

St. Louis Catholic Church

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Served by the Congregation of the Resurrection since 1890.

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.



St Louis Catholic Church

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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:

Finance Council

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

Monday, Dec. 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe - No Mass

9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball Gym

Tuesday, December 13 - St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

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

9:30 AM With St. George on the Porch book L. Hall
group – “Reveal the Gift: Living the
Feminine Genius” by Lisa Cotter

4:30 PM Good Shepherd Catechesis Nursery

6:30 PM 11:30 Choir Rehearsal Church

**Wednesday, December 14- St. John of the Cross, Priest
& Doctor of the Church**

9:00 AM † Dorothy Lindsay – Alice McTavish

9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball Gym

Thursday, December 15

9:00 AM † Bill Gies – Alice McTavish

6:00 PM Start of Carolling and social L. Hall

Friday, December 16

9:00 AM † Ken Snyder – Kelly & Anna & Families

9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball Gym

Saturday, December 17

Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM † Richard Mulhall – Pat & Joan Forde

† Walter & Kaye Hartman – Their Family

† Carol Schneider – J. Dankowsky

† Alan McTavish – Alice McTavish

Sunday, December 18 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

9:30 AM Babysitting & Sunday School Nursery

10:30 AM Sunday Social L. Hall

11:30 AM † Edward & Stella Hrycyk – Caravaggio Family

† Rosemary Peterson – Peterson Family

† Frank Butler – Butler Family

† David Kirby – Kirby Family

5:00 PM OOTC Community Supper Gym

2:45 PM – 8 PM Set-up to Clean-up

Reflection on the First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

The 35th chapter of Isaiah introduces a new theme: the people's journey home after Babylonian exile. What is portrayed here is a world transformed. Isaiah's prophecy presents a series of grand reversals, images that demonstrate God's power to rejuvenate and fully restore His deflated people.

The desert, though which the people sojourn on their way back to Judea, has been made abundantly beautiful with foliage and the joyful song of the pilgrims. As the Israelites take possession of the land once again, the cities of Lebanon, Carmel, and Sharon radiate God's glory.

Such images of renewal will certainly make strong hands that are weak and hearts that are frightened. Isaiah continues by making clear that God is not blessing His people from a distance. Just as He guided His people through the desert after ratifying the covenant with Moses on Mount Sinai, so now God comes into their midst to save them. At His coming, blind eyes will see, deaf ears will hear, the lame will leap, and all those who return to Jerusalem will sing a song that will serve to overturn “sorrow and sighing” with “joy and gladness.” Isaiah beautifully portrays the redeemed people successfully entering the gates of Jerusalem.

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



Dramatization of the Christmas Gospel - For children of all ages. Practices will take place on December 4th and 11th after the 11:30 AM Mass. Hot dogs will be provided for everyone's lunch. The dramatization will take place at the 5 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. Please sign up for this in the Nursery, or by emailing Kelly Krause at the parish office (kkrause@hamiltondiocese.com).



Do you like to sing? Please join us for some caroling on Thu. Dec. 15 at 6 PM in the Large Hall. We will leave from there to spread some Christmas cheer. We plan to focus on some of the apartment buildings where some of our older parishioners are living and may struggle to get out. We would like to bring some Christmas cheer to them. Join Debbie Delattre and Kelly Krause in this endeavor of fun and fellowship. Please contact Kelly at the parish office and let us know you would like to come out so we know we have a nice number joining us. There will be hot chocolate, coffee, tea and treats in the Large Hall afterwards.



First Communion - Anyone who has a child in gr. 2 and would like to do their First Communion here, at St. Louis Parish, classes will begin on Wednesday, January 18th at 6 PM. Please sign up with Kelly Krause at the parish office.

The Honourable Graydon Nicholas will speak at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Monday, Dec. 12 at 7 PM on “*Our Lady of Guadalupe: In the Experience of Indigenous Peoples*”. On the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and the National Day of Prayer and Solidarity with Indigenous Persons, we will reflect together on the significance of the appearance of Our Lady to Juan Diego, an Indigenous man in Guadalupe, Mexico. Graydon's message promises to encourage our efforts as a community of faith toward reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters. This presentation will be available in person, or streamed live via the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King YouTube page. No registration is necessary.

The Reel Justice Film Festival is back for another year! A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustice. Join us on Dec. 15, at 7 PM for the holiday classic, *It's a Wonderful Life*, connecting to themes of community, dignity of the person, economic and housing insecurity. The screening will be hosted online. Grab your pajamas and some hot chocolate for this Christmas screening! R.S.V.P. and view our full schedule of events at www.reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com.

Third Sunday Of Advent - We know that at Christmas our hearts will be full – we want our pews to be full also! Throughout Advent, Parishes across the Diocese are being encouraged to invite all the faithful to Come Home for Christmas. We all know people who have fallen away from regular Mass attendance, and Christmas provides a privileged occasion to welcome them home. All parishioners are encouraged to join in this effort to extend a warm invitation to return - for more information, visit hamiltondiocese.com.



