



St. Louis Catholic Church

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Office hours: Monday – Thursday 9 - 12 and 1- 4 p.m.
Summer hours (Canada Day to Labour Day): Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. to 1 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.



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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:

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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

Monday, February 19 – No Mass – Family Day			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym	
9:30 AM	CWL History Meeting	L. Hall	
Tuesday, February 20			
9:00 AM	† Barbara & Zygmunt Adamski – Malton Family		
9:30 AM	Book Group	L. Hall	
6:30 PM	CWL Exec Meeting	L. Hall	
Wednesday, February 21			
9:00 AM			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym	
7:00 PM	SVDP Meeting	L. Hall	
Thursday, February 22 - Chair of St. Peter			
9:00 AM	For Intentions of McDonald & Frayne Families - Family		
1:00 PM	Bible Study Gospel of John (5/8)	L. Hall	
Friday, February 23			
9:00 AM	† Rosemary Peterson – Peterson Family		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym	
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross led by SVDP		
Saturday, February 24			
Vigil of The Second Sunday in Lent			
5:00 PM	† Ellen Forde & Teresa Forde – Pat & Joan Forde		
	† Anthony & Lorraine Dietrich – Barb Lorentz & Family		
	† Deceased Members of McDonald & Frayne Families – Family		
Sunday, February 25 – The Second Sunday of Lent			
9:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish		
10:30 AM	Sunday Social	L. Hall	
10:40 AM	First Communion Class	Nursery	
11:30 AM	† Patrick Reitzel – Audrey Reitzel & Family		
12:30 PM	Bible Timeline study (5/12)	L. Hall	
5:00 PM	OOTC Community Supper	Gym	

Reflection on the First Reading on Sunday: Genesis 9:8-15

This reading – the first of three exploring baptismal imagery – comes from the end of the flood account in Genesis where God establishes the first unequivocal covenant (*berit* in Hebrew) with humanity. Covenants establish deep bonds between/among the parties that enter into them, and they always consist of explicit terms (usually behaviour based) that benefit all parties involved. In most cases, signs or symbolic actions establish the covenant and/or remind participants of the covenant in the future. The covenant of Christian marriage, for example, is established in the sacramental celebration of matrimony and is recalled in the sign of wedding rings worn by the couple.

In the case of biblical flood, God anticipates the covenant made in today's reading before the flood with a promise to protect Noah, his descendants, and all living things on the earth, as well as every food (Gen. 6:18-21). In view of this promised covenant, Noah remains faithful to God's commands by building and filling the ark. Today's first reading then demonstrates God's faithfulness through the establishment of the foretold covenant. Noah, his descendants, and every living thing on the earth will never again be subject to a global flood. Moreover, and notably, only God's actions are restricted by the terms of this covenant, despite the fact that humanity's sins wrought the flood. It is thus possible to see in today's first reading a type or precursor of Baptism in which, through water, God restricts the divine power to extend mercy to sinners in need of forgiveness. *(From Workbook for Lectors)*

Date	Sunday	Loose	Maint.	Semin	PAD
Feb 11	3007.00	394.40	580.00	90.00	2396.23

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Temptation of Christ by Duccio di Buoninsegna (Italian artist, 1255-1319)

LENTEN PRAYERS:

Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent – On Friday, February 23rd at 7PM, the Stations of the Cross will be led by St. Vincent de Paul Society members.



We would like to thank our recent guest speaker Beth Corbeil, Registered Emergency Room Nurse, who gave us a presentation on how to use our 2 new life saving AED machines. Her demonstration was well attended. In addition to nearly 50 CWL members, we also had many ushers and other parishioners participate. Thank you everyone!

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.

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.

A Lenten Night at the Movies - Join us Saturday March 2nd right after the 5 PM Mass in the Large Hall for an evening of pizza, popcorn and a movie. We will be watching the movie *Water* and then reflecting on the film as a Lenten Parable. The film *Water*, set in 1938 colonial India against Gandhi's rise to power, is the story of eight-year-old Chuyia, a widow who is sent to a home for widows. Chuyia's presence and suffering there deeply affects the lives of other widows in the home. Join us for this movie viewing, time of fellowship and discussion to continue on our Lenten journey.

