

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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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

Monday, February 20 – No Mass – Family Day

9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball Gym

Tuesday, February 21

9:00 AM Intentions of Olivia – Pat Helm
 9:30 AM Book Group L. Hall
 4:30 PM Good Shepherd Catechesis Nursery
 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal for 11:30 AM Mass Church
 6:30 PM CWL Exec meeting L. Hall

Wednesday, February 22 – Ash Wednesday

9:00 AM For Reconciliation where there is conflict & division
 9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball Gym
 12:10 PM For Blessings on Our Lenten Practices
 7:00 PM For Conversion & Return to Faith

Thursday, February 23

9:00 AM † Elisabeth & Andreas Schwarz – Elizabeth

Friday, February 24

9:00 AM † Louise Lefebvre – Cecilia Beechey
 9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball Gym

Saturday, February 25

Vigil of First Sunday in Lent

5:00 PM † Walter & Kaye Hartman – Their Family
 † Teresa Forde – Pat & Joan Forde
 † Con Woelfle – 5 PM Ushers
 † Terry Joseph Brick – Mike & Diane Uniac

Sunday, February 26 – First Sunday in Lent

9:30 AM † Don Miller – Miller Family
 † Moe Webster – Audrey Reitzel
 † Mike Blake – Rosemary Danayka
 † John Leonard – Rosemary Danayka
 11:30 AM People of St. Louis Church
 10:30 AM Sunday Social L. Hall
 12:30 PM Bible Study – No Greater Love L. Hall
 5:00 PM OOTC Community Supper Gym
 2:45 PM – 8 PM Set-up to Clean-up

First Reading from Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

The Book of Leviticus gives a legal framework for matters of ritual, society, and life. The law that undergirds the covenant between God and the people is based on an ethical understanding whereby the people are to act in a way that corresponds to God's actions. In today's passage, we hear of the call to holiness. Quite simply, because God is holy, all those bound to the covenant are called to be holy. The foundation of holiness for both God and the people is to give oneself for others. Such generative giving demonstrated by God in Genesis in the very desire to create something out of nothing. Therefore, an attitude of "otherness" must always guide the outlook of God's people.

The law proceeds to provide examples of how an attitude toward "otherness" is to be lived. First, one is prohibited from harbouring any anger toward another. This flows into a second manifestation of "otherness," namely fraternal correction. Rather than harbouring a grudge against another (which is sinful), one must reach out to correct others who may have committed some wrongdoing. Third, vengeance is not to be tolerated, as it demonstrates a desire to hold a grudge against another. Finally, love is to be given to a neighbour according to the manner in which one wants to be loved. Besides the command to love God above all others, the instruction to love others is a capstone of the Israelite law. We can see this law of loving others as self as part of the foundation of what is called the "golden rule" in Christianity and other religious and ethical traditions. (From the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word)



Our next CWL General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 1st beginning with Mass at 7 PM. Our guest speaker will be Andrew Zettel, Outreach Coordinator from St. Mary's Church. Refreshments and a brief meeting will follow. Please join us! Members and non-members are always welcome.



St. Michael's (80 University Ave. West Waterloo) will be hosting our **Shared Lenten Retreat** this year on **Sat., Feb. 25th**. Mass will begin at 9:30 AM with retreat and refreshments to follow until approximately 1 PM. The retreat leader will be Charlie Van Alphen who is a retired teacher/principal who currently performs faith based healing in our community. All members and non-members are welcome. We look forward to starting the Lenten Season with you!



Volunteers Needed! St. Louis CWL is looking for 1-2 parishioners (do not have to be a CWL member or a woman) to lead our Funeral Lunches. Duties include: communicating with the rectory, family and caterers and arranging for volunteers to assist with the set-up, serving and clean-up. We are looking for those with strong communication and leadership skills who are comfortable working in the kitchen. Please contact our President, Donna Herbstreit for more info.: 519-741-6390.



Painting with Kelly - Anyone interested in joining our painting group is welcome to join us Tuesday, February 28th in the Large Hall beginning at 7:30 PM. We will be painting a landscape scene in acrylics. Please contact Kelly Krause if you choose to join us so that we can be sure you have all the supplies needed.



SUMMER CAMP, CAN WE RUN ONE? Kelly is looking for volunteers in order to try and run a week-long summer camp this year. We are in need of adults who can run the different stations, or help out in the kitchen for the snack time. Everything you will do with the children in each station is provided for you, you just need to help lead the program. We also need teens (12 yrs and up) who would be interested in being camp counsellors. We are looking at weeks in July, but specific week will be determined by the volunteers. The camp runs through the morning with Lego camp in the afternoon. We are asking for volunteers for the morning only. Please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office if you are interested in helping out.

World Youth Day - The Diocese of Hamilton is exploring the possibility of having an event that will run simultaneously to the World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal. They are asking young people who are interested in an event like this to fill out a survey. The event would take place on the weekend of Aug. 4-6th. If interested, please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office. She will commit to bringing a group of young people to this event if there is such interest. The survey will only be open until Feb. 24th, so please do not delay. It is called the Declaration of Interest. wyd.hamiltondiocese.com

Moms Ministry Invitation - Lenten Reflection for Mothers (everyone is welcome). Lenten evening of reflection for mothers - Friday, Feb. 24th at 7:30 PM. at St. Michael Parish, 80 University Ave. W., Waterloo. Spend an evening with the Lord and Our Blessed Mother. 7 PM Mass with a homily reflection for mothers. 7:30 PM, *Mary's Way of the Cross*: We will accompany Our Blessed Mother as she walks with Jesus to Calvary. No registration is required. Bring a friend. If you would like to actively participate (greet moms, read, carry the cross), please contact Kathy Shaw - shawbing@rogers.com, or 519-886-2117.



