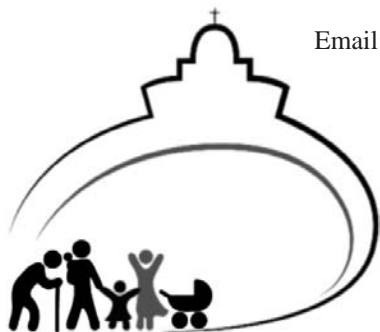


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Weekday Masses:
Tuesday – Friday 9:00 a.m.
Rosary: Tuesday to Friday
before 9:00 a.m. Mass

Sunday Masses:
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.



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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

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION

Monday, February 7 – No Mass

Tuesday, February 8

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

Wednesday, February 9

9:00 AM † Melanie Brattman – Carla McLennan

Thursday, February 10 – St. Scholastica, Virgin

9:00 AM † Kenneth Ayoung-Chee – Amanda Ayoung-Chee

Friday, February 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes

9:00 AM † Patricia Vassallo – Annette & Frank Hulme

Saturday, February 12

Vigil of The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM † Edna & Phyllis Ertel – Larry Ertel

† Al Enns – Giselle Enns

Sunday, February 13 – The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM † Sr. Gemma Golino, SSND – Elizabeth Schwarz

† Joseph Lyons – Frank & Annette Hulme

Intentions of Moser Family – The Family

Intentions of Angelique Roseman – Amanda Ayoung-

Chee

11:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

Reflection on the First Reading from Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

The readings for this Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time continue the focus on the call to be ministers of God's Word that we heard on the previous two Sundays. Last Sunday's first reading was the narrative of Jeremiah's call to be God's Prophet. This Sunday's reading recounts the call of Isaiah. Biblical call narratives were important because they provide authenticity to Prophet's teaching and credibility to his ministry. Even if someone was unhappy with the Prophet's message, they had to accept that it was the Word of God.

Isaiah describes his call first situating it in the year of King Uzziah's death (792 BC). A master builder and powerful military leader, King Uzziah reigned for five decades as king of Judah, but eventually pride got the best of him. In his later years, he suffered from a disfiguring skin disease for usurping the role of the high priest and offering incense in the Temple (2 Chronicles 26:1-19). It is striking, therefore, that God appears in Isaiah's vision as a mighty and sovereign king seated on a heavenly throne, filling the entire space of the heavenly temple with His garments, and attended by Seraphim, Angels whose job it was to guard God's throne. So much for Uzziah's arrogance! The song of the Seraphim, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts," is similar to the heavenly worship that takes place in the Book of Revelation (4:8). The smoke and shaking of the earth are further signs that Isaiah is experiencing a theophany, a manifestation of God.

While we can appreciate Isaiah's response to the vision even today, in the ancient world people believed that humans could not survive a direct encounter with God (Exodus 33:20). This is why he says, "Woe is me! I am lost." He fears that he is going to die! Biblical scholars are still undecided about what Isaiah meant when he said, "I am a man of unclean lips," but a likely explanation is that Isaiah thought he should say something but that he had no words that were worthy of expressing the manifest glory of God. Since Isaiah expressed his human limitations in terms of unclean lips, the detail about the Angel purifying his lips with fire is a way of saying that God will transcend Isaiah's human limitations to prepare him for the task to which he is being called. Therefore, when God says, "Whom shall I send?" Isaiah is able to say, "Send me!" Do we trust God will ready us for the ministry of the Word? (From the *Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word*.)



Saint Scholastica's Story - (c. 480 – February 10, 542) - Twins often share the same interests and ideas with an equal intensity. Therefore, it is no surprise that Scholastica and her twin brother, Benedict, established religious communities within a few miles from each other.

Born in 480 of wealthy parents, Scholastica and Benedict were brought up together until Benedict left central Italy for Rome to continue his studies.

Little is known of Scholastica's early life. She founded a religious community for women near Monte Cassino at Plombariola, five miles from where her brother governed a monastery.

