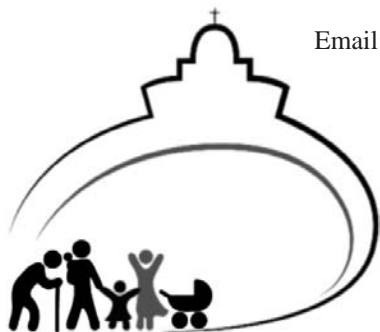


St. Louis Catholic Church

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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.



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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

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THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION

**Monday, February 14 – St. Cyril, Monk, and
St. Methodius, Bishop - No Mass**

Tuesday, February 15

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

Wednesday, February 16

9:00 AM For healing of Julia - Margaret

Thursday, February 17

9:00 AM Intentions of Wendy Ayoung-Chee – Amanda Ayoung-Chee

Friday, February 18

9:00 AM † Eileen Fischer

Saturday, February 19

Vigil of The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM † Colonel & Jean Moser – Kim Moser

† Gerald & Audrey Moser – Reid Family

† Ben Hanlon & Patricia Forde – Pat & Joan Forde

† Barbara & Zygmunt Adamski – Malton Family

Sunday, February 20 – The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

11:30 AM † Dana Woito

† David Kirby – Kirby Family

† Dan DiCarlo – Rosemary & Shaun MacNeil

† Don Miller - Family

Reflection on the First Reading from Jeremiah 17:5-8

Today's reading from the Book of Jeremiah is the first of a small collection of wisdom sayings, which can be described as clever proverbs about human behaviour or human experience. This one is characterized as a blessing and a curse. Ancient peoples understood that, as blessing was spoken, it was already being bestowed on its intended recipient, Likewise, as a curse was spoken, watch out! It was already taking effect!

Additionally, this wisdom saying is an example of Hebrew poetry, which uses thought rhyme rather than sound rhyme. Here we have a combination of antithetical parallelism, where the second or subsequent lines contrast the thought of the first; synthetic parallelism, where the second line finished the thought of the first line; and synonymous parallelism, where the second or subsequent lines repeat the thought of the first. Antithetical parallelism is evident in the phrases "Cursed is the one who trusts in mere mortals" and "Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord." Synthetic parallelism can be seen in the phrases "That person shall be like a shrub in the desert" and "shall not see when relief comes." See if you can find other examples of synthetic and synonymous parallelism.

While we will never know who composed this bit of poetry or their motive for doing so, we can appreciate that its complex parallelisms help us to slow down and contemplate its truth: God is our refuge always and our only hope in times of trouble. (From the *Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word.*)



Happy are those who know they need God. Happy too those who live faithfully the vocation of the life-commitment God calls them to, be it married, single, religious or priesthood. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Most Rev. W. Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop & Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988, vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, or Fr. Raphael Ma, Congregation of the Resurrection Vocation Director, at crvocations@gmail.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph, St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.



Saints Cyril and Methodius were brothers who, for Christianizing the Danubian Slavs and for influencing the religious and cultural development of all Slavic peoples, received the title "the Apostles of the Slavs." Cyril was born c. 827, Thessalonica, Byzantine Empire(now in Greece)—died February 14, 869, Rome and Methodius was born c. 815 in Thessalonica and died April 6, 884 in Moravia.

Cyril (originally named Constantine) had missionary experience with the Arabs and had been a professor of philosophy at the patriarchal school in Constantinople when he began to work with his brother Methodius, the abbot of a Greek monastery, for the conversion of the Khazars northeast of the Black Sea in 860. In 862, when Prince Rostislav of Great Moravia asked Constantinople for missionaries, the emperor Michael III and the patriarch Photius named Cyril and Methodius.

They started their work among the Slavs in 863, using Slavonic in the liturgy. They translated the Bible into the language later known as Old Church Slavonic (or Old Bulgarian) and invented the Glagolitic alphabet, a Slavic alphabet based on Greek characters that in its final Cyrillic form is still in use as the alphabet for modern Russian and a number of other Slavic languages.

In 867 the brothers accepted Pope Nicholas I's invitation to Rome to explain their conflict with the German archbishop of Salzburg and bishop of Passau, who claimed control of the same Slavic territory and who wanted to enforce the exclusive use of the Latin liturgy. Cyril and Methodius arrived in Rome in 868, where the new pope, Adrian II, took their side and formally authorized the use of the Slavic liturgy. When Cyril died in 869, Adrian sent Methodius back to the Slavs as his legate and archbishop of Sirmium.

Methodius's ecclesiastical province included all of Moravia. When Rostislav's nephew and successor, Svatopluk, failed to support Methodius, he was tried in 870 by the German clergy, brutally treated, and jailed until liberated by the intervention of Pope John VIII. In 880 Methodius was again summoned to Rome about the Slavic liturgy, obtaining once more papal approval of his use of the vernacular. When Methodius's suffragan (diocesan) bishop, Wiching, continued to make trouble by advocating for use of the Latin liturgy, Methodius tried to strengthen his position in the Eastern church by visiting Constantinople in 882. After Methodius's death, Pope Stephen V (or VI) forbade the use of the Slavonic liturgy. Wiching, as Methodius's successor, forced the disciples of Cyril and Methodius into exile.

