

St. Louis Roman Catholic Church

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Sunday Masses:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.

Vietnamese Community:

Sunday Mass: 4:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday – Friday 9:00 a.m.

*Rosary: Tuesday to Friday before
9:00 a.m. Mass*

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Welcome new members

We would like to invite you to register. Registration forms can be found in the narthex (lobby). Please call the parish if you would like your home to be blessed.

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 - John Miller (john@johnbmiller.ca),

Youth Choir - Donna McLellan (dlmshaney@golden.net).

Peter DeSousa provides music for the 5 p.m. Mass (peterdesousa730@gmail.com)

Sunday programs for children

During the Sunday morning Masses 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

Church policy requires that the Sacraments be performed in the parish located closest to you geographically – unless you are registered and regularly attend elsewhere. At St. Louis, the sacraments of initiation are available to registered and regularly attending parishioners only.

Baptism: Celebrated once a month. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesdays – Fridays before the morning Mass, Saturdays 4 - 4:30 p.m., or by appointment.

Marriage: Please contact the parish office at least one year in advance of your date. A marriage preparation course is required.

R.C.I.A.: 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 Sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy Communion, or Sacrament of the Sick.

Pastoral Care to those in Hospital: Privacy-of-Information laws prohibit the parish from obtaining information about parishioners in the hospital. A family member is asked to contact the parish whenever a parishioner is in hospital and requests a pastoral visit.

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 or crvocations@gmail.com.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 4

9:00 am † Barbara Adamska – the Malton Family

Wednesday, December 5

9:00 am †

7:00 pm † Marcella Helm –C.W.L.

Thursday, December 6

9:00 am † Deceased members of the Resurrection

Friday, December 7

9:00 am † Rita and Marcella Helm - Estate

Saturday, December 8

Sunday liturgy

5:00 pm Intentions of the Confirmation Candidates

Sunday, December 9 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

9:30 am † Anna Maria Dinh – Nguyen Family

For all souls in need – Nguyen Family

† David Kirby – Norma Kirby

† Kirk Farwell – Mark Boehmer

11:30 am The People of St. Louis Parish

4:00 pm Vietnamese Mass

Upcoming Events

Monday, December 3

6:30pm St. Vincent de Paul

Notre Dame Hall
Church

7:30 pm Penitential Services

Wednesday, December 5

9:00 am Catechesis of the
Good Shepherd Level 1

Convent –Atrium
Large Hall
Church

7:00 pm C.W.L.

7:30 pm 11:30 Choir Practice

Thursday, December 6

9:30 am Small Christian

Community

Notre Dame Hall
Convent -Atrium

1:00 pm Catechesis of the
Good Shepherd Level 1

7:30 pm 9:30 Choir Practice

Church

Saturday, December 8

5:00 pm Confirmation
Reception to follow

Church
Large Hall

Excerpt from “Remembering Heaven – Jewels of the Paschal Mystery” – To begin our Advent Season

The season of Advent is loaded with the precious gems of hope, joy, waiting and expectation. Its theological perspective is threefold: the coming of Christ, born in history (past); the coming of Christ in our lives (present); and the coming of Christ at the end of time (future).

This time of the year is set aside by the church as a special period of preparation, of expectant waiting.

In Advent readings, we hear the promises made by our God to our ancestors in faith, to us. We journey with important figures such as John the Baptist, Mary and Elizabeth, whose reassuring presence guides our hope. Parents presenting children for Baptism, Confirmation or First Eucharist, as well as candidates, catechumens and sponsors, will relate easily to the anxieties of Mary and Joseph, who were surrounded by mystery and so many unanswered questions. They stood on faith, and so do we.

At the same time, John the Baptist challenges us to “prepare the way,” placing an awesome responsibility on anyone involved in paving the way for the sacraments of initiation.

Though the calendar year is coming to an end, the liturgical year is just beginning. We continue our journey more deeply into the Paschal Mystery starting with the Incarnation and culminating in the Triduum. The wood of the manger points us toward the wood of the cross; the angels singing to shepherds are also keeping watch at the empty tomb. The four weeks of Advent usher us into the Mystery while encompassing it at the same time. These weeks need to be carefully set out as they have a language all their own: Music, colour, scripture, prayers, customs, and a healthy dose of silence.



Advent Penitential Services

Please take advantage of one of the following Penitential Services with individual absolution:

Monday, December 3rd 7:30 St. Louis

Tuesday, December 4th 7:30 pm St. Agnes

Wednesday, December 5th 7:30 pm St. Michael's

Thursday, December 6th 7:30 pm Our Lady of Lourdes

Children's Dramatization of the Gospel for Christmas

Mass: Christmas is fast approaching and we need to plan. Anyone wanting to participate in this dramatization at our 5pm family Mass is asked to fill in a form found at the back of the church, or talk with Kelly Krause. We will have a practice on Saturday, December 16th at 10am. The practice is mandatory for anyone who will participate. Children need to be of school age – 5 years and up.

