

St. Louis Catholic Church

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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

Terry Collins, 519-741-1534

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

Monday, December 5 – No Mass

9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
7:30 PM	Genesis to Jesus -Bible study	L. Hall

Tuesday, December 6 - St. Nicholas, Bishop

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

9:30 AM	With St. George on the Porch book group –“Reveal the Gift: Living the Feminine Genius” by Lisa Cotter	L. Hall
4:30 PM	Good Shepherd Catechesis	Nursery
6:00 PM	Karate Club	L. Hall
6:30 PM	11:30 Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:30 PM	Painting with Kelly	Nursery

Wednesday, December 7- St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor

9:00 AM	† Katharina Bortscher – Collins Family	
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
7:00 PM	Intentions of Donna Malard – CWL Mass	
7:30 PM	CWL Meeting	L. Hall

Thursday, December 8 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 AM Thanksgiving for Graces Received by Estrada Family

Friday, December 9

9:00 AM For the Intentions of Tom Anstett – Marilyn Foster

9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
6:30 PM	Family Fun Movie Night	L. Hall

Saturday, December 10

9 AM – 4 PM	HAND MADE: Sew -Quilt-Knit etc	L. Hall
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Vigil of Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM	† Edna & Phyllis Ertel – Larry Ertel
	† John Kenny & Terence Bayley – Pat & Joan Forde
	† Loretta Potvin – Daughters: Giselle, Cathy & Colette
	† Deceased Members of the Estrada Family – The Family

Sunday, December 11 – Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM	† Don Miller – Family	
	† Catherine & Robert McNulty – Family	
	† Terry Lichty – St. Louis Staff	
	† Marie Dwyer – Mary & Geraldine Smith	
9:30 AM	Babysitting & Sunday School	Nursery
10:30 AM	Sunday Social	L. Hall
11:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish	
12:30 PM	Genesis to Jesus Bible Study	L. Hall
5:00 PM	OOTC Community Supper	Gym
	2:45 PM – 8 PM Set-up to Clean-up	

Reflection on the First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Ancient Israelite theology bases the coming of the Messiah upon three events. First, the anointed one will come from the line of David. Second, this righteous king will establish justice in the land. Finally, all of creation will be restored to the peace found in the original garden of Eden. In essence, the messianic age will see the establishment of right relationship on earth: right relationship among humans, between humans and God, and within the entire sweep of living things. All creatures will live in the harmony God intended for His creation when He spoke His word and brought life into being.

“The stump of Jesse” that Isaiah refers to in the opening line reveals the present state of the ruling institution in Israel. For too many generations, Israel has known corrupt and self-seeking kings who have proven themselves unfaithful. But God promises to renew this kingship by sending His Spirit who will inspire right judgement (counsel, strength, knowledge) and will ensure the king’s proper reverence of God (fear of the Lord).

Unlike the wicked and unfaithful kings of recent generations, the spirit-filled king will execute justice throughout the land. This leader will act swiftly to overturn past sins. The poor and the afflicted will receive special attention, while the ruthless and the wicked shall be struck down. This is a king who will not have to use the sword to punish the unjust; rather, his words alone will restore justices. His entire strength will come from his worldview of justice and faithfulness.

Finally, this chosen envoy of God will not only restore right relationship within Judea, but he will end wars and discord among every faction on earth. No more will the world be guided by fear of others and by predatory relationships. The curse brought about by the serpent’s sin in the garden of Eden will come to an end as “the cow and the bear shall graze” together. The kingdom of God is founded upon a just order in which no creature competes with another for survival. Instead of functioning according to competition, God’s kingdom manifests itself in selfless cooperation. The passage ends with the reminder that “the root of Jesse,” this just king, will be a sign for all the nations; God’s kingdom of right relationship is to extend through all the world. (*Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, & Proclaimers of the Word.*)

REFLECTING ON ADVENT: “The Incarnate Word

came to deliver us from the old slavery of sin. We all know how our faults enslave us... our impatience, our self-will, our unwillingness to bear with one another’s idiosyncrasies and failings. And certainly we have all had the unhappy experience many times of how these things leave a very bitter taste in our mouths. We never have any lasting satisfaction from these things, and sometimes we have not even momentary satisfaction—we are unhappy in the very act of committing the fault. And if getting our way does bring us some momentary satisfaction, we know how evanescent it is, how very quickly it goes, and the bitterness it leaves. This is what Christ came to deliver us from; He came to fill in the valleys in us and to lower the mountains in us.” (*by Mother Mary Francis Of Our Lady, P.C.C. She (d. 2006) was abbess of the Poor Clare Monastery of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Roswell, New Mexico.*)



The Story of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the Eastern Church in the seventh century. It came to the West in the eighth century. In the 11th century it received its present name, the Immaculate Conception. In the 18th century it became a feast of the universal Church. It is now recognized as a solemnity.

