

# 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.**



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### **Pastoral Team:**

#### **Pastor**

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#### **Coordinator of Youth and Children's Ministries**

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#### **Parish Secretary**

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#### **Custodian**

Doug Lichty

**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 Fr. Dan Lobsinger, C.R., 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

#### **Maintenance Committee**

Bob Lorentz, 519-576-5556

#### **OOTC Community Suppers**

Keith & Sharon Schnarr 519-801-8687

#### **Parish Webmaster**

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#### **Catechesis Of The Good Shepherd, Youth Ministry**

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#### **Catholic Women's League**

Donna Herbstreit, 519-884-9380

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Cecilia Beechey, 519-572-5435

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information call 519-743-4101



# FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, February 22 – Chair of St. Peter, Apostle  
– No Mass**

**Tuesday, February 23**

9:00AM † Andreas & Elisabeth Schwarz – Elizabeth Schwarz

**Wednesday, February 24 – Ash Wednesday**

9:00AM For Deceased Benefactors and Members of the  
Congregation of the Resurrection

**Thursday, February 25**

9:00AM † Joan Mason – Cecilia Beechey

**Friday, February 26**

9:00AM

**7:00 PM Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday, February 27**

**Vigil of Second Sunday in Lent**

5:00 PM † Walter & Kaye Hartman – Their Family

**Sunday, February 28 – Second Sunday in Lent**

9:30AM † Zoila Llerona – Alicia & Michael Turman

† John Diebold – Cecilia Beechey

† Patricia Hamilton – Doyle Family

11:30AM People of St. Louis Parish

**Reflections on the First Reading:** Genesis 9:8-15:

What is God's relationship with the world? Is God active in the workings of the universe, or does God maintain complete distance? The Hebrew people crafted a very clear answer. God desires to be in relationship with His people through the establishment of a covenant, a permanent bond calling for mutual fidelity. The most well known of the covenants are those created by God with Abraham (Genesis 17:1-14) and with Moses (Exodus 19-24). Perhaps not so well known is the covenant with Noah, which we encounter in today's reading from Genesis.

The forty days spent by Noah riding the waters of the flood, like the forty days Moses would spend on the mountain with God, represent the time of preparation necessary to receive fully the promise of a new creation. When Noah disembarks and discovers the beauty of the earth and its newly dried land, he erects an altar and makes a sacrifice from every kind of clean animal on the ark (Genesis 8:20). Noah's sacrifice signals his reverence and trust in God, who blesses Noah for all he has done to contribute to the work of salvation.

God establishes a covenant with Noah for all times: "never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood." The sign of God's promise is the rainbow, guaranteeing there will be a definitive end to every storm that threatens the well-being of the world. This primeval story of God's participation in the world suggests that creation constantly receives God's enduring mercy and not His wrath.

*From the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word*

**Starting on Ash Wednesday (Feb 17) churches are re-opened and Masses are celebrated with the faithful for up to 30% capacity.**

**Office is open during regular hours.  
Bulletins are published on-line only.**



**First Communion Preparation Classes** - The classes began on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-7pm. The First Communion will take place on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. For more information please contact Kelly Krause at [kkrause@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:kkrause@hamiltondiocese.com).

**Sunday School & Liturgy of the Word** (ages 3-

10) – is a little different this Winter! Join Teacher Kelly every Sunday morning at 10:30 AM for on-line Sunday school session. We explore our church calendar, sing songs and read the Gospel together where we take away a few important points from the reading. Kelly has a link for a children's bulletin that is full of fun information and ongoing activities. Would like to get involved? Email Kelly ([kkrause@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:kkrause@hamiltondiocese.com)) to get the link to our virtual Sunday school. Join us to learn more about your faith!



**St. Louis Youth Group** (Gr. 6 – 12) is meeting on-line twice a month on Friday nights. Contact Kelly for more information.



Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, and develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop and Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton [vcvocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vcvocations@hamiltondiocese.com), 905-528-7988, or Fr. Toby Collins, CR, Vocation Director, at [crvocations@gmail.com](mailto:crvocations@gmail.com), or Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.

Plans to start a **Women's Faith Group** (of all ages) at St. Louis Parish are underway. The Dynamic Women of Faith group out of Mississauga will be assisting in launching this group. In the meantime we are bringing to your attention the following two conferences with excellent speakers. Please check the links below and be encouraged to connect with other women in enriching our faith.



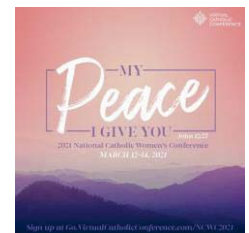
Dynamic Women of Faith presents on Saturday, March 6, 2021 Annual DWF conference (delivered via zoom) in the Archdiocese of Toronto for Catholic Women.



