egypt.

Today's reading comes from Wisdom 11:2 – 19:22, a section in which the author draws on Israel's Exodus traditions to demonstrate God's power and dependability. Here he cites the last plague that took place on the night of Passover. His point is that this event unfolded just as God had announced it beforehand through Moses.

The final verse describes how "the holy children of good people" await God's salvation. They resolutely worship God by living justly and by following the covenant directives. They reject the worldly wisdom and pastimes of the culture that surrounds them. The last half of the final verse gives a motivation for such fidelity, namely, "so that the saints would share alike the same things, both blessings and dangers." Together, they keep each other's faith alive.

Reflection on the First Reading on August. 14th:

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Today's Scripture spotlights the struggles that come to those who choose to live by God's word rather than by traditional human advice and practice. The first reading shows the Prophet Jeremiah suffering for relaying an unpopular message from the Lord to his contemporaries in Jerusalem. He is telling them that they should submit to the Babylonians, who have conquered but not destroyed the city. Jerusalem is under siege. Food and water supplies are dwindling.

Zedekiah is a weak king who vacillates between submitting to and trying to throw off Babylonian rule. Here, he heeds his royal counsellors who complain that Jeremiah's preaching submission to the Babylonians "makes the hands of the soldiers grow slack" (as the text says literally in Hebrew) and lowers the people's morale, that the Prophet is unpatriotic and a traitor. The king puts the Prophet's fate in the hands of the royal advisers.

They take Jeremiah and throw him into a cistern, a "jail cell" of the biblical world. The author's words, like a camera, zoom in on Jeremiah's miserable situation. We watch his enemies lower him by ropes down into the pit that no longer contains water. Only filthy sediment covers its floor toward the end of the dry season. We watch the Prophet slowly sink into the mire.

The Lord comes to Jeremiah's aid through a Cushite who serves in Zedekiah's court. When this foreigner reports that the king's other counsellors are endangering the Prophet's life, the king reverses their orders. The gifted narrator leaves us with the poignant image of Jeremiah's rescue, four men drawing up the Lord's Prophet out of the dark, dank hole.

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



"Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." What do you hope for in the future? If God is calling you, contact Most Rev. W. Lobsinger, Aux. Bp. & Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, 905-528-7988, 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!

From Canada Day to Labour Day parish office hours are:

Monday – Thursday: 9 AM to 1 PM

This bulletin was sent to the printers on Aug. 3. 2022

A subcommittee of **St Vincent de Paul**, is embarking on a project of preparing sanitation/hygiene bags again this Fall, for distribution to needy groups. We're hoping our parishioners would consider donating some of the following items: **Disposable men's & women's razors, shaving cream, tooth paste, tooth brushes, feminine hygiene products, boxes of bandages, women's, or men's body wash, shampoo, hair brushes, combs, sanitizing hand gel, small packages of tissue, breath mints, small bottles of mouth wash, hand cream, lip balms, socks.** A box for these donated items will be set out in the narthex (back) of the Church from August 14th until September 11th. Last year, we assembled over 100 of these kits. A group work party to assemble the kits will be announced sometime in early October. Thanking you in advance.

Moving Forward with Truth and Reconciliation. Starting Friday, Aug. 5th for one month, we are all invited to help in the garden planted by Anishnabeg Outreach on Spizig Road, Breslau – right next to Woodland Christian High School. Please come with your garden gloves to help any of the Fridays in August, from 9 am – noon. Andrew Zettel, Outreach Coordinator of St. Mary's Parish, will be there to help and to greet you.



Saint Dominic's Story - Born in old Castile, Spain, Dominic was trained for the priesthood by a priest-uncle, studied the arts and theology, and became a canon of the cathedral at Osma, where there was an attempt to revive the apostolic common life as in Acts of the Apostles.

On a journey through France with his bishop, Dominic came face to face with the then virulent Albigensian heresy at Languedoc. The Albigensians--or Cathari, "the pure ones"--held to two principles—one good, one evil—in the world. All matter is evil—hence they denied the Incarnation and the sacraments. On the same principle, they abstained from procreation and took a minimum of food and drink. The inner circle led what some people regarded as a heroic life of purity and asceticism not shared by ordinary followers.

