



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 p.m.
Summer hours (Canada Day to Labour Day): Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. to 1 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.



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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)

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 resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com or www.resurrectionists.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:

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

Monday, December 4 – No Mass			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
5:30 PM	Good Shepherd Catechesis		Nursery
6:30 PM	11:30 Choir Rehearsal		Church
7:30 PM	In the Footsteps of God 2/2		L. Hall
Tuesday, December 5			
9:00 AM	Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church		
9 AM – 7:30 PM	Christmas Party - Treshholds		Gym
9:30 AM	Book Group Meeting		L. Hall
7:00 PM	Painting with Kelly - Christmas Moose		L. H.
Wednesday, December 6 – St. Nicholas, Bishop			
9:00 AM	† Barbara & Zygmunt Adamski – Malton Family		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
6:30 PM	† Joan Sichewski – CWL Mass		
7 PM	CWL Meeting		L. Hall
Thursday, December 7 – St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor			
9:00 AM	For Healing of Liz Zorzetto – District 2, Catholic Engaged Encounter		
Friday, December 8 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary			
9:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Graces Received by Estrada Family – Estrada Family		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
6 PM	Family Christmas Party		L. Hall
Saturday, December 9			
9 AM – 3 PM	Quilting/Crafting Day		L. Hall
Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent			
5:00 PM	† Walter and Kaye Hartman – Family		
	† Jean (John) Laroque – Colette Potvin-Schiebel & Dave Schiebel		
	† Floyd Ertel – Leo & Pauline Tesolin		
	Intentions of Johanne Meyer & Family		
Sunday, December 10 – Second Sunday of Advent			
9:30 AM	† Edna Ertel – Larry Ertel		
	† Don Miller – Miller Family		
	† David & Norma Kirby – Kirby Family		
	Intentions of Mary Smith – Mike & Paula Linger		
	10:30 AM	Sunday Social	L. Hall
11:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish		
	12:30 PM	In the Footsteps of God 2/2	L. Hall
	12:30 PM	Hot dog lunch before practice	Nursery
	1:00 PM	Practice for Dramatization of the Gospel for Christmas Eve (1/2)	Church
	5:00 PM	OOTC Community Supper	Gym

Reflection on the First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17; 64:1,3-8

Today's reading from Isaiah marks the beginning of our Advent journey toward the birth of Christ. The passage begins and ends with an emphasis on God as our father, providing a relational framework for understanding the rest of the reading. Unfortunately, it is a relationship that is marked by brokenness. Isaiah contrasts the reality of Israel wandering and turning away from God with the recognition that God is deserving of our awe and reverence. Indeed, if the mountains quake in God's presence, how much more should we respond with awe to God's presence in our lives?

Not only does Isaiah point to nature as an indicator of what is owed to God, he also speaks of the "awesome deeds" that God performed on behalf of His people. This is a reference to the Exodus out of Egypt and God's providence during the wilderness wanderings, including the giving of the commandments on Mount Sinai. Despite this overwhelming evidence of God's majesty and power, the Israelites have



The First Week of Advent Represents: Hope.

Candle name: *Prophecy Candle*. Colour: Purple. Purple is the primary color associated with Advent. Within the Catholic Church it symbolizes penance, preparation, and sacrifice. During the first week of Advent we remember the Old Testament prophets who foretold of Jesus' coming with hope and anticipation.

Scripture Reflection: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwell in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined." Isaiah 9:2

Prayer: Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to Your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in You as we prepare our hearts to celebrate Your birth on Christmas. Amen.

The Second Week of Advent Represents: Peace and Preparation.

Candle Name: *Bethlehem Candle*. Color: Purple

During this second week of Advent, we reflect on our lives and work on becoming better-versions-of-ourselves in preparation for Jesus' coming. We remember the journey Joseph and Mary took from Nazareth to Bethlehem.

Scripture Reflection: "And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn." Luke 2:4-7

Prayer: Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen. (From dynamiccatholic.com)

(Advent is short this year as the 4th Sunday is on Christmas Eve, therefore you might wish to anticipate each week and that is why we publish reflections for two weeks at a time.)



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Prayer Vigil - Thu., Dec. 7, from 10 to 11 AM. Opposite Freeport Hospital. 3570 King St. E., Kitchener. for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

turned away from God in their sins. As a result, God has justifiably "hidden" His face from them. The "hidden God" motif is common in the Psalms and depicts a breakdown in the relationship between God and His people. Yet, the reading does not end on this negative note. Instead, Isaiah calls God father for a second time, recalling that all of Israel is God's creation and that He continues to fashion them according to His will.

This language of penitential piety calls us to engage likewise in repentance and return to God during this Advent season as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the incarnation of Christ. Do we actively remember the times that God has performed "awesome deeds" in our own lives? In what ways do we allow God to shape our lives and inform our actions in our day-to-day lives? (From the workbook for Lectors)



Our next General Meeting will take place on Wed., Dec. 6th beginning with Mass at 6:30 PM. As a special thank you to our ladies, we will have a Wine and Cheese Party in the Large Hall following Mass. After a brief meeting, we will sing Christmas Carols to celebrate the Christmas Season. Please join us and bring a friend. You do not need to be a member to attend our General Meetings. All ladies 16 years of age and older are welcome.



Christmas Eve (at 5 PM Mass) Dramatization of the Gospel - Any child is welcome. We will have practices Dec. 10 & 17 right after the 11:30 AM Mass (12:30 PM).