The twins visited each other once a year in a farmhouse because Scholastica was not permitted inside the monastery. They spent these times discussing spiritual matters.

According to the *Dialogues of St. Gregory the Great*, the brother and sister spent their last day together in prayer and conversation. Scholastica sensed her death was close at hand and she begged Benedict to stay with her until the next day.

He refused her request because he did not want to spend a night outside the monastery, thus breaking his own Rule. Scholastica asked God to let her brother remain and a severe thunderstorm broke out, preventing Benedict and his monks from returning to the abbey.

Benedict cried out, "God forgive you, Sister. What have you done?" Scholastica replied, "I asked a favour of you and you refused. I asked it of God and He granted it."

Brother and sister parted the next morning after their long discussion. Three days later, Benedict was praying in his monastery and saw the soul of his sister rising heavenward in the form of a white dove. Benedict then announced the death of his sister to the monks and later buried her in the tomb he had prepared for himself.

Reflection - Scholastica and Benedict gave themselves totally to God and gave top priority to deepening their friendship with Him through prayer. They sacrificed some of the opportunities they would have had to be together as brother and sister in order better to fulfill their vocation to the religious life. In coming closer to Christ, however, they found they were also closer to each other. In joining a religious community, they did not forget or forsake their family but rather found more brothers and sisters. **Saint Scholastica is the Patron Saint of:** Cloistered Nuns (From franciscanmedia.com)



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Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly. 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 crvocations@gmail.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph, St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.

The Story of Our Lady of Lourdes - On December 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 February 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, pray for us who have recourse to thee."

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.

Reflection - Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and healing, but even more of faith. Church authorities have recognized over 60 miraculous cures, although there have probably been many more. To people of faith this is not surprising. It is a continuation of Jesus' healing miracles—now performed at the intercession of his mother. Some would say that the greater miracles are hidden. Many who visit Lourdes return home with renewed faith and a readiness to serve God in their needy brothers and sisters.

There still may be people who doubt the apparitions of Lourdes. Perhaps the best that can be said to them are the words that introduce the film *The Song of Bernadette*: "For those who believe in God, no explanation is necessary. For those who do not believe, no explanation is possible." **Our Lady of Lourdes is the Patron Saint of:** Relief from Physical Ills. (From franciscanmedia.com)

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Anita Healy is a local Catholic mom of 7 and holds a degree in Theology with a concentration in Religious Education from the Franciscan University of Steubenville. Her family has been actively involved in parish life in Mothers' groups and teaching RCIA. She has given talks for the Archdiocese of Toronto on the Feminine Genius and Midday Moms (part of the Catholic Moms Group) as well as her blog. She is definitely a Catholic voice that needs to be heard. Please email the parish office if further info. is needed lourdeswaterloo@rogers.com



St. Louis Children's Babysitting during 9:30 AM Mass.

More volunteers for Babysitting needed. If you are able to help once per month, please call Kelly at the parish office: 519-743-4101.

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The Witness of Faith in the Home is the second talk in our Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series - Join us on Wed., Feb. 16th from 7-8:30 PM for this wonderful talk by Connie Clark. Connie is the author of numerous books and articles for parents, catechists, teens and kids. Sharing engaging personal stories, encouragement, and practical ideas, Connie helps families recognize their vital role in the Christian community and in the family of God. She will focus on how parents/grandparents/teachers/aunts/uncles/catechists and everyone can guide families as they grow in faith. The entire series, (once per month until June), will be presented by zoom, so you must register for each talk, but can join in by internet or phone. Check the Diocesan website at amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/ for more information on the series and to register. For more info., contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 X 2250.

Our Lady of Lourdes Prayer for Healing:

O ever-Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comforter of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; look with mercy on me.

By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favours; and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal. I come, therefore, with complete confidence to implore your maternal intercession.

Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests.

Through gratitude for your favours, I will endeavour to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. Amen. (From ewtn.com)

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