In 1854, Pius IX solemnly proclaimed: “The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the saviour of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin.”

It took a long time for this doctrine to develop. While many Fathers and Doctors of the Church considered Mary the greatest and holiest of the saints, they often had difficulty in seeing Mary as sinless—either at her conception or throughout her life. This is one of the Church teachings that arose more from the piety of the faithful than from the insights of brilliant theologians. Even such champions of Mary as Bernard of Clairvaux and Thomas Aquinas could not see theological justification for this teaching.

Two Franciscans, William of Ware and Blessed John Duns Scotus, helped develop the theology. They pointed out that Mary’s Immaculate Conception enhances Jesus’ redemptive work. Other members of the human race are cleansed from original sin after birth. In Mary, Jesus’ work was so powerful as to prevent original sin at the outset. (*From Franciscanmedia.org*)





St. Louis CWL warmly invites all ladies, members and non-members, to join us for our next General Meeting taking place on Wed., Dec. 7th beginning with Mass at 7 PM with a festive meeting to follow in the Large Hall. Our guest speaker will be Martin Hickey from our local Knight of Columbus who will speak about possible ways the Knights and CWL could collaborate for future events. We look forward to seeing you there!



Family Fun Friday Movie Night - will take place on December 9th at 6 PM in the Large Hall. Come out for some pizza, popcorn and some classic Christmas movies. All ages are encouraged to come. Please RSVP with Kelly Krause at the parish office, or down in the Nursery on a Sunday if you plan to come, so we have enough pizza for everyone.



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).



Bambinelli Sunday - For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing generally takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, and is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' - as they are known in Rome - reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy.

All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on Sunday, Dec. 11th to be blessed as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.



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.



Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - A 2020 survey by the Canadian Religious Conference reported the average age of members in religious orders in Canada is 82.5 years old. In some ways, religious life in Canada can sometimes seem like the stump of Jesse. And in the same report, the average age of people in formation for religious life is 33 years old. Do you think God is raising up new life in what seems to many to be "dying" communities? Is God calling you to be part of this new life?

The 7th principle of Resurrectionist Spirituality: "We believe that God calls us to work together for the resurrection of society... This also requires that we build, and teach others to build, a Christian community in which all can experience the hope, joy and peace of Christ's Resurrection."

HAND MADE - Bring your own project (sewing, knitting, crafting, quilting) to make and enjoy the company of others. **Sat. Dec. 10 from 9 AM to 4 PM**. Come when you can. For more info. call the parish office.

Saint Nicholas' Story - Honoured both in the Eastern and Western Churches, Nicholas was the fourth-century bishop of Myra, a city in Lycia, a province of Asia Minor. The best-known story of Nicholas concerns his charity toward a poor man who was unable to provide dowries for his three daughters of marriageable age. Rather than see them forced into prostitution, Nicholas secretly tossed a bag of gold through the poor man's window on three separate occasions, thus enabling the daughters to be married. Over the centuries, this particular legend evolved into the custom of gift-giving on the saint's feast. In the English-speaking countries, Saint Nicholas became, by a twist of the tongue, Santa Claus—further expanding the example of generosity portrayed by this holy bishop. (From franciscanmedia.org)



"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord" 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 rvocations@gmail.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph, St. Agatha at 519-884-6700. Pray for vocations!

St. Agnes Education Cafe series starts on Tue. Dec. 6th at 7:45 PM (after Mass) with Part 1 - a talk by Teresa Hartnett, (Diocesan Director of Family Ministry) on "*Loving our Dysfunctional Families*". With the Christmas season approaching, how do we love & forgive despite hurts & conflict? Details under "Events" at: saintagnescatholicchurch.org

Evenings With His Excellency - Auxiliary Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for "Evenings with His Excellency." An opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith. Class is the second Friday of each month from 7 to 8:30 PM at St. Ann Parish in Ancaster. It is also available on St. Ann's YouTube channel. No cost, no homework. All are welcome. Next one on Dec 9.

The Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir presents: **Glory, Glory!** on Sun., Dec. 11 at 3 PM at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church. Songs that celebrate the wondrous events of Christmas. Tickets \$12 (Adults), \$5 (Children 5 - 8) order on bit.ly/22ChristmasTickets or email conductor@imcchoir.org



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Comment from the author of this cartoon: "John the Baptist calls for repentance and I've been thinking about what, at its most basic, are we called to turn from in our repentance in preparation for the Kingdom of God. Among my conclusions: that we regard existence without God's reign as the normal and natural thing."

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