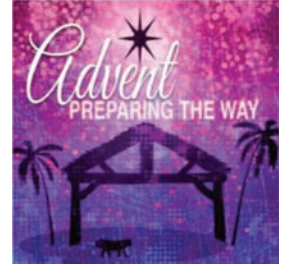
“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.” Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, 905-528-7988, vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, 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!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY	DECEMBER 24	CHRISTMAS EVE – FAMILY MASS	5 PM
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 24	CHRISTMAS EVE	8 PM
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 25	CHRISTMAS DAY	9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

CONFESSION & PENITENTIAL SERVICES THIS WEEK

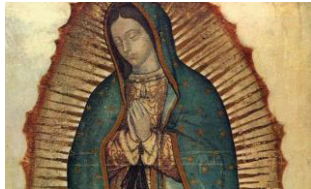
Tuesday,	December 13	at St. Joseph at 7 PM
Wednesday,	December 14	at St. Aloysius from 6 PM to 8 PM
Wednesday,	December 14	at St. Boniface (Maryhill) at 7 PM
Thursday,	December 15	at St. Mark at 7 PM
Thursday,	December 15	at St. Mary at 7 PM
Saturday,	December 17	at St. Teresa of Avila (Kitchener) at 4 PM
Saturday,	December 17	at St. Francis of Assisi from 3 PM to 4:30 PM



Confessions at St. Louis Parish on Saturdays at 4:00 PM



Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - Like us, John never got to see Jesus do any of those things – restoring sight to the blind, making the lame able-bodied, cleansing lepers, restoring hearing to the deaf, raising the dead, bringing good news to the poor. But believing the word of it enabled John to know Jesus more clearly than merely who John imagined Jesus would be, and it was enough to carry John through to the end. How have I come to recognize more clearly the face of Christ? Because it is this alone that can sustain a person in their vocation to the end. Visit www.resurrectionists.ca.



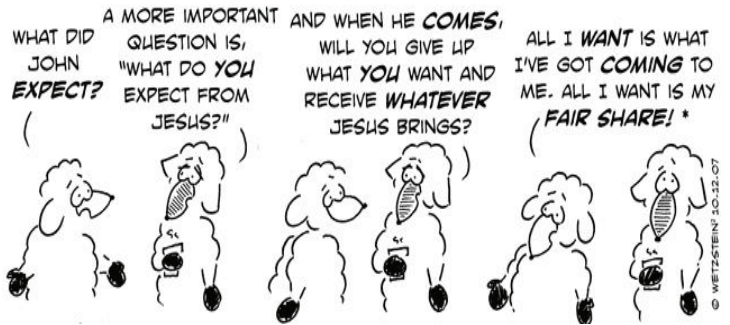
The Story of Our Lady of Guadalupe - The feast in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the 16th century. Chronicles of that period tell us the story. A poor Indian named Cuauhtlatohuac was baptized and given the name Juan Diego. He

was a 57-year-old widower, and lived in a small village near Mexico City. On Saturday morning Dec. 9, 1531, he was on his way to a nearby barrio to attend Mass in honour of Our Lady.

Juan was walking by a hill called Tepeyac when he heard beautiful music like the warbling of birds. A radiant cloud appeared, and within it stood an Indian maiden dressed like an Aztec princess. The lady spoke to him in his own language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico, a Franciscan named Juan de Zumarraga. The bishop was to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared.

Eventually the bishop told Juan to have the lady give him a sign. About this same time Juan's uncle became seriously ill. This led poor Juan to try to avoid the lady. Nevertheless the lady found Juan, assured him that his uncle would recover, and provided roses for Juan to carry to the bishop in his cape or tilma.

On December 12, when Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground, and the bishop sank to his knees. On the tilma where the roses had been appeared an image of Mary exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac. Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patron Saint of: The Americas and Mexico. (From franciscanmedia.org)



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Saint John of the Cross' Story - John is a saint because his life was a heroic effort to live up to his name: "of the Cross." The folly of the cross came to full realization in time. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me" (Mark 8:34b) is the story of John's life. The Paschal Mystery—through death to life—strongly marks John as reformer, mystic-poet, and theologian-priest.

Ordained a Carmelite priest in 1567 at age 25, John met Teresa of Avila and like her, vowed himself to the primitive Rule of the Carmelites. As partner with Teresa, John engaged in the work of reform, and came to experience the price of reform: increasing opposition, misunderstanding, persecution, imprisonment. He came to know the cross acutely—to experience the dying of Jesus—as he sat month after month in his dark, damp, narrow cell with only his God.

Yet, the paradox! In this dying of imprisonment John came to life, uttering poetry. In the darkness of the dungeon, John's spirit came into the Light. There are many mystics, many poets; John is unique, expressing in his prison-cross the ecstasy of mystical union with God in the Spiritual Canticle. But as agony leads to ecstasy, so John had his Ascent to Mt. Carmel, as he named it in his prose masterpiece. As man-Christian-Carmelite, he experienced in himself this purifying ascent; as spiritual director, he sensed it in others; as psychologist-theologian, he described and analyzed it in his prose writings. His prose works are outstanding in underscoring the cost of discipleship, the path of union with God: rigorous discipline, abandonment, purification. Uniquely John underlines the gospel paradox: The cross leads to resurrection, agony to ecstasy, darkness to light, abandonment to possession, denial to self to union with God. If you want to save your life, you must lose it. John is truly "of the Cross." He died at 49—a life short, but full. (From franciscanmedia.org)

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