The posthumous influence of Cyril and Methodius reached distant Kiev in Russia and left traces among the Slavs of Croatia, Bohemia, and Poland. They were recognized as saints quite early by the Eastern Orthodox churches and were celebrated by the Roman Catholic Church in 1880. They were honoured by Pope John Paul II in his 1985 encyclical *Slavorum Apostoli* ("Apostles of the Slavs"). (From *britannica.com*)

The Witness of Faith in the Home is the second talk in our Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series by Connie Clark - Wednesday, Feb. 16th from 7-8:30 PM. Connie is the author of numerous books and articles. Sharing engaging personal stories, encouragement, and practical ideas, Connie helps families recognize their beautiful, vital role in the Christian community and in the family of God. She will focus on how parents, grandparents, teachers, relatives, catechists and everyone can guide families as they grow in faith. This series, running once per month until June, will be presented by zoom. You must register for each talk to join in by internet or phone. Check amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com for more information on the series and to register, or contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.



St. Louis Children's Babysitting during 9:30 AM Mass.
More volunteers for Babysitting needed. If you are able to help once per month, please call Kelly at the parish office: 519-743-4101.

Reel Justice Film Festival - Feb. 24th 7 – 9 PM "After the Storm: Building the Pope Francis Village". This film documents the transformational journey of 550 families in Tacloban, Philippines following the devastation of Super Typhoon Haiyan in 2013. In the aftermath of this natural disaster, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, supporting local organizations, transformed a piece of land into new homes, a new community, and new lives. This documentary is a celebration of the fruits of your solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Global South. The Reel Justice Film Festival is a partnership between D & P and the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives. Visit us online at reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com to view our 2022 schedule or to register for any of our virtual screenings!

Take the Bible Quiz – (correct answers in the next bulletin)

The first three best answers submitted to the parish office either via email, or to the parish answering machine will receive a prize.

1. How many books are in the New Testament?
2. Paul was shipwrecked on what island?
3. Who recognized Jesus as the Messiah when he was presented to the Temple as a baby?
4. After Jesus fed the 5,000, how many baskets were left over?
5. What did Saul encounter when he was traveling to Damascus?
6. What tribe is Paul from?
7. Which Gospel mostly speaks on the mystery and identity of the person of Jesus?
8. According to the Gospels, which literary genre does Jesus implement to help preach his message?
9. Which Gospel is written by a doctor?
10. How many people boarded Noah's Ark?

Have you ever read the entire Bible? Ascension's **Bible in a Year** Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and featuring Jeff Cavins, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes following Great Adventure Bible Timeline® learning system. Each 20-25 minute episode includes: two to three scripture readings, a reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz and guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word. ascensionpress.com/pages/biy-registration

Marriage Support - Is your marriage experience more trouble than joy? The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend begins March 13. For more info. call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

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Saint Valentine's Day - Each year on February 14, we peruse the store shelves for the perfect gift or card for a loved one. According to Hallmark, more than 163 million cards—including packaged kids' valentines—are exchanged. But why? How did this holiday of love and romance originate and, more importantly, how did Saint Valentine become involved? The answers to those questions are not easy ones. Valentine's Day is a holiday shrouded in mystery and legend.

The origins of Saint Valentine's Day lie in the ancient Roman fertility festival Lupercalia, which was celebrated on February 15. During the festival, young women would place their names in a large urn.

The young men would draw a name from the urn and then be romantically linked with that young woman for the following year.

Here's Saint Valentine's quiz. This saint was...

- a) a priest in the Roman Empire who helped persecuted Christians during the reign of Claudius II, was thrown in jail and later beheaded on February 14.
 - b) a Catholic bishop of Terni who was beheaded, also during the reign of Claudius II.
 - c) someone who secretly married couples when marriage was forbidden, or suffered in Africa, or wrote letters to his jailer's daughter, and was probably beheaded.
 - d) all, some, or possibly none of the above.
- If you guessed d), give yourself a box of chocolates.

Although the mid-February holiday celebrating love and lovers remains wildly popular, the confusion over its origins led the Catholic Church, in 1969, to drop Saint Valentine's Day from the Roman calendar of official, worldwide Catholic feasts. (Those highly sought-after days are reserved for saints with more clear historical record. After all, the saints are real individuals for us to imitate.) Some parishes, however, observe the feast of Saint Valentine.

Pope Gelasius I was, understandably, less than thrilled with the custom of Lupercalia. So he changed the lottery to have both young men and women draw the names of saints whom they would then emulate for the year (a change that no doubt disappointed a few young men). Instead of Lupercus, the patron of the feast became Valentine. For Roman men, the day continued to be an occasion to seek the affections of women, and it became a tradition to give out handwritten messages of admiration that included Valentine's name.

There was also a conventional belief in Europe during the Middle Ages that birds chose their partners in the middle of February. Thus the day was dedicated to love, and people observed it by writing love letters and sending small gifts to their beloved. Legend has it that Charles, duke of Orleans, sent the first real Valentine card to his wife in 1415, when he was imprisoned in the Tower of London. (He, however, was not beheaded, and died a half-century later of old age.) (From franciscanmedia.com)



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