

St. Louis Catholic Church

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Served by the Congregation of the Resurrection since 1890.

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

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

Monday, February 6 – St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs - No Mass

9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball Gym
7:30 PM Genesis to Jesus-Bible study(12/12) L. Hall

Tuesday, February 7

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

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
7:30 PM Painting with Kelly L. Hall

Wednesday, February 8

9:00 AM † Con Woelfle – Cecilia Beechey

9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball Gym
6 PM First Communion Prep. Class Nursery
7:00 PM SVDP Meeting L. Hall

Thursday, February 9

9:00 AM † Melanie Brattman – Carla McLennan

Friday, February 10 - St. Scholastica, Virgin

9:00 AM † Rosemary Peterson – Peterson Family

9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball Gym

Saturday, February 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes

9 AM – NOON SVDP Project (Kitchen) L. Hall

Vigil of Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM † Al Enns – Giselle Enns
† Ken Snyder – Delattre Family
† Katie & Nick Gengler – Ruetz Family
† Robert Halpin Jr. & Liam Halpin – Pat & Joan Forde

Sunday, February 12 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM People of St. Louis Church

11:30 AM † David Kirby – Kirby Family
† Edna Ertel – Larry Ertel
† Aniela Litwin – Marian Litwin & Family
† Don Miller – Miller Family

10:30 AM Sunday Social L. Hall
5:00 PM OOTC Community Supper Gym
2:45 PM – 8 PM Set-up to Clean-up

First Reading from Isaiah 58:6-10++

The third major section of the Book of Isaiah differs from the first two in that it is addressed to the Israelites who have returned from exile in Babylon and are now to rebuild a new nation. Isaiah likens this restored generation to a light that will shine for other nations to see.

While it is clear that political and military concerns will be on the minds of those attempting to rebuild their nation, Isaiah pays particular attention to their treatment of the poor. It is important to locate this reading within the larger framework of the chapter, which focuses on fasting and the need to avoid empty ritualism. Isaiah wants the people to understand that their fasting will be of little consequence if they do not feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked. These and other acts of compassion will serve to scatter the darkness and reflect the light of God's love.

Moreover, when they show compassion and spirit of goodness, then God's glory will guard them. The Prophet speaks of the people being vindicated. As we read these words, we call to mind how God has protected His people in the past (e.g. When crossing the Red Sea). For Isaiah, attention to the poor and the oppressed will be like a key that opens the door to success for the former refugees. He envisions the return to the Promised Land as a renewal of the covenant that summons the people to act as God has acted towards them. (From the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word)

Saint Paul Miki and Companions' Story - Nagasaki, Japan, is familiar as the city on which the second atomic bomb was dropped, immediately killing over 37,000 people. Three and a half centuries before, 26 martyrs of Japan were crucified on a hill, called the Holy Mountain, overlooking Nagasaki. Among them were priests, brothers, laymen, Franciscans, Jesuits, members of the Secular Franciscan Order; there were catechists, doctors, artisans, servants, old men and innocent children—all united in a common faith and love for Jesus and His Church.

Br. Paul Miki, a Jesuit and a native of Japan, has become the best known among the martyrs of Japan. While hanging upon a cross, Paul Miki preached to the people gathered for the execution: "The sentence of judgment says these men came to Japan from the Philippines, but I did not come from any other country. I am a true Japanese. The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ. I certainly did teach the doctrine of Christ. I thank God it is for this reason I die. I believe that I am telling only the truth before I die. I know you believe me and I want to say to you all once again: Ask Christ to help you to become happy. I obey Christ. After Christ's example I forgive my persecutors. I do not hate them. I ask God to have pity on all, and I hope my blood will fall on my fellow men as a fruitful rain."

When missionaries returned to Japan in the 1860s, at first they found no trace of Christianity. But after establishing themselves they found that thousands of Christians lived around Nagasaki and that they had secretly preserved the faith. Beatified in 1627, the martyrs of Japan were finally canonized in 1862. (From Franciscanmedia.org)

The Story of Our Lady of Lourdes - On Dec. 8, 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in the apostolic constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*. A little more than three years later, on Feb. 11, 1858, a young lady appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. This began a series of visions. During the apparition on March 25, the lady identified herself with the words: "I am the Immaculate Conception."

Bernadette was a sickly child of poor parents. Their practice of the Catholic faith was scarcely more than lukewarm. Bernadette could pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Creed. She also knew the prayer of the Miraculous Medal: "O Mary conceived without sin."