On the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, announced the appointment of Most Reverend Francis Leo, until now Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal, as the Archbishop of Toronto. Archbishop Leo succeeds His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, whose resignation the Pope also accepted. Archbishop Leo is well prepared for his new responsibilities, having served as a Parish Priest in Montreal, as a seminary formator, a university lecturer, a member of the Diplomatic Corps of the Holy See, and as General Secretary of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops.

In his new position, the Archbishop is also the Metropolitan Archbishop of the Ecclesiastical Province of Toronto, which includes the Dioceses of Hamilton, London, St. Catharines and Thunder Bay. We pray for Archbishop Leo as he prepares for his installation in the coming weeks. We look forward to welcoming him when he visits our Diocese. We will have an opportunity to thank and honour His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, at the Mass of Chrism, on April 3rd, when we will acknowledge the 50th Anniversary of his Ordination as a Priest of the Diocese of Hamilton.



On February 6th, parts of **Turkey and Syria** experienced a devastating earthquake. It is estimated that at least 35,000 people have lost their lives and 85,000 reported injured. The earthquake has left both countries in a state of crisis that is made worse by exposure to aftershocks and winter storms. Those wishing to support the relief effort are encouraged to contribute to one of the following Catholic entities currently mounting humanitarian responses on the ground.

CNEWA - Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) has been a lifeline for the poor throughout the Middle East, Northeast Africa, India and Eastern Europe for 90 years. They are currently serving 2,000 families specifically in Syria seeking emergency shelter. cnewa.org/ca/work/emergency-syria/

Caritas International - The International Caritas team is rallying to support Caritas Turkey whose facilities, staff and volunteers have all been impacted by the earthquake. Caritas Turkey has begun working with local authorities to raise shelters, medical supplies and communication pathways between survivors and support services. www.caritas.org/

Catholic Relief Services - CRS is partnering with Caritas Turkey, Caritas Syria and Caritas Anatolia, all hardest hit by the earthquake.

CAN - Aid to the Church in Need, like CNEWA is serving impacted Christian communities specifically in Syria: acn-canada.square.site



“Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” Do you feel called to help people get closer to God? If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God’s love as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, 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 crvocations@gmail.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph, St. Agatha, at 519-884-6700. Pray for vocations!

2023 Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass – Bp. Douglas Crosby will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 16, at 1:30 PM at Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. The Mass is for couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th year (or each year after 60!) of marriage in the year 2023. To register (by March 26th) go to www.hamiltondiocese.com, or call Sarah at 905-528-7988 X 2249.

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\$2191.00	\$ 107.00	\$ 530.00	\$370.00	\$ 2477.42

Thank you for your donations!

PRAYERS STRAIGHT FROM THE BIBLE - PSALMS:

“I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart” [Ps 86]



The book of the Psalter was given to Israel and to the Church precisely in order that believers might unite themselves to this song. The Psalms, in fact, teach us to pray. Since they are the Word of God, he who prays the Psalms speaks to God with the very words that God has given to us; he addresses Him with the words that He Himself gives us. Thus, in praying the Psalms we learn to pray. They are a school of prayer.

Something analogous happens when a child begins to talk, to express his feelings. What the child wants to express is his own personal experience, but the means of expression comes from others.

And so it is with the prayer of the Psalms. They are given to us so that we might learn to address ourselves to God, to communicate with Him, to talk to Him about ourselves with His words, to find language for an encounter with Him. And, through those words, it will also be possible to know and to receive the standards of His way of acting, to approach the mystery of His thoughts and of His ways (cf. Isaiah 55:8-9), so as to grow always more in faith and love. As our words are not only words, but also teach us about a real and conceptual world, so also these prayers teach us about the heart of God, for which reason are we able not only to speak with God, but also to learn who God is and — in learning how to speak with Him — we learn what is it to be man, to be ourselves. (From Pope Benedict June 22, 2011 audience)

Psalm 131 (Childlike trust in God – Jerusalem Bible version, alt.)

Lord, my heart has no lofty ambitions, my eyes do not look too high. I am not concerned with great affairs or marvels beyond my scope. Enough for me to keep my soul tranquil and quiet like a child in its mother’s arms, as content as a child that has been weaned. Israel, rely on the Lord, now and for always! (More on Psalms next week.)

Reel Justice Film Festival Feb. 23, 7 – 9 PM two short films about challenges and approaches to affordable housing. *A Better Tent City* follows a group of individuals working together to create a self-organized housing community in Kitchener. *Safe* explores the housing and opioid crises. Following the screening, discussion with Fr. Toby Collins, C.R., Pastor at St. Mary, Kitchener and Jess Brand, Indwell regional manager. The screening & discussion online. R.S.V.P. at: reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/



Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - Love is always a gift.

Every vocation, genuinely lived, must take us out of our comfort zone, beyond what we think will make us happy, to choose to love, to make a gift of ourselves to others – whether that is in consecrated life, or priesthood, or marriage, or celibate single life in the world. Without a choice to love, we will never be happy, because we cannot fully find ourselves except through a sincere gift of ourselves. ... read more at www.resurrectionists.ca



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