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Feast of the Holy Family

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 31

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9:30 am For People of St. Louis Parish
 11:30 am † Trudy Angelson – Freda McGuire
 † Fernando Arnaiz – Jim Rudnisky
 Intentions of Doug Hess– Catholic Community
 Foundation of Waterloo Region
 Intentions of Dana Woito – Lilian Mlodozena

Vigil of Mary Mother of God, New Year's Eve

5:00 pm For People of St. Louis Parish

Monday, January 1 – Mary Mother of God

9:30 am For God's Blessings on Canada in 2018

Tuesday, January 2 – St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

9:00 am Deceased Members of the Congregation of the Resurrection

Wednesday, January 3 – No Mass

Thursday, January 4

9:00 am † Sean McGuire – Freda McGuire

Friday, January 5

9:00 am † Doris Toussaint – Claire and Richard Armitage

Saturday, January 6

Vigil of Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 pm † Bill Wharnsby – Marnie Wharnsby
 † Catherine Forde – Patrick & Joan Forde
 † Ray & Marie Lisk – Jack & Marilyn Yolkovskie
 † Dianne Detzler – Loreen Freiburger

Sunday, January 7 Epiphany of the Lord

9:30 am † Bill Wharnsby – Joan Powers
 † Kay Lobsinger – 9:30 & Risen Life Choir
 † Andreas Schwartz – Noronha Family
 11:30 am For People of St. Louis Parish

THIS WEEK EVENTS

Tuesday, January 2

6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul meeting Large Hall

Wednesday, January 3

6:00 pm 11:30 Choir Rehearsal Church

Thursday, January 4

9:30 am Small Christian Community Large Hall

7:30 pm 9:30 Choir Rehearsal Church

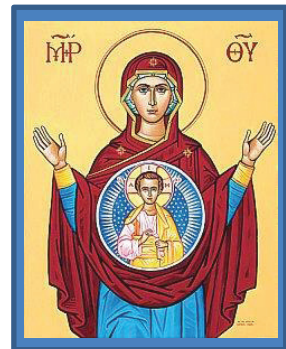
Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sun. Dec 31 5:00 pm <i>Eve of Mary, Mother of God</i>	1. Debbie Delattre 2. Paul Butler C. Sharon Carey	1. Daniel Delattre 2. Joan Sichewski 3. volunteer needed
Mon. Jan 1 9:30 am only <i>Mary, Mother of God</i>	1. James Skidmore 2. Betty Gross C. Lois Peterson	1. Annette Hulme 2. Frank Hulme 3. Anne M. Webster
Sat. Jan 7 5:00 pm	1 Andy Zajchowski 2 Maggie Fioravanti C Peter Fioravanti	1 Christiane Martin 2 Guy Tremblay 3 Trudy Allensen
Sun. Jan 8 9:30 am	1 Peter Erb 2 Caroline Noel C Frank Mensink	1 Jeff Dinner 2 Eric Davis 3 Rob Hinsperger
Sun. Jan 8 11:30 am	1 Deb Zettel Schmitt 2 Michael Schmitt C Lois Peterson	1 Natalie Ferrier 2 Marianne Butler 3 Patti Walsh

**THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU;
 THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE TO SHINE UPON YOU, AND
 BE GRACIOUS TO YOU;
 THE LORD LIFT UP HIS COUNTENANCE UPON YOU,
 AND GIVE YOU PEACE.**

Priestly blessing of people dictated by God to Moses in Numbers 6: 24-26.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

The feast is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. The English title "Mother of God" is a translation of the Latin title *Dei Genetrix*, which means "She Who Generated God", as the corresponding Greek title Θεοτόκος (*Theotokos*) means "She Who Gave Birth to God". This title was dogmatically adopted at the First Council of Ephesus (431 AD) as a way to assert that Jesus is God, and that his mother can therefore be called Mother of God. The title that the January 1st feast celebrates is thus not only Mariological, but also Christological.



**NO DAILY MASSES
 ON TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS
 FROM JANUARY 3 TO 17, 2018**

Here are the daily Mass times for other Waterloo Parishes:

Our Lady of Lourdes: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 8:30 am & Tuesdays and Thursdays: 7 pm.

St. Michael's Church: Tuesdays: 7 pm, Wednesdays & Thursdays: 12:15 pm, Fridays: 8 am.

St. Agnes Church: Tuesdays – Fridays: 7 pm, Saturdays: 9 am.

OFFICE HOURS:

DEC 30 – JAN 1: OFFICE CLOSED

JAN 2 – REGULAR HOURS RESUME

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THIS JANUARY...

Mondays at 7:30 pm – David, the King by Bishop Barron

Our parish will soon experience how the whole Bible opens up once it's viewed through the person of King David in Bishop Robert Barron's newest Bible study.

