

St. Louis Catholic Church

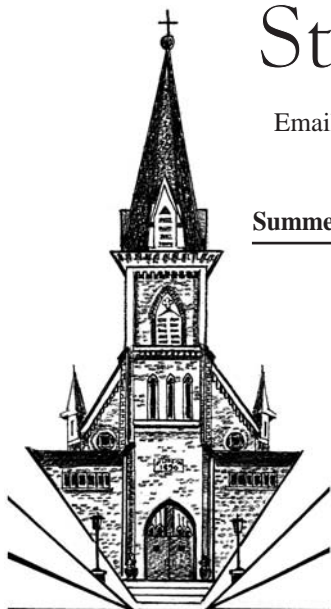
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Weekday Masses:

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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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:

Finance Council

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THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

Monday, February 12 – No Mass					
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym			
9:30 AM	CWL History Meeting	L. Hall			
5:30 – 6:45 PM	Good Shepherd Catech.	Nursery			
6:30 – 7:30 PM	Choir (11:30 AM) Practice	Church			
7:30 – 9:00 PM	Bible Timeline study (4/12)	L. Hall			
Tuesday, February 13					
9:00 AM	† Janet Stevens – Family				
9:30 AM	Book Group	L. Hall			
7:00 PM	Painting with Kelly	L. Hall			
Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday					
9:00 AM	For Reconciliation Where There Is Conflict & Division				
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym			
9 AM – NOON	Cake Project	Kitchen			
12:10 PM	For Blessings on Our Lenten Practices				
7:00 PM	For Conversion & Return to Faith				
Thursday, February 15					
9:00 AM	For Intentions of Adamski Family - Malton Family				
1:00 PM	Bible Study Gospel of John (5/8)	L. Hall			
7:00 PM	Lectio Divina	L. Hall			
Friday, February 16					
9:00 AM	Intentions of Connie August – Krause Family				
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym			
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross led by Prayer Shawl Ministry				
Saturday, February 17					
Vigil of The First Sunday in Lent					
5:00 PM	† Ben Hanlon & Patricia Forde – Pat & Joan Forde				
	† Gerard Lorentz – Barb Lorentz & Family				
Sunday, Feb. 18 – The First Sunday of Lent					
9:30 AM	† Moe Webster –Family				
	† Elizabeth & Andreas Schwarz – Elizabeth				
10:30 AM	Sunday Social	L. Hall			
11:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish				
5:00 PM	OOTC Community Supper	Gym			

40 Days of Lent Begin on February 14th

ASH WEDNESDAY

TURN AWAY FROM SIN AND BE FAITHFUL TO THE GOSPEL

Fasting and Abstinence

When do I ...?

Fast and Abstain:
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

Abstain:

All Fridays during Lent

Who has to ...?

Fast: Catholics who are 18 years of age, but not yet 59, are obliged

Abstain: observed by all Catholics
14 years-old and older

What is ...?

Fast: eating one full meal, as well as two small meals that together are not equal to a full meal

Abstinence: refrain from eating meat

Note: Persons that are exempt from fasting include: the physically or mentally ill, individuals with chronic illness, and those pregnant or nursing.

Reflection on the First Reading (Joel 2:12-18) on Ash Wednesday

As we begin the Lenten journey, Ash Wednesday reading invites us to renew our biblical faith and revisit those religious practices in which we may have become lax. The Prophet Joel highlights our relationship with God as the centre of our biblical faith, and emphasizes that we are to invest in the relationship with our entire heart. Joel's use of the phrase "with all your heart" recalls the fundamental expression of biblical faith known as the *Shema*, which appears in Deuteronomy 6:4-5. Following Moses' restatement of the Ten Commandments, God, through Moses, tells the people "Hear [*shema*], O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." Like devout Jews today, who still recite this prayer multiple times every day, Jesus quotes the *Shema* when asked to identify the first and most fundamental law given by God in Torah (Mark 12:28-30). From a biblical perspective, to love God with your whole heart is not simply about fostering emotional affection for the Lord. Rather, it entails mindful loving since in the Bible (especially the Old Testament,) "heart" refers to the mind. Thus, we might say that when Joel calls us to renew our love for God, emotionally engaged thinking is in order. Joel invites us to thoughtful and intentional love of God with our whole being. We act in this way because God first extends gracious, merciful, and steadfast love to us.

Attentive to the call to whole-hearted faith, Joel turns to traditional religious practices: fasting, weeping, mourning, offering sacrifices, and assembling God's people. All of those behaviours focus on the movement of making a return to the Lord. The basic notion of making a return to the Lord, which can be misunderstood at times, is less about pressuring God to act mercifully towards us (something God always does) and more about taking up those practices that lead to the transformation of our hearts. Penitential practices, like those mentioned by Joel and those that we take up in this Lenten season, make us more aware of God's constant compassion for us. (From *Workbook for Lectors*)

Reflection on the First Reading on Sunday: Leviticus 13:1-2, 45-46

In today's reading from Leviticus, the prescriptions regarding dealing with skin disorders are listed in detail. Such ailments were not trivial matters to the ancient Israelites. Those suspected of chronic disease were required to appear before the priest, who would declare a person clean or unclean. If the disease was of a temporary nature, then the afflicted person was deemed clean, but if the priest found that it was a chronic skin disease, then the person was deemed unclean and was treated like a corpse. The reason for this was that bodily impurity was associated with the forces of death, as opposed to God's covenantal commandments, which represented forces of life.

