

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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MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

Monday, February 5 – St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr –			
			No Mass
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
5:30 – 6:45 PM	Good Shepherd Catech.		Nursery
6:30 – 7:30 PM	Choir (11:30 AM) Practice		Church
Tuesday, February 6 – St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs			
9:00 AM	To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church		
9:30 AM	Book Group		L. Hall
7:00 PM	Painting with Kelly		L. Hall
Wednesday, February 7			
9:00 AM	† Joan Sichewski – Jackie Anstett		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
7:00 PM	† Helen McMichael – CWL Mass		
7:30 PM	CWL Meeting		L. Hall
Thursday, February 8			
9:00 AM	† Members of Estrada Family – Estrada Family		
1:00 PM	Bible Study Gospel of John (4/8)		L. Hall
7:00 PM	VBS Planning Meeting		L. Hall
Friday, February 9			
9:00 AM			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
Saturday, February 10 – St. Scholastica, Virgin			
Vigil of The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
5:00 PM	People of St. Louis Parish		
Sunday, Feb. 11 – The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
9:30 AM	† David & Norma Kirby – Kirby Family		
	† Edna Ertel – Larry Ertel		
	† Melanie Brattman – Carla McLennan		
	Intentions of Moser Family – Moser Family		
	10:30 AM	Sunday Social	L. Hall
	10:40 AM	First Communion Class	Nursery
11:30 AM	For the Sick & Those Who Care for Them		
	12:30 AM	Bible Timeline Study (4/12)	L. Hall
	5:00 PM	OOTC Community Supper	Gym

Reflection on the First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Job muses on the purpose of life, in particular his own life of misery and suffering. In his current state, Job projects a sense of futility of life; however, we should keep in mind that Job is not proposing a philosophy of life; rather, he speaks from the depths of his suffering. The references to “a labourer” further highlight Job’s dejection as he sees no real purpose to hard labour.

There is a connection between Job’s musings on hard labour and Adam’s punishment in Genesis 3:17: “[C]ursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life.” Both Job and the curse of Genesis point toward a brokenness in the human experience. While Job dwells on the misery caused by this brokenness, Genesis 3 explains why this brokenness exists. As a result of original sin, no human can avoid experiencing tragedy and the struggles of life.

Job also laments the brevity of life. He sees his life coming to an end in this miserable state as another layer of suffering. While he speaks of his life ending “without hope,” the last sentence of this reading reveals that Job is not really hopeless. He asks God to “remember,” to heed him in his misery. If Job did not think there was a purpose to God’s attention, he would not seek it but would truly despair and not speak.

Job’s rhetoric in this reading reflects the reality that suffering comes to us all. When it does, we turn to God for answers and the hope that He will alleviate our suffering. Sometimes the answer is not what we expect or want, as we see by the end of the Book of Job; yet God does heed our cries. (From Workbook for Lectors)



First Communion - Classes began Sunday, January 28th 10:40 AM - 11:50 AM in the Nursery. If you have a child in gr. 2 and would like to have the Sacrament celebrated here at St. Louis parish please register with Kelly Krause either through email, or at the parish office.

Welcome Back Ladies! Our first General Meeting of 2024 will take place on Wednesday, February 7th beginning with Mass at 7 PM. Our guest speaker will be Registered Emergency Nurse Beth Corbeil and she will generously give us a demonstration on using our new life saving AED machines (Automated External Defibrillator). ALL OF ST. LOUIS PARISH IS WELCOME TO WATCH THIS DEMO! A brief meeting will follow our guest speaker. We look forward to seeing you!

VBS Planning Meeting - this is a meeting for anyone who is interested in helping with our summer camp.
 - We need adults who are willing to lead a station, or who are willing to assist the adult who is leading the station.
 - We need teens over the age of 12 who can be camp counsellors and lead groups of campers through their morning. (Volunteer hours!!!)
 - We need creative people who might be willing to help make decorations and help decorate for the camp.
 - We need adults who would be willing to assist in the kitchen to make the snack for the campers each day.

This camp cannot run without a number of volunteers. I need to know that I have a team ready and willing to make this camp happen. Our camp this summer will run from **July 15-19** and our theme for our camp this year will be **“Space - To Mars and Beyond”**.

If you are interested in helping, even if only for part of the camp, please come to our meeting on **Thursday, February 8th at 7 PM**. If you cannot make the meeting but would still be interested in helping, please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office.

Celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Waterloo! The message of Our Lady to St. Bernadette is just as relevant today as it was in 1858. Come and be reminded of the healing power of prayer and to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On Saturday, February 10:

6 PM - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Rosary & Confession
 7 PM - Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick followed by a reception in the parish hall.