Dominic sensed the need for the Church to combat this heresy, and was commissioned to be part of the preaching crusade against it. He saw immediately why the preaching crusade was not succeeding: the ordinary people admired and followed the ascetical heroes of the Albigenses. Understandably, they were not impressed by the Catholic preachers who traveled with horse and retinue, stayed at the best inns and had servants. Dominic therefore, with three Cistercians, began itinerant preaching according to the gospel ideal. He continued this work for 10 years, being successful with the ordinary people but not with the leaders. His fellow preachers gradually became a community, and in 1215 Dominic founded a religious house at Toulouse, the beginning of the Order of Preachers or Dominicans.

Dominic's ideal, and that of his Order, was to link a life with God, study, and prayer in all forms, with a ministry of salvation to people by the word of God. His ideal: *contemplata tradere*: "to pass on the fruits of contemplation" or "to speak only of God or with God." (From Franciscanmedia.org)



Saint Bernard of Clairvaux's Story - Western Europe's "man of the twelfth century," without doubt or controversy, had to be Bernard of Clairvaux. Adviser of popes, preacher of the Second Crusade, defender of the faith, healer of a schism, reformer of a monastic Order, Scripture scholar, theologian, and eloquent preacher: any one of these titles would distinguish an ordinary man. Yet Bernard was all of these—and he retained a burning desire to return to the hidden monastic life of his younger days. In the year 1111, at the age of 20, Bernard left his home to join the monastic community of Cîteaux

with five brothers, two uncles, and 30 friends. Within four years, a dying community had recovered enough vitality to establish a new house in the nearby valley of Wormwoods, with Bernard as abbot. The valley was soon renamed Clairvaux, the valley of light.

His ability as arbitrator and counselor became widely known. He settled long-standing disputes, intervened in a full-blown schism and settled it in favour of the Roman pontiff against the antipope.

The Holy See prevailed on Bernard to preach the Second Crusade throughout Europe. His eloquence was so overwhelming that a great army was assembled and the success of the crusade seemed assured. The ideals of the men and their leaders, however, were not those of Abbot Bernard, and the project ended as a complete military and moral disaster. Bernard felt responsible in some way for the degenerative effects of the crusade. This heavy burden possibly hastened his death, which came Aug. 20, 1153. (From franciscanmedia.com)



The Assumption is the feast that celebrates Mary's being taken body and soul into Heaven at the end of her earthly life - celebrated on August 15.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Assumption refers to an event that occurred at the end of the Virgin Mary's life. "*Finally 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.*" The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians. (CCC 966)

This is a belief in the Catholic Church that has its origin in the first few centuries of Christianity, finding its source in early stories of the Virgin Mary's "death." St. John Damascene, an 8th century Christian author, wrote about how fitting it was for the Virgin Mary to be assumed into Heaven.

"It was fitting that she, who had kept her virginity intact in childbirth, should keep her own body free from all corruption even after death. It was fitting that she, who had carried the Creator as a child at her breast, should dwell in the divine tabernacles. It was fitting that the spouse, whom the Father had taken to himself, should live in the divine mansions. It was fitting that she, who had seen her Son upon the cross and who had thereby received into her heart the sword of sorrow which she had escaped in the act of giving birth to him, should look upon him as he sits with the Father. It was fitting that God's Mother should possess what belongs to her Son, and that she should be honored by every creature as the Mother and as the handmaid of God."

Pius XII details in his apostolic constitution, *Munificentissimus Deus* how this belief has been handed down over the ages and finds evidence even in scripture. "*Moreover, the scholastic Doctors have recognized the Assumption of the Virgin Mother of God as something signified, not only in various figures of the Old Testament, but also in that woman clothed with the sun whom John the Apostle contemplated on the Island of Patmos. Similarly they have given special attention to these words of the New Testament: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you, blessed are you among women," since they saw, in the mystery of the Assumption, the fulfillment of that most perfect grace granted to the Blessed Virgin and the special blessing that countered the curse of Eve.* The Assumption is an ancient celebration, one that honours the Virgin Mary and her role in salvation history and the eternal destination prepared for her by her Son, Jesus. (From aleteia.org)



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