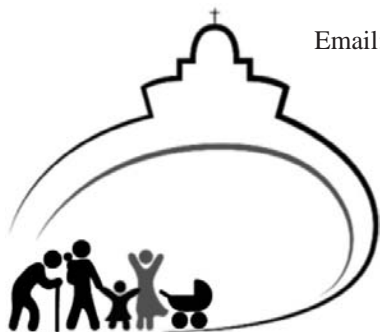


St. Louis Catholic Church

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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.



Pastoral Team:

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Custodian
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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 EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION

Monday, February 28 – No Mass

Tuesday, March 1

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

Wednesday, March 2 – Ash Wednesday

9:00 AM For Reconciliation where there is conflict and division

12:10 PM For Blessings on our Lenten practices

7:00 PM For Conversion and Return to Faith

Thursday, March 3

9:00 AM Intentions of Danielle Pilon – Cecilia Beechey

Friday, March 4

9:00 AM † Michael Dyer – Amanda Ayoung-Chee

Saturday, March 5

Vigil of The First Sunday in Lent

5:00 PM People of St. Louis Parish

Sunday, March 6 – The First Sunday in Lent

9:30 AM † Edna Ertel – Phyllis & Larry Ertel

† Don Miller – Barbara Braman

Intentions of Wendy Ayoung-Chee–Amanda Ayoung-Chee

11:30 AM † Ken Danard – Carey Family

† Catherine Evans – Audrey Reitzel

† Doug Farwell – Shaun & Rosemary MacNeil

Reflection on the First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

The Book of Sirach belongs to the collection of wisdom books of the Bible. Today's first reading consists of several proverbs that provide advice about how we might assess the quality of a person. It is preceded by several proverbs about the dangers of engaging in commerce, and it is followed by advice about how to live a righteous life. This section, which is centered on speech, uses imagery that is both familiar and rich in meaning. A sieve or strainer that was used for separating good from bad is often a metaphor for judgement. A potter's creation that is tested in the kiln can also be a metaphor for judgement. Well made, it will become stronger in the kiln; poorly made, it will break or explode. Similarly, a tree that is well cared for will produce good fruit, but a neglected tree will produce inferior fruit. By comparison the true nature of a person will be revealed in their speech. Thus, a wise person will wait until people speak before praising them. (From the *Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word*.)



Lent is the yearly celebration by the Church of its corporate conversion in Jesus Christ. Lent has two major purposes: it recalls, or prepares for Baptism, and emphasizes a spirit of penance through time of prayer, works of piety and charity and self-denial by fulfilling one's obligations more faithfully and especially by observing the prescribed fasts and abstinence. In Canada Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting (one small meal) and abstinence from meat. Fridays are days of abstinence from meat, but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day. Through forty days of closer attention to God's Word and of more fervent prayers, believers are prepared to celebrate the Pascal Mystery.

The Law of "abstinence of meat" binds those who are 14 and older; the law of "fasting" binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance. Adult example will be the greatest influence in this matter. Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open to prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving and to save money to give to the poor. (From *CCCB Ordo*)

St. Louis C.W.L. is calling all of our members to a General Meeting on Wednesday March 9th beginning with Mass at 7pm with meeting to follow in the Large Hall.

We are required to hold an in-person vote regarding a wide variety of subjects, many of which may directly impact our members. We encourage all of our ladies to join us for this meeting. All current COVID-19 protocols will be adhered to and a masking policy is in effect. We look forward to seeing you at our first meeting of 2022!



"In the Lord your labour is not in vain". Is the Lord calling you to work in His vineyard? Pray to hear God's call. 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 rvocations@gmail.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph, St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.



Sunday school is coming back!! As long as the province continues to open up as planned, we will open up our Sunday school room for all those interested in participating, March 6th, during the 9:30am Mass. The ages to attend are 3yrs - 6yrs of age. We begin our time together playing in the nursery, then Kelly will call all the older children to come and join her in the Sunday school room. We will talk about the liturgical calendar and how it works in the church. We learn why we are in the colour that we are in each Sunday. Then we will listen to the Gospel story and finish off with a craft that we do together that reflects some message heard in the Gospel. If there is time left over, the children will remain in the nursery and play some more until parents come down and pick them up. No registration is required, just drop in and see what we are up to. We are short one set of babysitters. Once a month the nursery and Sunday school will still need to be closed. If anyone would be interested in helping out once a month please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office.

Sacred Heart Parish, Hamilton 100th Anniversary – June 15th, 2022

Fr. Charlie Jordan asks former and present parishioners to please send photos of memories at Sacred Heart Parish in Hamilton by email: sacred.heart@cogeco.ca. Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Hamilton on Sunday, June 5th, 2022 at 10 AM. The celebrations will be continue with a brunch at Michaelangelo's.

Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre is now open and accepting group and personal retreat bookings for 2022! With a large Chapel and acres of untouched green space, Mount Mary is an ideal location for those seeking a retreat experience. Groups of all types are welcome for a day or for an overnight stay. Individuals are also welcome to book out the "Cottage" for a personal retreat experience. For more information, please visit: www.mountmary.ca

Marriage Support - Is your marriage experience more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? 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, 2022. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

(During the Season of Lent all memorials of saints, whether obligatory or optional, are deemed "commemorations" and their celebration is more limited than in other times.)