David's kingship recalls the kingship of Adam in the Garden of Eden, and also foreshadows the kingship of Jesus Christ. Adam was the first king and steward of the rightly ordered Garden of Eden, but he failed. Later, David emerged as hope of Israel who sought to restore order in the Garden and bring the world under the lordship of God. But being imperfect, David did not fully accomplish this task. So God promised to send a *son of David* who would be the perfect and eternal king.

On Monday, **January 8th** (for 6 weeks until February 12th) our parish will begin Bishop Robert Barron's *David the King*, study. For more information, or to register, please contact the parish office.

Thursdays at 1 pm – True Reformers by Christopher Blum

Dr. Christopher Blum will lead us on a journey with the saints who led the Church's rebirth from the ashes of the confusion caused by the Protestant Reformation. As you will get to know them, you will discover how powerful – and beautiful – is the human heart's free response to God's generous Grace.

On **Thursday, January 11th** at 1 pm (for 6 weeks) we will start this series which includes looking at lives of Saints: Thomas More, Ignatius of Loyola, Philip Neri, Charles Borromeo, Teresa of Avila, Francis de Sales and how they spearheaded the Church's rebirth after the turbulence and confusion caused by the Protestant Reformation. For more information, or to register, please contact the parish office.

KW Right To Life Charity Dinner Gala - Culture vs. Christ: In Search of Authentic Love with Jonathon Van Maren – Feb. 8, Polish Legion Hall, 601 Wellington St. N. Kit. Dinner: 6 pm. Speakers: 7 pm. Cash bar - Silent Auction - Tickets \$40. kwrtl.ticketleap.com/love or KW Right to Life Office 519-746-5433.

Adoration for Life - "... a great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world to God, the Creator and lover of life..." St. John Paul II. Come, let us adore Jesus in the Eucharist - Console His Heart Wounded by abortion and sins against the Sanctity of Life. **Friday Jan. 5th, 8:45-10 am** at St. Boniface Church 1355 Maryhill Rd. Maryhill and **Sat. Jan. 6th 11 am – noon** at St. Mary Church, (56 Duke St. W. Kit.) Call KW Right to Life for more info. or how you can start an Adoration for Life at your church 519-746-5433.

Prayer Vigil – Thu., Jan. 4, from 9 - 10 am in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kit., 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

KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS - 9week video-based program meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! Tuesdays from 7 – 9 pm starting Jan. 23rd, at St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Ave., Kit. The cost is \$45. For more info., call the Family Ministry at 1-905-528-7988X 2249.



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 run Wednesday nights beginning Wed. Jan. 17th from 6 pm - 7:30 pm in the Nursery. The celebration of this Sacrament will take place on Sunday, May 6th at the 11:30 am Mass. Please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office to register.

Children's Sunday Programs at 9:30am Mass will be closed December 31st. This includes Babysitting, Sunday school and Liturgy of the Word. All programs will resume January 7th.

Good Shepherd Catechesis program will resume January 15th.

Youth Group next meeting for everyone is January 12th. It is a fun night so bring a friend!! Next High School meeting will be January 19th.



Attention St. Louis C.W.L. Members: We will NOT be holding a General Meeting in January. Our regular General Meetings will resume in February with details to follow in upcoming bulletins.

Next St. Vincent de Paul meeting – January 2nd at 6:30 pm

Next Prayer Shawl meeting – January 30th at 1 pm.

St. Louis Community Supper Program (formerly Out of the Cold) distributed hygiene bags to our needy friends before Christmas. The bags contained basic toiletry items, as well as socks and a winter hat. All items were very well received, especially the new socks. Our sincere thanks to Erb and Good Funeral Home, as well as the parishioners of St. Louis Parish, for the kind donations that helped make this project possible.

FAITH ENRICHMENT:

Mondays at noon - Lunch & Learn resumes on Jan 8th with a summary session on *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist*. Even if you missed all the study sessions you are welcome to come and watch with us a talk by Brant Pitre on that subject.

On January 15th at noon we will start reading and discussing a new book: "*The Mass of the Early Christians*" by Mike Aquilina.

Mondays at 7:30 pm - Bishop Barron's *David, the King* – starting on Jan. 8th – see the left box for more info.

Thursdays at 9:30 am - Small Christian Community meetings resume on Jan. 4th – This group reflects weekly on the Scripture Readings for the following Sunday using as a guide *Celebrating the Word* publication of the Congregation of the Resurrection.

Thursdays at 1 pm - *True Reformers* series led by Dr. Blum, starting on Jan. 11th – see the left box for more info.

Saturdays once per month - *Wisdom* program based on Jeff Cavins DVDs - next session: *Wisdom in Relationships*, on Jan. 20th starting with dinner at 6 pm and program at 6:30 pm.



Vocation News: By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you call Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 x2246, email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com or www.HamiltonVocations.com



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