Please join us for a hotdog lunch in the Nursery, and then we will proceed into the main body of the church for the practice. One parent is asked to stay for the practice for about 45min. If your child is under the age of 5, they are welcome to participate; we ask that a parent help out with the children during the dramatization. We need some of the older children to take on the roles of Mary, Joseph, the Inn Keeper, etc. Please indicate your child's interest in getting involved with this wonderful event by signing up with Kelly Krause in the Nursery or emailing the parish office. Please also indicate if you will be joining us for lunch and how many hotdogs your family will eat.

Advent Retreat - Sr. Celeste Reinhart & Sr. Barbara Paleczny (SSND), lead a mini-retreat on Sun., Dec. 10 1-3 PM at St Anne Church Hall (268 East Ave., Kit.). The theme, "Waiting in Hope", will explore Mary's life in the Gospel of Luke. Refreshments provided. Contact St. Anne parish at stannekitchener@hamiltondiocese.com or 519-745-5302 to register.

Advent Evening of Reflection – Emmanuel: The Plea and The Promise - led by Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB on Fri., Dec. 15th at St. Michael's Church (80 University Ave.). Mass: 7 PM. Reflection: 7:45 PM. Register on our website or by phone at 519-884-9311



Immaculate Conception refers to the special way in which the Virgin Mary herself was conceived. Catechism of the Catholic Church states:

490 To become the mother of the Saviour, Mary "was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role." The angel Gabriel at the moment of the annunciation salutes her as "full of grace." In fact, in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent of her faith to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne by God's grace.

491 Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854:

The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.

493 The Fathers of the Eastern tradition call the Mother of God "the All-Holy" (*Panagia*), and celebrate her as "free from any stain of sin, as though fashioned by the Holy Spirit and formed as a new creature". **By the grace of God Mary remained free of every personal sin her whole life long.** "Let it be done to me according to your word. . ."

492 The "splendour of an entirely unique holiness" by which Mary is "enriched from the first instant of her conception" comes wholly from Christ: she is "redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son". The Father blessed Mary more than any other created person "in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" and chose her "in Christ before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before Him in love".

Date	Sunday	Loose	Dioces.	Maint.	Pre Auth
Nov. 26	\$1707.00	\$ 383.75	\$5.00	\$ 160.00	\$2401.98

Thank you for your donations!

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS TIMES:

4 th Sunday of Advent (vigil)	Dec. 23	5 PM (Vigil Mass)
4 th Sunday of Advent	Dec. 24	9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
Christmas Eve (vigil)	Dec. 24	5 PM & 8 PM
Christmas Day	Dec. 25	9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
St. Stephen's	Dec. 26	No Mass
3 rd ,4 th ,5 th day of Christmas	Dec 27, 28, 29	9 AM
Holy Family (vigil)	Dec. 30	5 PM (Vigil Mass)
Holy Family	Dec. 31	9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
Mary, Mother of God (vigil)	Dec. 31	5 PM (Vigil Mass)
Mary, Mother of God	Jan. 1	9:30 AM (ONLY!)
9 th ,10 th ,11 th day of Christmas	Jan. 2, 3, 4	9 AM
12 th day of Christmas	Jan. 5	No Mass
Epiphany (vigil)	Jan. 6	5 PM (Vigil Mass)
Epiphany	Jan. 7	9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Advent Penitential Services in KW and area:

- Tue. Dec. 5th at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 6 PM
- Sat. Dec. 9th at St. Teresa of Avila Church (Elmira) - 3:30 to 4:45 PM
- Tue. Dec. 12th at St. Francis of Assisi (Kit.) at 2 PM
- Tue. Dec. 12th at St. Joseph (Kit.) at 7 PM
- Wed. Dec. 13th at St. Aloysius (Kit.) at 7 PM
- Th. Dec. 14th at St. Mark (Kit.) at 7 PM

ADVENT 2023 SPECIAL EVENTS:

Jesus, The Word Became Flesh - biography, travel, Bible study rolled into one - filmed on location in Holy Land. Shown in 2 parts at either Mon. at 7:30 PM (Nov. 27 & Dec. 4) or Sun. at 12:30 PM (Dec. 3 & 10)

Christmas Family Fun Night on Friday Dec. 8th 6 – 8 PM – Everyone will be making a gingerbread nativity scene. We will sing Christmas carols and play reindeer games. It will be an evening of fun for all ages. Pizza provided. Please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office or down in the Nursery if you plan to attend so that she can make sure we have enough food and supplies.

Lectio Divina – Thur. Dec. 14 at 7 PM in the Large Hall. Praying with the readings of the 3rd Sunday of Advent.

The St. Louis Yule Band Advent/Christmas Concert on Friday, Dec. 15 at 7 - 8 PM at St. Louis Church. Cash donations will go to the CWL and St. Vincent de Paul of St. Louis Parish.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JANUARY 2024 EVENTS:

St. Louis Epiphany Potluck Dinner and Party – Saturday, Jan. 6th starting at 6 PM in the Large Hall.

St. Louis Mid Winter Dinner and Ceili Dance – Saturday, Jan. 27th starting at 6 PM in the Gym and L. Hall.

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(The presentations have been updated since we last studied it in 2015.) Offered either on Monday nights at 7:30 PM starting Jan. 15th, 2024 OR on Sundays at 12:30 PM (till 1:40 PM with substantial snacks provided.) starting on Jan. 14th. (No sessions on long weekends etc.) 12 sessions during Winter/Spring 2024 & 12 sessions during the Fall of 2024.

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