Since contact between the sacred and the unclean was avoided at all costs, permanent banishment was a very real possibility for those suffering chronic skin disorders. In such cases, the afflicted person had to tear his garments, a sign of mourning, and announce his proximity to all so that others could avoid coming near him. Chronic skin disease was a significant social and religious barrier between the afflicted and the rest of the community. The only way to be reintegrated into the community was for a priest to verify that the person had been cured from the disease and to perform the prescribed rituals described in Leviticus 14:1-20. (From *Workbook for Lectors*)

Date	Sunday	Loose	Maint.	Semin	PAD
Feb 4	2526.00	315.00	20.00	897.00	2396.23

Thank you for your donations!

Family Day Weekend – Office Closed on Monday, Feb. 19th.

LENTEN PRAYERS:

Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent – On Friday, February 16th at 7PM, the Prayer Shawl ministry will be leading our Stations of the Cross. Prayer shawls will be available afterwards for anyone who would like to have one for themselves, or to give to someone else who may need one.

Lectio Divina on Thursday Feb 15th at 7 PM in the Large Hall – Praying with the scriptures through four steps: lectio (reading), meditatio (meditation), oratio (dialogue with God), contemplatio (rest in the presence of God). Pope Benedict solidly supported lectio divina: *“The diligent reading of Sacred Scripture accompanied by prayer brings about that intimate dialogue in which the person reading hears God who is speaking, and in praying, responds to him with trusting openness of heart.”*

“To get the full flavour of an herb, it must be pressed between the fingers. So it is the same with the Scriptures; the more familiar they become, the more they reveal their hidden treasures and yield their indescribable riches.” —St. John Chrysostom, 347-407 A.D.
(In March Lectio Divina returns to the 2nd Thursday of the month.)



The Waterloo Knights of Columbus is hosting an **Evening of Food and Dance** to raise funds for our many charities. Join us on Friday February 16th at the hall at 145 Dearborn Place Waterloo. Dinner is our famous fish and chips, or chicken if you wish, served at 6 PM. At 7 PM local band Leap of Faith will entertain us and play songs we can dance to. Price \$30 per ticket and can be purchased by calling our manager Martin at 519-884-2060. Limited seating.

ALPHA 2024: On Thursday evenings, February 22 to May 2 at St. Mark's Parish Hall (55 Driftwood Drive). Alpha is an 11-week program that brings adults together for conversations about life, faith and Jesus. To learn more, contact Denise Case at stmarkalpha@gmail.com.

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass - Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26th at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 PM. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only. Married 60 years or more? One extra guest allowed). Register at hamiltondiocese.com.

Reel Justice Film Festival- February 24, 7 – 9 PM is screening *La Lucha Sigue* (The Struggle Continues) with special guest speaker Honduran human rights investigator Elvin Hernandez. In Honduras, the most dangerous place in the world to be a land defender, the Lenca and Garifuna people are fighting to uphold their spirituality and Indigenous ways of life in the face of state backed mega-projects that threaten to destroy their lands and erase their existence. The screening and discussion will be online (Zoom). Register and view our full schedule of events at: reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com. A partnership between the Bp. Farrell Library & Archives and D & P, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

Christain Life Program - K-W Couples for Christ and their Family Ministries invite couples and singles to participate in their 9-week Christian Life Program at St. John's/Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Hall, 85 Strange St. Kit. on Thursday evenings from Feb. 1 to Apr. 4. Dinner at 6 PM program from 7 to 8:30 PM. Open to all Christian married couples, singles, widows, widowers & those separated and divorced. Come to be enriched by such talks as GOD'S LOVE, WHO IS JESUS CHRIST? LIFE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT. No cost & child care provided. To register or for info. call Len/Marie Solomon 519-744-5198 or Denis/Cara Beaulieu 519-578-4643.

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - The man from today's Gospel was conscious of the risk of rejection he faced. Fully aware that his actions were crossing established lines, the man afflicted with leprosy nevertheless chose to confront this risk. His intense longing for connection and healing overcame his fears. It is fascinating that, despite his intense longing and hope for healing, the man didn't force Jesus to heal him. By saying, "If you choose, you can make me clean," he left the decision to Jesus, entrusting his healing to Jesus' will. He completely surrendered himself into Jesus' hands. Read more at www.resurrectionists.ca

ON-GOING FAITH ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

For God So Loved The World – The Mystery Of Jesus' Passion – Study of Passion Narratives from St. John's Gospel with Bible scholar Frances Hogan. Thursdays at 1 PM.

The Great Adventure Bible Timeline – Salvation Story Made Clear
This is a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows how 14 of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and gives the keys to understand the amazing story woven through Scripture. Offered either on Mondays at 7:30 PM from Jan. 15th, OR on Sundays at 12:30 PM (till 1:40 PM with substantial snacks provided.) Check schedule on-line on the parish welcome page. No sessions on Feb 18 or 19 – long weekend.

We continue to look at Biblical quotations corresponding to the text of the Mass: Glory to God:

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will." (Luke 2:14: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."; compare with Rev 4:11: "Worthy are You, Lord our God, to receive glory and honour and power, for You created all things; because of Your will they came to be and were created.")

"We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you..." (Compare with Ps 148:13: "Let them all praise the LORD's name, for His name alone is exalted, His majesty above earth and heaven."; also compare with Rev 5:11-14: "I looked again and heard the voices of many angels who surrounded the throne and the living creatures and the elders. They were countless in number, and they cried out in a loud voice: 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honour and glory and blessing.' Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, everything in the universe, cry out: 'To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour, glory and might, forever and ever.' The four living creatures answered, 'Amen,' and the elders fell down and worshiped.")

"Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son..." (Compare with Ps 2:7: "I will proclaim the decree of the LORD, He said to me, 'You are My Son; today I have begotten you'"; John 1:14: "And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we saw His glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth."; John 1:18: "No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed Him.")

"Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world..." (Compare with John 1:29: "The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world'"; John 1:36: "and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God.'")
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