

St. Louis Catholic Church

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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 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS



Transfiguration – Mosaic in the Apse of the Basilica Church of Saints Nereus and Achilleus in Rome. (Mosaic from early IX c).

LENTEN PRAYERS:

Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent – On Friday, March 1st at 7PM, the Stations of the Cross will be led by 11:30 Choir and Music Group. Following the Stations, the choir will continue singing for half an hour to facilitate personal prayer.



Our next General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 6th beginning with Mass at 7 PM. Our guest speaker will be: Julie Walder, Executive Director of Marillac Place which is a shelter for women and infants. We will be holding a shower for Marillac Place and invite you to consider buying an item on their wish list:

In-House Wish List: Diapers (sizes 3,4,5,6), Wipes, Clothing (premie to 3T), Baby dishware & utensils, Infant carrier / car seat, Stroller Covers (rain/snow), Infant wash cloths & towel sets, Toys (newborn to 3T), Teething Toys.

Aftercare Wish List: Diapers (sizes 3,4,5,6), Wipes, Kid's shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, Baby/toddler dishware & utensils, Infant carrier / car seat, Stroller Covers (rain/snow), Infant wash cloths & towel sets, Girls shoes (size 2), Boys shoes (size 3), Boys clothes (6-12 months, 3T & 4T), Girls clothes (3T and 8-10), Warm kid's gloves, Kid's art supplies, Toys for boys/girls (3T)

A brief meeting will follow Julie's presentation. All ladies 16 years of age and older are welcome to attend our General Meetings and you do not need to be a member. See you then!

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.

A Lenten Night at the Movies - Join us Saturday March 2nd night 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. (stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com or 519-743-4101). 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, 1:30 PM, St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo.

Monday, February 26 – No Mass			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
9 AM – NOON	CWL History Meeting		L. Hall
5:30 PM	Good Shepherd Catechesis		Nursery
6:30 PM	11:30 Choir rehearsal		Church
7:30 PM	Bible Study – Bible Timeline 5/12		L. Hall
Tuesday, February 27			
9:00 AM	To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church		
9:30 AM	Book Group		L. Hall
1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Meeting		L. Hall
7:00 PM	Painting with Kelly		L. Hall
Wednesday, February 28			
9:00 AM			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
6:30 PM	CWL Anniv. Planning Mtg.		L. Hall
Thursday, February 29			
9:00 AM	† Mark & Barbara Obermeyer - Mark Obermeyer, Jr.		
1:00 PM	Bible Study Gospel of John (7/8)		L. Hall
Friday, March 1			
9:00 AM			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross led by 11:30 AM Choir		
Saturday, March 2			
Vigil of The Third Sunday in Lent			
5:00 PM	† Phyllis Ertel – Larry Ertel		
	† Geraldine Smith – Jeff Ball		
6:00 PM	Movie: “Water”, pizza & discussion		L. Hall
Sunday, March 3 – The Third Sunday of Lent			
9:30 AM † Moe Webster – Family			
10:30 AM	Sunday Social		L. Hall
10:40 AM	First Communion Class		Nursery
11:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish			
12:30 PM	Bible Timeline study (6/12)		L. Hall
5:00 PM	OOTC Community Supper		Gym

Reflection on the First Reading on Sunday: Gen. 22: 102, 9-13, 15-18

In this abridged account of the “Binding of Isaac” (*Akedah* in Hebrew), God tests Abraham by asking him to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac. Abraham obediently gathers all the necessary sacrificial implements and travels with Isaac to a mountain in the land of Moriah where, at the last instant, God intervenes by sending a messenger who alters the instructions, thus sparing the boy. Abraham's faith having been clearly demonstrated, a ram is sacrificed instead of Isaac. The story closes with God, again through a messenger, blessing Abraham with many valorous descendants who will bring blessing to all nations.

Although this is a familiar story to many of us, it still raises many questions that we can prayerfully ponder as we renew and deepen our habit of prayer this Lent. Why did God, who knows Abraham's faith, tests him in the first place? Why test his obedience and not some other area of potential weakness? Why test him in this way, with the invitation to sacrifice his beloved son? And, once Abraham demonstrates obedience, why wait until Abraham sacrifices a ram to bless him? Hadn't he already passed the test? Such questions highlight an important reality revealed in this story: our relationship with God entails sacrifice. In time, and based on the type found in Isaac, Jesus offers the perfect sacrifice on the cross reconciling us with God. Christ's sacrifice is fully efficacious for our salvation. At the same time, as Christians, we are called to imitate Christ. Thus, we might ponder how our relationship with God is calling us to sacrifice and how our interior disposition toward God might need to change to better respond to God with Abraham-like faith and generosity. (*From Workbook for Lectors*)

