

# St. Louis Catholic Church

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## Pastoral Team:

### **Pastor**

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### **Custodian**

Michael Ehrlich

## **Office hours:**

Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 4p.m.,

Friday 9 a.m. - 12 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.**

**Welcome to St. Louis Parish** - 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](mailto:robertreinhart182@msn.com)),

11:30 Choir – John Miller ([john@johnbmiller.ca](mailto:john@johnbmiller.ca)),

5:00 Mass – 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 attending members, please contact the parish office at least one year in advance of your date. A marriage preparation course is required.

**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. Privacy-of-Information laws prohibit the parish from obtaining information about parishioners in the hospital.

**Priesthood and Religious Life** - Is God calling you to religious life, as a Brother, Deacon or Priest? If so, please contact Fr. Toby Collins, C.R., Vocation Director for the Congregation of the Resurrection, at 226-989-1057, [crvocations@gmail.com](mailto:crvocations@gmail.com) or check [www.resurrectionist.ca](http://www.resurrectionist.ca)

## **Parish Organizations and Contacts:**

### **Finance Council**

Terry Collins, 519-741-1534

### **Maintenance Committee**

Bob Lorentz, 519-576-5556

### **Social Committee**

Cynthia Ehrlich

### **Parish Webmaster**

Daniel Delattre, [daniel@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:daniel@uwaterloo.ca)

### **Altar Servers Coordinator**

Dave Pagett, 519-744-7705

### **Catechesis Of The Good Shepherd, Youth Ministry**

Kelly Krause, 519-743-4101

### **Catholic Women's League**

Gerri Duque, 519-885-6161

### **Knights of Columbus**

Waterloo Council, 519-884-2060

### **Ministry to the Elderly & Homebound**

Cecilia Beechey, 519-572-5435

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Sandra Williams, 519-742-9239

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Sharon Carey, 519-746-8073

### **St. Vincent De Paul**

For food hamper or more information call 519-743-4101

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# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## Mass Intentions

### **Monday, December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe**

No Mass

### **Tuesday, December 13 – St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr**

9:00 am † Michael O'Drowsky – Geraldine & Mary Smith

### **Wednesday, December 14 – St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor**

9:00 am † Frank Sonser – Tom & Giuseppina Taddeo

### **Thursday, December 15**

9:00 am † Shirley Hinsperger – Rob Hinsperger

### **Friday, December 16**

9:00 am † Paul Fackoury – Don & Louann Miller

### **Saturday, December 17**

### **Sunday Liturgy – Fourth Sunday Of Advent**

5:00 pm † Claude Freiburger – Loreen Freiburger & Family

† Albert Ruetz – Catherine Ruetz & Family

† Al Enns – Giselle Enns

† Edna Ertel – Larry & Phyllis Ertel

### **Sunday December 18 – Fourth Sunday Of Advent**

9:30 am People of St. Louis Parish

11:30 am † Edward Hrycyk – Stella Hrycyk & Family

† Pat, David & Alex Reitzel – Audrey Reitzel & Family

† Frank Sonser – Maurice & Jeannine Kelly

† Don MacCallum – Joyce MacCallum

### **Reflection on the Second Reading from James 5: 7-10**

The reading comes from a brief work that belongs to a collection of New Testament writings usually called the "Catholic Letters." Here "catholic" means universal, since despite sometimes designating a particular individual or group, they seem to be addressed to early Christian believers in general. The Letter of James bears a strong Jewish character, focusing primarily upon ethical conduct expected in the concrete lives of faithful individuals and communities.

Today's passage implies part of the reason for careful attention to a life shaped by Christian Faith: the return of Christ is imminent, bringing with it final judgement. Rooted in Jewish apocalyptic expectations of God's final act of salvation, the early Church generally believed that the Risen Christ would soon return in full glory, bringing the Kingdom of God to completion. A popular strain of Jewish thinking described God carrying out a last judgement through the Messiah at this time. James stresses that the culmination of God's work of salvation is imminent, thus believers must be both patient and prepared for its coming.



**STRENGTHEN  
YOUR HEARTS  
FOR THE COMING  
OF THE LORD  
IS NEAR**

## Upcoming Events

### **Monday, December 12**

4:00 pm *Good Shepherd Catechesis I, II & III* Nursery

7:30 pm **Reconciliation Service** Church

### **Tuesday, December 13**

noon Lunch & Learn: *Does the Bible Really Say That?* (Chapter 22 & 23) by Patrick Madrid Nursery

### **Wednesday, December 14**

6:00 pm (11:30) Choir Rehearsal Church

### **Thursday, December 15**

9:30 am Small Christian Community Large Hall

7:30 pm (9:30) Choir rehearsal Church

### **Friday, December 16**

6:00 pm Youth Music Church

6:00 pm Youth Group Christmas Party Large Hall

### **Sunday, December 18**

12:30 pm Practice for Gospel dramatization for Christmas Eve 5 pm service Church

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Dec 17 5:00 pm	1 James Skidmore 2 Stephen Filipowicz C Jim Walsh	1 Betty Gross 2 Marilyn Foster 3 Grant Ertel
Sun. Dec 18 9:30 am	1 Benita-Ann Gallina 2 Caroline Noel C Mary Smith	1 Mary Smith 2 Joanne Bond 3 Jack Sehl
11:30 am	1 Deb Zettel-Schmitt 2 Michael Schmitt C Kelly Krause	1 Terry Sullivan 2 Donna Herbstreit 3 Natalie Ferrier

### Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule:



**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> (Sat.) – Christmas Eve:**  
5 pm (Family), 10 pm

**Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> (Sun.) – Christmas Day:**  
9:30 am, 11:30 am

**Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> (Sat.) – Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Eve):**  
5 pm



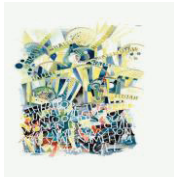
**Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> (Sun) – Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day):**  
9:30 am, 11:30 am



The CWL Mission Bake and Craft Sale. Thank you to all who donated baking, crafts, prizes, plants, and various other items for our Nearly New and Treasures tables. Because of your generosity and support, 1. Sister Fay, ministering in the Northwest Territories; 2. Development and Peace helping the people of hurricane-ravaged Haiti; and 3. the Sisters The Fraternity the Poor of Jesus Christ, visiting the women's prison and offering sandwiches and hot beverages in downtown Kitchener (Wednesdays) will each receive about \$1,500! (A final tally will be printed in next week's bulletin).



**First Communion:** Anyone who has a child in Gr. 2 and would like them to receive the Sacrament of the First Eucharist here at St. Louis parish; classes will begin Wed. Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm - 7:30 pm in the Nursery. The celebration of this Sacrament will take place on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at the 11:30 am Mass. Anyone interested, please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office to register.



The Diocese Of Hamilton invites you to celebrate the arrival of **Prophets** - the second of 7 volumes of The Saint John's Bible Heritage Edition to be received by the Diocese Of

Hamilton. Join us for the Advent Hymn Festival on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral Basilica Of Christ The King in Hamilton.

**Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide – Did You Know?** The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. Despite wording intended to protect doctors and facilities, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to arrange for the killing of their patients. No other country does this. Provinces across Canada do not do this. Yet, Ontario refuses to protect doctors who object to ending the life of their patients. Please visit [www.CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://www.CanadiansforConscience.ca) to learn more and write directly to your elected Member of Provincial Parliament.

**Embracing the Wisdom of Monks & Mystics: A Senior Adult Workshop Series - 6 Wednesday afternoons, starting Jan. 11, 2017 1:30- 3:30pm at Chancery Office - Hamilton**

This 6 part workshop/study session will explore the lives of twelve great monks & mystics from the Christian tradition in new & creative ways. This course will be facilitated by Sr. Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND. The cost (\$35) includes the text, *Illuminating the Way*, by Christine Valters Paintner. Register by Dec. 22. For further information please contact Monica at [mverin@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mverin@hamiltondiocese.com) or 905-52807988 X 2238 or check the website, [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) for more information.



**ONE, BIG, THRILLING CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR YOUNG ADULTS:** All young adults (19-39) are invited to come on Sat. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> to St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown for an awesome pre-Christmas event.

Starts at 5 pm with Mass, 6 pm social, 6:45 catered dinner with wine followed by live entertainment and much more. \$15 donation at the door (value \$35). **RSVP by Dec 14<sup>th</sup>** to Justin Peter at [jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com) or call 905-689-4857 x 8, or check Facebook "The Biggest Catholic Young Adults Christmas Party Ever!" To date: nine groups already participating. Location: 715 Centre Rd. Waterdown – 30 min from KW.



**Carmelite Monastery's Christmas Sale** continues until Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>. The Sale will include homemade jams, jellies, our own honey, and home-baked loaves.



**Longest Night Prayer Service** - If Christmas is a sad time for you because you of the loss of a loved one, please consider attending this ecumenical service. Wed., Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, (49 Blueridge Ave. Kit.). This will be an evening of prayerful reflection in solidarity with all who have gone home to Jesus and those who grieve their loss. A reception will follow. If you have any questions please call 519-745-7301.

**Fr. Toby Collins, C.R. suggests:** Go to the [www.resurrectionists.ca](http://www.resurrectionists.ca) to hear Bishop Gary Gordon's inspiring talk on vocations given at the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Serra Club in Waterloo.

**Advent Penitential Services  
this coming week:**

**Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

3:00 pm Sacred Heart Church, Kitchener

**Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm St. Mary's Church, Kitchener  
**7:30 pm St. Louis Church, Waterloo**

**Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

1:00 pm St. Francis of Assisi Church, Kitchener  
7:00 pm St. Clements Church, Cambridge  
7:30 pm St. Agnes Church, Waterloo

**Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener  
7:00 pm St. Agatha Church, St. Agatha  
7:30 pm St. Michael's Church, Waterloo

**Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 pm St. Aloysius, Kitchener  
7:00 pm St. Clements Church, St. Clements  
7:30 pm Our Lady of Lourdes, Waterloo

For more confession times  
check St. Louis website

**Last Sunday Collection:**

Sunday Envelopes	\$5275.90
Loose Donations	\$ 529.60

Thank you for your generosity & continuous support!



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