St. Louis Catholic Church

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Office hours:

July - August:

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Closed on Fridays.

September - June:

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. - 12 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.

Pastoral Team:

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Parish Secretary

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Coordinator of Youth and Children's Ministries

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Welcome to St. Louis Parish - 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 (robertreinhart 182@msn.com),

11:30 Choir – John Miller (john@johnbmiller.ca), 5:00 Mass – 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 attending members, please contact the parish office at least one year in advance of your date. A marriage preparation course is required.

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 Annointing 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. Privacy-of-Information laws prohibit the parish from obtaining information about parishioners in the hospital.

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, crvocations@gmail.com or check www.resurrectionist.ca

Parish Organizations and Contacts:

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 12 - No Mass Tuesday, February 13

9:00 am Intentions of the Moser Family – The Family **Wednesday**, **February 14 – Ash Wednesday**

9:00 am For Reconciliation where there is conflict and division

12:10 pm For Blessings on our Lenten Practices 7:00pm For Conversion and Return to Faith

Thursday, February 15

9:00 am † Dave Snadrock – Sandrock Family

Friday, February 16

9:00 am † Grace Schmidt – Beaton Family

Saturday, February 17 Vigil of First Sunday in Lent

5:00 pm † Ellen Forde – Patrick & Joan Forde

† Edward Hergott – Hergott Family † Al Enns – Chuck & Terry Neisen

Sunday, February 18 - First Sunday in Lent

9:30 am † David Kirby – Kirby Family

† Hilda Slezak – Prayer Shawl Ministry

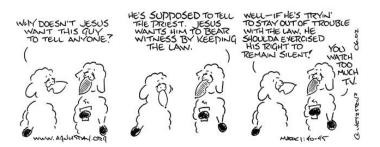
† Colleen Blake – Joan Powers

11:30 am The People of St. Louis Parish

Reflection on the Gospel Reading:

The First Reading from Leviticus provides a lens through which to see this Gospel story. Since lepers were unclean, they were unable to associate with others. Nevertheless, this leper crosses a boundary in kneeling before Jesus and begging him for healing. He expects that Jesus can do what only God could do: heal one who is unclean. Jesus has compassion — an inner connection with the leper and his suffering. He crosses a boundary by touching the leper, since to touch a person who is unclean is to make oneself unclean.

The immediacy of the healing is typical of the rapid pace of Mark's Gospel. Jesus announces that the Kingdom of God has come near, disciples are called, and Jesus immediately teaches and performs cures. With such rapid advancement of the Kingdom of God, Jesus' warning that the healed leper "say nothing to anyone" is surprising. People are already well aware of Jesus' healing activity, so why make this healing secret? The reason for silence is not certain. He most likely wants to wait until people have a fuller and correct understanding of his person, mission, and suffering. The man, however, does not obey Jesus, but publicizes the whole matter far and wide, adding to the sense of rapid movement. Slowing down the pace, Jesus remains in deserted places while the people keep coming to him.



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THIS WEEK EVENTS

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noon	Lunch and Learn: DVD Jewish Roots of	L. Hall
	Ash Wednesday & reading Mass of the	
	Early Christians by Mike Aquilina ch. 7	
4:00 pm	Good Shepherd Catechesis Levels 1-3	Nursery
7:30 pm	Faith Enrichment: Bishop Barron's	L. Hall
	DVD program David, the King 5/6	

Wednesday, February 14

9 am, 12:10 pm & 7 pm	Ash Wednesday Masses	Church
9 am – noon Pickle ball		Gvm

Thursday. February 15

7:30 pm	9:30 Choir Rehearsal	Church
1:00 pm	Bible Study: True Reformers 6/6	Large Hall
9:30 am	Small Christian Community	Large Hall

Friday, February 16

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6:00 pm	Youth Music rehearsal	Church
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross led by Th. Bible	Church
	study group	

Sunday, February 18

10:30 am	Sunday Social	Large Hall
5:00 pm	OOTC Community Supper	Gym

Mass Readers		Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Feb 17	1 Andy Zajchowski	1 Daniel Delattre
5:00 pm	2 Fran Ruetz	2 Debbie Delattre
	C Joan Sichewski	3 Trudy Allensen
Sun. Feb 18	1 Barry Hinchberger	1 Cecilia Beechey
9:30 am	2 Jessica Hill	2 Frank Mensink
	C Linda Wanka	3 Eric Davis
Sun. Feb 18	1 Paul Butler	1 Marianne Butler
11:30 am	2 Rachael Ward	2 Lois Peterson
	C Shaun MacNeil	3 Al Kehn

Our Midwinter Dinner/Dance/Games party

was a HUGE SUCCESS.

Thank you to all the dedicated organizers.

Thank you to Judy (caller) and Rick (keyboard) of Relative Harmony and Shane Cook (fiddler) for leading us in the dancing.

Thank you to Julia Sullivan, Ciara Mantle, Kierra Philips and Mackenzie LeBrun, members of Doyle Academy of Irish Dance for their fantastic Irish Dance performance.

Thank you to 200+ enthusiastic participants who made it all so worthwhile.