Promoting the Sanctity of Human Life from Conception to Natural Death - Friday, March 8 (at K of C Columbus Centre, 145 Dearborn, Pl. Waterloo). Purchase Fish Dinner at the Door, Bar open at 5 PM, Dinner at 6 PM, Speaker at 7 PM. Reserve your seat early. Guest speaker: Josie Luetke, Director of Education & Advocacy, Campaign Life Coalition. Prolife items for sale plus Archangels Sacramentals. Sponsored by KW Right to Life 519-746-LIFE(5433) kwrtl@golden.net

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - ...We do not know why Jesus chose only those three apostles instead of taking all of them. Perhaps, in the shadow of Christ's impending Passion, this was precisely what they needed most. Maybe Jesus wanted to provide them with a moment they would remember when witnessing His crucifixion. They witnessed a deeply intimate moment, hearing the Father affirm, "You are my beloved Son." Can you also hear God speaking to you: "You are my beloved Son, you are my beloved Daughter"? Are you willing to let Jesus lead you to those places where such profound truth can be felt most deeply? 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) **On Tuesdays (Feb. 27 and Mar. 5) we will continue to watch and discuss docudrama "Love and Mercy: Faustyna"**. Everyone is welcome.

On March 12th we 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 ex-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.

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. Next session: Feb. 25 & 26.

We continue to look at Biblical quotations corresponding to the text of the Mass: Profession of Faith (Credo):

"I believe..." (Some biblical reasons why we profess our faith during Mass: Mark 9:24: "Then the boy's father cried out, 'I do believe, help my unbelief!"; John 11:27 "She said to Him, 'Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of God, the One who is coming into the world.'" (From catholic-resources.org/Bible/Biblical-Mass-Texts.htm)

More on Creeds: The opening words of the "Creed" are: "I believe in God". It is a fundamental affirmation, seemingly simple in its essence, but it opens on to the infinite world of the relationship with the Lord and with His mystery. Believing in God entails adherence to Him, the acceptance of His word and joyful obedience to His revelation. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "Faith is a personal act — the free response of the human person to the initiative of God who reveals Himself" (n. 166). The ability to say one believes in God is therefore both a gift — God reveals Himself, He comes to meet us — and a commitment, it is divine grace and human responsibility in an experience of conversation with God who, out of love, "addresses men as His friends" (*Dei Verbum*, n. 2) speaks to us, so that, in faith and with faith, we are able to enter into communion with Him. (Pope Benedict XVI – General Audience, Jan. 23, 2013 - www.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/audiences/2013/documents/hf_ben-xvi_aud_20130123.html)

The origins of the Apostle's Creed have been lost in time. An ancient tradition held that on the day of Pentecost, the twelve apostles composed this Creed, with each apostle contributing one of the twelve articles. Today that tradition is no longer widely held. The earliest written versions that we have are from the 4th c., so it was likely composed later than the Apostolic era. The Catechism asserts that we can rightly call it the Apostle's Creed not because the apostles wrote it, but because it is "rightly considered to be a faithful summary of the apostles' faith."

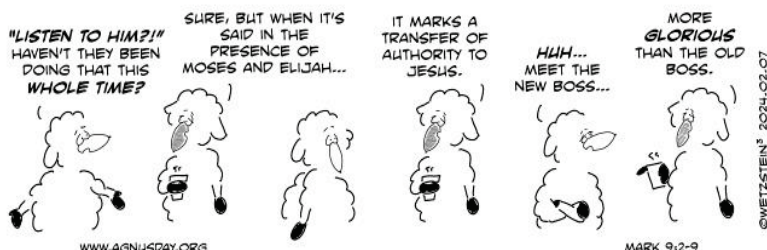
The origins of the Nicene Creed are much better known. It was the product of the first two "Ecumenical Councils" in the history of the Church.). The First Council of Nicaea was held in modern-day Turkey in the year 325. The primary issue of the council was asserting the divinity of Jesus. Thus, this Council gave us lines about Jesus like: "God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father." But it didn't give us the finished product that we pray today.

Over fifty years later, the Second Ecumenical Council was held in Constantinople (modern day Istanbul) in 381. As a complement to the Council of Nicaea, this council made a point to assert Jesus's humanity. It used the Creed approved at Nicaea and expanded on the descriptions of Jesus's birth and Passion: "by the Holy Spirit [He] was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried."

Constantinople also added significantly to the last half of the Creed, which recites what we believe about the Holy Spirit, "the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son." And it added the final stanza on the "one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church," along with references to baptism, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal life.

The Nicene Creed that we profess today is the finished version of what was begun in 325 at the council in Nicaea and finished in 381 in Constantinople. (From <https://thejesuitpost.org/2020/07/catholic-101-what-is-the-creed/>)

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