Keynote speakers: Dr. Carrie Gress and Dr. Josephine Lombardi. The theme of the conference is "Rebuilding Civilization, One Woman at a Time." For more information or to register go to: [dynamicwomenfaith.com](http://dynamicwomenfaith.com)

The National Catholic Women's Conference is a FREE virtual event for Catholic women of all ages. This year, we will be exploring all the ways that we as women can open ourselves to receive Christ's peace.

Despite the pressures that we feel in life, peace is possible! Let's explore it together. The free event goes March 12-14. Register today at [go.virtualcatholicconference.com/NCWC2021](http://go.virtualcatholicconference.com/NCWC2021)



**WHAT: Reel Justice Film Festival**

There are so many issues of injustice all over our world, it is hard to know where to begin. Start by joining us for a movie and discussion!

**WHEN:** February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**WHERE:** Online screening. To join the film R.S.V.P. in advance at <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/contact-us/>



**Anniversary Mass 2021 Registration** - The Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021 has been cancelled due to restrictions and concerns around COVID-19. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years of marriage on the Diocesan website at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com). The Anniversary Mass is listed on the home page - click on the icon and you can register your anniversary. We will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass.

**Marriage Enrichment** - Looking for a wonderful opportunity to spend time together as a couple, in the safety of your own home? Join the Online Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience from March 5-7. During these stressful times, give your marriage a booster shot! Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance. The Marriage Encounter experience is a skill-building enrichment program where together, you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. Rediscover the love in your relationship! Contact: Marge & Gerard McCauley at [gerard.marge@rogers.com](mailto:gerard.marge@rogers.com) or (905) 792-1925 or visit the website at [www.me.org](http://www.me.org)



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following website:



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Date	Sunday	Mainten	Seminary Ed.	PreAuthor.
Feb 11 - Feb 17	\$1350.00	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$2687.31

*Last weeks' donations - Thank you!*

On February 22<sup>nd</sup> we celebrate the **Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**. The Lord said to Peter, "You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church" (*Matthew 16:18*), and "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (*Matthew 16:19*). St. Peter's life is so important to the Church that he has more than one feast day during the year. Today's feast is another way the Church celebrates this.

The chair of St. Peter is a symbol of authority, as Jesus refers to this in *Matthew 23: 2*, when he commands and warns the crowd and his disciples, "The Scribes and Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses". The "chair" is metaphorically referring to the teaching and judging office that Moses held in the Name of God. The name that Jesus gives to Peter is a second metaphor for an office of teaching and judging, and to drive the point home, Jesus uses a third metaphor by speaking of the "Keys of the kingdom of Heaven" *Mathew 16:19*. The "power of the keys" is used in many ways; some are specific to the Office of St. Peter - the Papacy, others are shared with those ordained to priestly ministry, - the Sacrament of Confession. During this season of Lent, we pray for these human leaders of the Church chosen by God, so they are faithful ministers of God's grace to us. (*From newmanconnection.com*)



On this feast 110 candles illuminate the ornate chair by Bernini behind the main altar in St. Peter's Basilica. Bernini's chair contains within it an actual chair that dates at least back to the ninth century.

The chair commemorates Peter's role as teacher, sitting in the office of bishop of Rome, and celebrates the successors of Peter who have held that sacred office. Hence, this feast day is not about an actual chair as much as it celebrates Peter's office of leadership and service in Rome.

Notice how in this baroque masterpiece, there is an alabaster dove window above the chair. This famous window symbolizes the Holy Spirit. Under the dove window, bronze clouds flow toward the chair, supporting it in mid-air. This symbolizes how the office of St. Peter is supported by the Holy Spirit. On the chair itself, Bernini depicts three key scenes from Peter's life: the giving of the keys (symbolizing the authority Christ's gives him to lead the Church), the washing of feet (symbolizing how Peter's office is one of service), and Jesus' instruction to Peter to "Feed my sheep" (pointing to his role as teacher and guide).

Below the chair are large statues of four doctors of the Church. The ones without mitres are from the East: St. Athanasius and St. John Chrysostom. The ones wearing mitres on their heads are from the West: St. Ambrose and St. Augustine. Together they represent four of the greatest theologians in the early Church. Yet, in this depiction they are not the ones holding up the chair. That's what the cloud of the Holy Spirit does. As brilliant as each of these men might have been, they are depicted as pointing in reverence to the Chair of St. Peter.

On this feast day, let's ask St. Peter's intercession for our Holy Father Pope Francis who now sits in the chair—the office—of the bishop of Rome, that he may be blessed in his leadership, service and teaching in the Church. (*From edwardsri.com*)

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