I am also in need of some young people who are willing to help. You would be taking on the major roles for the dramatization and/or helping lead the little ones through this event. This cannot take place without a number of helpers. We are looking for older youth 12 years and up. Again, please speak, or email Kelly Krause if you can help with any of this. Thanks!

Waterloo Knight of Columbus Annual Toy Drive

Help us to bring Christmas to each and every needy child. The Waterloo Knights of Columbus in conjunction with the Firefighters and Police of Waterloo Region are holding their 16th annual 2012 "New Toys for Needy Kids" Toy Drive Drop off toys at your local fire station, police department or 145 Dearborn Place Waterloo. Call 519-884-2060 for further information.

The St. Vincent De Paul meeting to be held on Monday, December 3rd will begin at 6:30 pm. Please try to attend as we will be planning our Christmas Hampers.

CWL Advent/Christmas meeting Wednesday, December 5th. Mass at 7 pm followed by a business meeting, short fun-filled auction and time to enjoy some Christmas treats, a carol sing-a-long and each other's company! (Pennies for seminarians)

CWL membership fees (\$20) for 2013 are due December 9th. (Look for the blue envelope in your Church envelope box). If you do not have envelopes, simply put your name and address on a plain envelope with the renewal fee. With this \$20 you belong to a 90,000+ organization of Catholic women, receive the League magazine three times a year which tells you of the good work being done by your sister members across Canada, and on the parish level you are kept informed by good speakers and programs!

Thank you everyone who made our Annual Mission Bake and Craft Sale such a success. \$4,100 was raised. Because of your support, missionaries in Canada's isolated areas, Development and Peace projects and equipment for maternity hospital in Kenya for at-risk mothers (1 in 31 women die due to complications giving birth) will all benefit!

Many thanks to all of the many volunteers that made Remembrance Day Cabaret such a success. The beautiful songs from the War Years brought back so many memories and demonstrated the importance of peace. All who attended were uplifted. Our gratitude goes out to all who made this professional event possible as it enhanced the St. Louis community spirit in a poignant and unique way. Well done!

St. Anne's Parish Advent Day of Reflection (prayer)

(268 East Ave. Kitchener)
Friday, December 14th 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (Mass 8 am)
Bring a bag lunch, Tea & coffee provided. Suggested Offering \$20.00. To Register: call or e-mail St. Anne's 519-745-5302 or stannesfamily@gmail.com

Refugee and Immigrants Day Mass

Celebration of the Holy Eucharist with Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, Sunday, December 9th, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. The Cathedral of Christ the King Hamilton, Ontario All are invited! Please join us.

White Mass is a Mass where we gather to pray for Health Care Professionals, Pastoral Care Workers, Clergy, Religious Counselors and caregivers. This annual event is sponsored by the Association of Christian Therapists. Seventh Annual White Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., on Wednesday, December 12th at 7 pm, Cathedral of Christ the King, Hamilton. Everyone is welcome. Video and reception to follow. Free will offering to help cover expenses. For information call Jennie 905-335-6902.

St. Louis Parish Offertory Envelopes

There is a large number of offertory envelopes ordered each year and the gaps that exist between envelopes registered to parishioners and those that are not registered to any parishioners in the parish are many. It has been decided that the system needs to be upgraded and the gaps need to be closed. This will mean a rearranging of the envelopes. The result will mean that you may receive a new envelope number, registered to you. We apologize for anyone who may be attached to their number, but the condensing of the number of envelopes we order each year will be of help financially.

2013 Sunday Missals are available for sale at the back of the church after Mass. The price is \$3.00.

Deadlines for December Bulletins (imposed by our Publishing Company) :
Sunday December 16th – Friday December 7th noon
Sunday December 23rd – Wednesday December 12th
Sunday December 30th – Monday December 17th
Sunday January 6th – Friday December 21st noon

Collection: Sunday November 25th

Envelopes	\$ 4596.00
Loose	\$ 354.00
Building Fund	\$ 125.00

*Thank you for your generosity
and your continued support.*

Deacon Phil's Corner

A Sunday school teacher was giving her class the assignment for the next week.

"Next Sunday," she said, "we are going to talk about liars, and in preparation for our lesson I want you all to read the Seventeenth Chapter of Mark."

The following week, at the beginning of the class meeting, the teacher said, "Now then, all of you who have prepared for the lesson by reading the Seventeenth Chapter of Mark please step to the front of the room."

About half of the class rose and came forward.

"The rest of you may leave," said the teacher, "these students are the ones I want to talk to. There is no Seventeenth Chapter in the Book of Mark."

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