Please RSVP to the office if you would like to have pizza and let us know how many slices. We need to know numbers for ordering. (519-743-4101 or stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com). You are also very welcome to just join us for the movie.

Do you ever wonder how God is at work in your life? Sometimes we struggle to see it, to hear his voice – or to find the “right words” to confidently share the truths of our faith with love, especially in challenging situations. Attend the “St. Agnes Education Cafe” talk: **“Speaking our Truth as Catholics: The Truth Will Set You Free”**. Special guests Bishop Wayne Lobsinger & Teresa Hartnett, Director, Family Ministry, Sunday March 3rd, 1:30pm, St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo.

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - ...But maybe that’s the point. Maybe Lent is not a time where we prove something to God, but where we risk doing something that we will actually need help with – and to actually receive the gift of God’s help. And perhaps this is true of the vocation that God is calling us to as well. Read more at www.resurrectionists.ca

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.

FAITH ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Book Group News (Tuesdays after morning Mass 9:30 – 10:30 AM)
After finishing “My Sisters The Saints – A Spiritual Memoir” by Colleen Carroll Campbell we will take **three Tuesdays (Feb. 20, 27 and Mar. 5) to watch and discuss docudrama “Love and Mercy: Faustyna”**. Everyone is welcome.

On March 12th will start a new book by Colleen Carroll Campbell: **“The Heart of Perfection – How the Saints Taught Me to Trade My Dream of Perfect for God’s”**. In *The Heart of Perfection*, Colleen weaves the stories and wisdom of seven perfectionist saints (and one heretic) with Scripture and beautifully crafted tales of her own trial-and-error experiments in applying that wisdom to her life. (The book is read together during each session and discussed. No homework. Come when you can. If you wish to order this book prior to by the end of February – please contact the office.)

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, 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. Next session: Feb. 25 & 26.

We continue to look at Biblical quotations corresponding to the text of the Mass: **Liturgy of the Word:**

Introductory/Concluding Dialogues:

- **“A reading from the book/letter of...”** (See: [Nehemiah 8:1-8](#): “Now when the seventh month came, the whole people gathered as one in the square in front of the Water Gate, and they called upon Ezra the scribe to bring forth the book of the law of Moses which the LORD had commanded for Israel. On the first day of the seventh month, therefore, Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. In the square in front of the Water Gate, Ezra read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion; at his right side stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, and on his left Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, Meshullam. Ezra opened the scroll so that all the people might see it, for he was standing higher than any of the people. When he opened it, all the people stood. Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, “Amen, amen!” Then they knelt down and bowed before the LORD, their faces to the ground. The Levites Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, and Pelaiah explained the law to the people, who remained in their places. Ezra read clearly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read.” See also [Jeremiah 36:8](#); [Acts 13:15](#); [1 Timothy 4:13](#))

- **“The Word of the Lord”** ([1 Peter 1:25](#): “but the Word of the Lord remains forever.” This is the Word that has been proclaimed to you.”)
- **“Thanks be to God”** ([Rom 6:17](#): “But thanks be to God that, although you were once slaves of sin, you have become obedient from the heart to the pattern of teaching to which you were entrusted.”; [2 Cor 9:15](#): “Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!”)

- **“A reading from the holy Gospel according to...”** - **“Glory to you, O Lord”**

- **“The Gospel of the Lord”** ([Mark 1:1](#): “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God”, [Mark 1:14-15](#) “After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: “This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.” Also see [Roman 16:25-27](#))

- **“Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ”**

Acclamations before the Gospel:

“Alleluia” (many Psalms, esp. [Ps 146-150](#): “Allelujah! Praise the LORD, my soul; I will praise the LORD all my life, sing praise to my God while I live.” Also see: [Rev 19:1-6](#))

- **“Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!”** ([Psalm 24:7-10](#): “Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted, you ancient portals, that the King of glory may enter. Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in war. Lift up your heads, O gates; rise up, you ancient portals, that the King of glory may enter. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.” Also see: [1 Thess 2:12](#); [2 Tim 4:18](#))

“Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!” (compare with [Dan 4:34](#): “Now, I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of Heaven, all of whose works are right and ways just; and who is able to humble those who walk in pride.” See also [Dan 4:37](#); [1 Peter 1:7](#))

“Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!” (compare with [Phil 1:10-11](#) “so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.”)

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