During interrogations Bernadette gave an account of what she saw. It was "something white in the shape of a girl." She used the word *aquero*, a dialect term meaning "this thing." It was "a pretty young girl with a rosary over her arm." Her white robe was encircled by a blue girdle. She wore a white veil. There was a yellow rose on each foot. A rosary was in her hand. Bernadette was also impressed by the fact that the lady did not use the informal form of address (tu), but the polite form (vous). The humble virgin appeared to a humble girl and treated her with dignity.

Through that humble girl, Mary revitalized and continues to revitalize the faith of millions of people. People began to flock to Lourdes from other parts of France and from all over the world. In 1862 Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions and authorized the cult of Our Lady of Lourdes for the diocese. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes became worldwide in 1907. (From Franciscanmedia.org)

Celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes! On Sat., February 11 at Our Lady of Lourdes, Parish in Waterloo with **Bishop Wayne Lobsinger.**

6:00 PM - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession

7:00 PM - Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick and veneration of St. Bernadette's relics. First 24 families will be asked to join in a procession of roses to Our Lady followed by a reception in the OLOL parish hall.





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 who would be interested in being camp counsellors. We are looking for anyone 12 yrs and up who would like to get involved. We are looking at dates in July for the camp, but definite dates can be determined by the volunteers who offer to help. The camp runs through the morning and then the Lego camp takes over for the afternoon; we are asking for volunteers for the morning. Please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office if you are interested in helping out.



Tuesday morning Book Group: On Jan. 24th we started our new book: **33 Days to Morning Glory: A Do-It-Yourself Retreat in Preparation for Marian Consecration** by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC.



We aim to do the Consecration on March 25th – The Feast of Annunciation. If you already consecrated yourself to Mary in the past, this is a good time for a renewal, either on your own, or together with the group. [Contact parish office for more information.](#)



CHRISTAIN LIFE PROGRAM - K-W Couples for Christ and their Family Ministries invite couples and singles to participate in their 8-week Christian Life Program at St. John's Church Hall, 85 Strange St. Kitchener on Thursday evenings from Feb. 9 to Mar 30. Dinner is provided at 6pm and program starts at 7pm. The Christian Life Program is an integrated course intended to lead program participants into a renewed understanding of God's call to them as Christian couples or individuals. There is no cost and kids watch will be provided. For more information or to register contact Raminta 548-994-4020.



Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - Sometimes we think we need to be someone we are not in order to have something to offer – but what we are really doing is diluting or obscuring the gift of who we are. Finding your vocation is discovering the gift of who you are, and having the courage to offer that gift to the world. Read more at www.resurrectionists.ca



"You are the light of the world." Are you willing to let your light shine as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin? If God is calling you to be 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 rvocations@gmail.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph, St. Agatha at 519-884-6700. Pray for vocations!

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PRAYERS STRAIGHT FROM THE BIBLE:

The second most well known prayer from the Bible is the Hail Mary Prayer – and it came together slowly.

"Hail, Full of Grace! The Lord is with you." (Luke 1:28)

The angel referred to Mary as "Full of Grace" indicating that there was no room for sin, or any impurity in her.

The earliest version of this prayer added Mary's name to the message delivered by the angel Gabriel: "Hail Mary, Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee."

Around 1050 AD, the words Elizabeth used to greet Mary during the Visitation were added: "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb" (Luke 1:42). In 1261, Pope Urban IV added the name of Jesus to the end of Elizabeth's words.

St. Peter Canisius published the Hail Mary in his 1555 Catechism with almost the entire final petition: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners."

Eleven years later, the Catechism of the Council of Trent (a work that Canisius was instrumental in creating) included, for the first time, the entire final petition, concluding with the words "now and at the hour of our death. Amen."

The version of the Hail Mary we pray today was given official approval in 1568.

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women; and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen. (From dynamiccatholic.com)

St. Mary's General Hospital Board of Trustee Opportunities - Are you interested in being involved in an organization committed to compassionate, high quality and equitable care? The St. Mary's hospital board is looking to fill two positions for the coming term. More info. is available on the hospital website: www.smgh.ca/about-us/board-of-trustees/join-our-board-of-trustees

2023 Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass - Bishop 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. You are cordially invited to come to this Mass. To register on-line go to www.hamiltondiocese.com, or call Sarah at 905-528-7988 X 2249. Register by March 26th.

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