St. Katharine Drexel (Nov. 26, 1858 – Mar. 3, 1955, Feast day is on March 3, Patron of racial justice and philanthropists. Beatified on Nov. 20, 1988 and canonized on Oct. 1, 2000 by Pope John Paul II.)

St. Katharine Drexel is the second American-born saint to be canonized

by the Catholic Church. This amazing woman was an heiress to a large bequest who became a religious sister and a brilliant educator.

Katherine was born in Philadelphia in 1858, the second child of a prominent and wealthy banker, Francis Anthony Drexel and his wife, Hannah Langstroth. Her mother passed away just five weeks after Katharine was born. Her father remarried to Emma Bouvier in 1860 and together they had another daughter in 1863, Louisa Drexel.

The girls received a wonderful education from private tutors and traveled throughout the United States and Europe. The Drexels were financially and spiritually well endowed. They were devout in the practice of their faith, setting an excellent example of true Christian living for their three daughters. They not only prayed but practiced what the Church calls the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

Katharine grew up seeing her father pray for 30 minutes each evening. And every week, her stepmother opened their doors to house and care for the poor. The couple distributed food, clothing and provided rent assistance to those in need. The Drexels would seek out and visit women who were too afraid or too proud to approach the home in order to care for their needs in Christian charity.

Though Katharine made her social debut in 1879, she never let her family's money adversely affect the way she lived her life and faith. She was an example of a Christian with a proper understanding that the goods of this earth are given for the common good.

After watching her stepmother suffer with terminal cancer for three straight years, Katharine also learned that no amount of money could shelter them from pain or suffering. From this moment, Katharine's life took a turn. She became imbued with a passionate love for God and neighbour, and she took an avid interest in the material and spiritual well-being of black and native Americans.

In 1884, while her family was visiting the Western states, Katharine saw first-hand the troubling and poor situation of the Native Americans. She desperately wanted to help them.

Katharine spent much of her time with Father James O' Connor, a Philadelphia priest. He provided her with wonderful spiritual direction. When her father passed away a year later, he donated part of his \$15.5 million estate to a few charities and then left the remainder to be equally split amongst his three daughters.

He set up his will in a way to protect his daughters from men who were only seeking their money. If his daughters should die, the money was then to go on to his would-be grandchildren. If there were no grandchildren, the Drexel estate would be distributed to several different religious orders and charities, including the Society of Jesus, the Religious of the Sacred Heart, a Lutheran hospital and the Christian Brothers.

As one of their first acts following their father's death, Katharine and her sisters contributed money to assist the St. Francis Mission of South Dakota's Rosebud Reservation. Katherine soon concluded that more was needed to help the Native Americans.

In 1887, while touring Europe, the Drexel sisters were given a private audience with Pope Leo XIII. They were seeking missionaries to

help with the Indian missions they were financing. The Pope looked to Katharine and suggested she, herself, become a missionary.

After speaking with Fr. O' Connor, Katharine decided she would give herself and her inheritance to God through service to both Native and African Americans. She began her postulancy at the Sisters of Mercy Convent in Pittsburgh in 1889 and made her first vows in 1891.

Taking the name Mother Katharine, she established a religious congregation called the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Coloured, whose members would work for the betterment of those they were called to serve.

From the age of 33 until her death in 1955, she dedicated her life and her fortune to this work. In 1894, Mother Katharine took part in opening the first mission boarding school called St. Catherine's Indian School, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Other schools quickly followed - for Native Americans west of the Mississippi River, and for the blacks in the southern part of the United States.

In 1897, Katharine asked the friars of St. John the Baptist Province of the Order of Friars Minor to help staff a mission for the Navajos in Arizona and New Mexico, and she would help finance their work with the Pueblo Native Americans.

In 1910, Katharine also financed the printing of 500 copies of A Navaho-English Catechism of Christian Doctrine for the Use of Navaho Children.

In 1915, Katherine founded Xavier University in New Orleans, the first Catholic University in the United States for African-Americans.

By the time of her death, she had more than 500 Sisters teaching in 63 schools throughout the country and she established 50 missions for Native Americans in 16 different states.

Katharine suffered a heart attack at 77-years-old and was forced to retire. She spent the remainder of her life in quiet and intense prayer. She recorded her prates and aspirations in small notebooks.

Mother Katharine died on March 3, 1955 at the age of 96. She is buried at her order's motherhouse. Neither of Katharine's sisters had any children, so after her death, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament lost the Drexel fortune that supported their ministries. However, the order continues to pursue Katharine's mission with the African-Americans and Native Americans in 21 states and in Haiti.

Katharine was remembered for her love of the Eucharist and a desire for unity of all peoples. She was courageous and took the initiative to address social inequality within minorities. She believed all should have access to a quality education and her selfless service, including the donation of her inheritance, helped many reach that goal.

Relics of St. Katharine can be found at St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church in Raleigh, North Carolina, and in the Day Chapel of St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Sugar Grove, Illinois.

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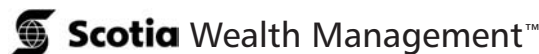
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