

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.**



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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 Fr. Dan Lobsinger, C.R., 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
Celebrated privately by Fr. Phil

Monday, February 8 – No Mass

Tuesday, February 9

9:00 AM To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church – Monday
Lunch & Learn Group

Wednesday, February 10 – St. Scholastica, Virgin

9:00 AM † Victor Herdé – Amanda Ayoung-Chee

Thursday, February 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes

9:00 AM Intentions of Jacqueline Parent

Friday, February 12

9:00 AM Intentions of Karen Ayoung-Chee– Amanda Ayoung-Chee

Saturday, February 13

Vigil of Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 PM † Beatrice May Bundy – Malton Family

† Ben Hanlon & Patricia Forde – Pat & Joan Forde

† Edna Ertel – Phyllis & Larry Ertel

† Bill Lavigne – Peter & Marie Suffak & Family

Sunday, February 14 – Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

9:30 AM Intentions of Moser Family – Moser Family

† Josephine Haid – Children

† Anthony Medina – Amanda Ayoung-Chee

† Bruce McEwan – Elizabeth Schwarz

11:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

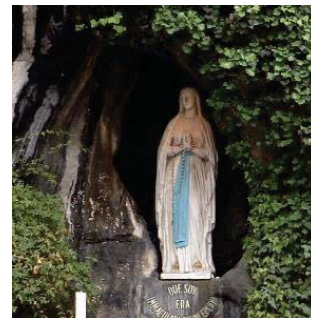
Reflections on the First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7:

The Book of Job is part of the "Writings" collection in the Old Testament. Its storyline follows the framework of a theodicy, an argument in which the existence of suffering and evil in this world are scrutinized according to the presumption that God is a caring God. In other words, it attempts to answer this questions: If God is loving, then why does evil exist? In the story of Job, his three friends Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar, dialogue with Job and try to destroy his trust in God's ability to right what appears to be a situation of injustice. Since Job's prosperity and good fortune have suddenly been replaced by poverty and suffering, they argue that surely he must have sinned against God.

Today's reading is taken from Job's first response to Eliphaz, who suggests that Job is being punished. However, Job's approach to his situation is to decipher that no one on earth is truly able to understand the workings of God. In this response, he takes up the concept of the passing of time. Job describes life as "hard service," composed of "months of emptiness and nights of misery." And yet, life is so very short, for as he states "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and come to their end without hope." We are tempted to read Job's speech as one of complete despair, but he does not blaspheme God's name for his design of the world. Job's torment is a solemn lament. He does not expect God to correct what may feel like an injustice but he wants to register his frustrations before God. Job refuses to reject God and, over the course of time, comes to discover the wisdom of knowing that God's ways are ultimately inscrutable. *From the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word*

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 in 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. (*From franciscanmedia.org*)

Lourdes has had a special place in the hearts of many popes in the past 156 years. Saint John Paul II made three pilgrimages to Lourdes. He also proclaimed February 11, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, as World Day of the Sick.

Lourdes and St. Bernadette also figure prominently in the life of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. He was born on St. Bernadette's feast day of April 16 in 1927. In his Angelus address on the first Sunday of Lent in 2008 – the 150th anniversary of Our Lady's first appearance at Lourdes – the Holy Father reminded us of its enduring significance, "The message that Our Lady continues to spread in Lourdes recalls the words that Jesus spoke at the very beginning of his public mission, which we hear several times during these days of Lent: 'Repent, and believe in the Gospel,' pray and do penance. Let us accept Mary's invitation which echoes Christ's and ask her to obtain for us that we may 'enter' Lent with faith, to live this season of grace with inner joy and generous commitment."

Culminating his years as Pope, serving with "inner joy and generous commitment", it was on February 11, 2013 that he took the unprecedented (in modern times) step of announcing his stepping down from the papacy. (*Excerpt from wordonfire.org by Elynn von Huben*)



Jesus created much excitement in His day through His preaching, teaching, and healing. Today, the Church communicates that same wonder and grace by those active in priesthood, religious life, and lay ministries. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop and Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, 905-528-7988, or Fr. Toby Collins, CR, Vocation Director, at crvocations@gmail.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.

During the lockdown period there will be no public Masses celebrated at St. Louis Church.

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