BOOK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2019
FOR ANOTHER EXITING
MIDWINTER PARTY AT ST. LOUIS.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass: Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2018? If you are, you are invited for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sun., June 10, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at

1:30 pm. Please see the poster at the back of the church or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com

Join the "Call for Conscience" in the Hamilton Diocese: The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. Despite wording in the legislation intended to protect doctors and facilities, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to participate in ending the lives of their patients. No other country or province in Canada does this. Ontario, however, refuses to protect doctors who object to euthanasia/assisted suicide. The Hamilton Diocese wants to protect the rights of all healthcare workers. Please visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more, write a letter (samples available at the back of the church or on their website) to your Provincial Member of Parliament and consider adding your email address to the Conscience Coalitions network to receive future information. We all need to join the "Call for Conscience" taking place between Feb. 6 & March 31st.

THIS JANUARY... REPORTS FROM THE STUDY GROUPS

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

The session concentrated on the conflict between Saul and David. David though given numerous opportunities did not injure or kill Saul, because Saul was anointed by God. After Saul killed himself following a great defeat in a battle with Philistines, David came to power and decided to build his capital in Jerusalem to unite northern and southern tribes. David caused the Ark of the Covenant to be brought to Jerusalem. However, he first attempted it by means of an ox cart. When the cart tipped and Ark was in a danger of falling, Uzzah touched it and was struck dead. David, after time, realized that the Ark was designed to be carried with two long poles as God originally directed and that is how it concluded its journey. Bishop Barron pointed out that many times we do things that are good in our own way of thinking, but they are not what God wants us to do.

Thursdays at 1 pm – *True Reformers* by Christopher Blum

The fifth session introduced St. Teresa of Avila (1515 -1582) – Nobly-born, wealthy, captivating and headstrong, Teresa de Ahumada was unlikely timber for a great work of renovation. After many years of complacent living in a fashionable convent, Teresa was drawn into a mystical embrace and learned directly from Divine Inspiration what a life more pleasing to God would be. She spent the last twenty years of her life in a whirlwind of activity as the founder of the Discalced or reformed branch of the Carmelites in Spain. While contemplating the image of Jesus bound to a pillar she wrote this prayers:

Let nothing disturb you, Let nothing frighten you, All things are passing away: God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices.

Monday Feb 5th at Lunch and Learn — We continued reading and discussing the 4th and 5th chapter in the book: "The Mass of the Early Christians" by Mike Aquilina: We learned that the early Christians believed in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and the reverence and extreme liturgical care that resulted from it. In the 4th century, Cyril of Jerusalem exhorted his people "Will you not take greater care not to lose a crumb of what is more precious than gold or jewels?" We also learned that the early church kept secret from unbelievers the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The main reason was not to risk exposing the mysteries to ridicule by those who would not understand.



Monday, February 12th at noon in the Large Hall screening a 30 min You tube video "Jewish Roots of Ash Wednesday" by Brant Pitrie – Everyone is welcome.

Entrust Yourself To God's Mercy! - During Lent Blessed Sacrament Parish is offering *33 Days to Merciful Love* a group retreat in preparation for consecration to Divine Mercy. This 6-week DVD program by Fr. Michael Gaitley will take place Thursday afternoons at 1:00 pm in the Board Room, beginning Thursday March 1. To register, or if you have any questions, contact Yvonne 519-570-9029.



Vocation News: Today's Gospel says that "Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of

today's society? Today, Jesus continues to call forward men and women to minister as he did. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 x2246,vocations@hamiltondiocese.com www.HamiltonVocations.com



Shrove Tuesday, Feb.13th, at 145 Dearborn Place, Wat. Pancake and Sausage Dinner 5 – 7 pm. Adults \$9, Children (under 10), \$5. All Welcome.



The youth, leaders and parents of the Scouting and St. Vincent De Paul Youth, invite you to join us for a parish tradition – a special anniversary edition! The 38th Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake

<u>Supper</u> will take place on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>February 13th</u>, in Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall. <u>Serving time is from 5 to 7 pm.</u> Tickets are only available at the door. The ticket prices are: Family*: \$25. Adults: \$10, Seniors: \$7, Kids under 12: \$7.

(*A family is considered to be parents and their children, 12 years of age and younger, with a maximum of 5 people).

For further information, please call: Bob Kalbfleisch at 519-572-1112 or email bob.kalbfleisch@bell.net or George Mayer Jr. at 519-741-6744 or email george.mayer.jr@gmail.com

Stress in Your Marriage? — Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Most couples don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. Retrouvaille can help. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend March 16, 2018, please call 905-664-5212 or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

PAST DONATIONS

Date	Sunday	Seminary	Mainte-	Loose
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Feb 4	2922.50	1019.00	5.00	226.00

Preauthorized donations for Jan. prorated per week: \$ 2118.84— Thank you for your generosity & continuous support!

Pre-Authorized Giving available at St. Louis Church. Funds transferred monthly on the 20th of each month. (This covers only the regular Sunday envelope donations). If interested, ask an usher, or Fr. Phil for a registration form.



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