On Sunday, February 11:

9 AM & 11 AM Masses celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Wayne Lobsinger with Anointing of the Sick, followed by a reception in the parish hall. (173 Lourdes St. Waterloo). All are welcomed.



The Waterloo Knights of Columbus is hosting an **Evening of Food and Dance** to raise funds for our many charities. Join us on Friday February 16th at the hall at 145 Dearborn Place Waterloo. Dinner is our famous fish and chips, or chicken if you wish, served at 6 PM. At 7 PM local band **Leap of Faith** will entertain us and play songs we can dance to. Cost is only \$30 per ticket and can be purchased by calling our manager Martin at 519-884-2060. Seating is limited so don't be disappointed!

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.

Date	Sunday	Loose	Maint.	Init.	PAD
Jan 28	2483.00	269.50	85.00	110.00	2396.23

Thank you for your donations!

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.

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.

Christain Life Program - K-W Couples for Christ and their Family Ministries invite couples and singles to participate in their 9-week Christian Life Program at St. John's/Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Hall, 85 Strange St. Kit. on Thursday evenings from Feb. 1 to Apr. 4. Dinner at 6 PM program from 7 to 8:30 PM. Open to all Christian married couples, singles, widows, widowers & those separated and divorced. Come to be enriched by such talks as GOD'S LOVE, WHO IS JESUS CHRIST? LIFE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT. No cost & child care provided. To register or for info. call Len/Marie Solomon 519-744-5198 or Denis/Cara Beaulieu 519-578-4643.

This past Friday, Feb. 2nd, the Church celebrated the World Day for Consecrated Life. In addition to the commitments a consecrated person makes, there are also charisms that they share. A charism – Pope Francis says – is not given by the Holy Spirit to be preserved like a bottle of distilled water – but to be opened and allowed to go out, to bring life, growth, renewal, and transformation. 'Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do.' This is the logic of charisms. If you're intrigued by how the Resurrectionists' charisms bring life, growth, and transformation, check out the first video of our series called "InfluenCR," featuring interviews with those touched by their apostolic mission. Read more at www.resurrectionists.ca



ON-GOING FAITH ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

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 from Jan. 15th, 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 4 & 5.

We continue to look at Biblical quotations corresponding to the text of the Mass: **Penitential Act:**

Introduction: "Let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries." (Compare with Psalm 51:5: "For I know my transgressions; my sin is always before me.")

Three forms of the Penitential act are possible:

1) **Confiteor** (meaning: a form of prayer confessing sins): "I confess to almighty God..."

(Compare with Leviticus 5:5: "when someone is guilty in regard to any of these matters, that person shall confess the wrong committed,,"; Nehemiah 1:5-9: "I prayed: "LORD, God of heaven, great and awesome God, you preserve your covenant of mercy with those who love you and keep your commandments. May your ears be attentive, and your eyes open, to hear the prayer that I, your servant, now offer in your presence day and night for your servants the Israelites, confessing the sins we have committed against you, I and my ancestral house included. We have greatly offended you, not keeping the commandments.... But remember the admonition which you addressed to Moses, your servant, when you said: If you prove faithless, I will scatter you among the peoples; but if you return to me and carefully keep my commandments, I will gather them from there, and bring them back to the place I have chosen as the dwelling place for my name.";

Daniel 9:3-19: "I turned to the Lord God, to seek help, in prayer and petition, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes. I prayed to the LORD, my God, and confessed, 'Ah, Lord, great and awesome God, you who keep your covenant and show mercy toward those who love you and keep your commandments and your precepts! We have sinned, been wicked and done evil; we have rebelled and turned from your commandments and your laws.....";

James 5:16: "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful.")

2) "Have mercy on us, O Lord. For we have sinned against you. Show us, O Lord, your mercy. And grant us your salvation."

(Psalm 41:5: "Even I have said, 'LORD, take note of me; heal me, although I have sinned against you.'")

3) **Kyrie Eleison: "Lord, Have Mercy."**

(Matthew 15:22: "And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, 'Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon.'";

Matthew 17:15: "and said, "Lord, have pity on my son, for he is a lunatic* and suffers severely; often he falls into fire, and often into water.";

Matthew 20:30-31: "Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was passing by, they cried out, 'Lord, Son of David, have pity on us!' The crowd warned them to be silent, but they called out all the more, 'Lord, Son of David, have pity on us!'"

Compare with Psalm 123:3: "Show us favour, LORD, show us favour, for we have our fill of contempt.")


The Penitential Act concludes with prayer: "May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life." (From catholic-resources.org/Bible/Biblical-Mass-Texts)



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