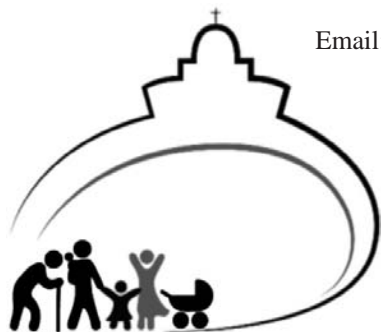


# St. Louis Catholic Church

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**Office hours:** Monday – Thursday 9 - 12 and 1- 4, Friday 9 - 12



**Amoris Laetitia Family**  
Year 2021 - 2022

**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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**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 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASS INTENTION

**Monday, January 17 – St. Anthony, Abbot - No Mass**

**Tuesday, January 18**

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

**Wednesday, January 19**

9:00 AM † Daniel Caron – Claire & Richard Armitage

**Thursday, January 20**

9:00 AM † Eileen Fischer

**Friday, January 21 – St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr**

9:00 AM † Barbara & Zygmunt Adamski – Malton Family

**Saturday, January 22**

**Vigil of Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM † Colonel & Jean Moser – Kim Moser

† Gerald & Audrey Moser – Reid Family

† Anne Mulhall – Patrick & Joan Forde

† Wilfred Stanley – Janet & Grant Ertel

**Sunday, January 23 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM Intentions of Malton Family – Malton Family

† Don Miller – Barbara Braman

† Pat Keenan – Annette & Frank Hulme & Family

† Gerald Welsford–Annette & Frank Hulme CEE District 2

11:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

**Reflections on the First Reading (Isaiah 62: 1-5)**

Today's First Reading comes from the third part of Isaiah, which is thought to have been written after the Babylonian exile, when a remnant of God's people had begun to return to Judea. The silence to which the Prophet refers is the period in exile, when the people feared that God had abandoned them. But God has decided that now it is time to act on Lady Jerusalem's behalf, and God will not stop until her salvation and vindication, or righteousness, shine like a brilliant sunrise in the wilderness or a flaming torch for all the nations to see.

What does the Prophet say about Lady Jerusalem's vindication? The shame of her devastation under the Babylonians will be lifted. We are told that Lady Jerusalem will be like a glorious crown in God's hand. Thus, metaphorically speaking, God will "wear her on His head" as a symbol of His Kingship. The Hebrew word *tipharah*, which is here translated as "of beauty," can refer to a woman's extreme beauty or her exalted status. In Exodus 28.2, it is used to describe the vestments of the high priest Aaron, brother of Moses.

God will also give Lady Jerusalem a new name. In the ancient world, the act of naming was about exerting authority over another or claiming him or her as one's own. Her old names, Forsaken and Desolate, reflect a time when the Israelites broke covenant with God. Thus, God restores relationship with the chosen people by giving Lady Jerusalem the name "My Delight is in Her" and by calling her land "Married." With Israel's purity and innocence restored, she can be called God's bride once again. This is cause for great rejoicing!

(From the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word)



Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, diaconate, or religious life? If He is, contact Most Rev. W. Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop & Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988, [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com), or Fr. Raphael Ma, Congregation of the Resurrection Vocation Director, at [crvocations@gmail.com](mailto:crvocations@gmail.com), or Carmel of St. Joseph, St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.



**St. Louis Children's Babysitting during 9:30 AM Mass.** We need more volunteers for Babysitting. If you are able to help once per month, please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office: 519-743-4101.



**First Communion classes** will begin in the New Year, starting Wed., January 26<sup>th</sup> from 6 PM - 7:30 PM. First Communion will take place on May 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have a child who is in grade 2 and would like to have their sacrament here at St. Louis parish, please phone the office and register with Kelly Krause.

**Year of Amoris Laetitia Family - Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series** - Diocesan speaker series, will start in January, with a special three part presentation by Bishop Lobsinger. The evening sessions from 7 - 8:30 PM on Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> will unpack the great wisdom in *Amoris Laetitia: The Joy of Love in Families and Church*. The presentations will be by Zoom. Check the Diocesan website at [amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com](http://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com) for more info. or to register. For more info. contact Teresa Hartnett at 905-528-7988 X 2250 or [thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com).

**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. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email [teamrecine@gmail.com](mailto:teamrecine@gmail.com).

**Have you ever read the entire Bible?** Is that something on your "To Do List"? Ascension's **Bible in a Year** Podcast, hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz and featuring Jeff Cavins, guides Catholics through the Bible in 365 daily episodes. Each 20-25 minute episode includes: two to three scripture readings, a reflection from Fr. Mike Schmitz and guided prayer to help you hear God's voice in his Word.

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**The Reel Justice Film Festival** is back! We are excited to offer another year of engaging films, which spotlight issues of social, political, and economic injustice. Join us January 27, at 7 PM for "There's Something in the Water". The film documents environmental racism in Nova Scotia, revealing a portrait of ecological and social disaster, where rural areas are plagued by toxic fallout from industrial development and your postal code determines your health. The Reel Justice Film Festival is a partnership between Development & Peace and the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives. Visit us online at [reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com](http://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com) to view our 2022 schedule or to secure your spot at any of our virtual screenings!



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**Saint Anthony the Abbot** (also known as St. Anthony the Great, or St. Anthony of Egypt) (250/251 - 356/357) is the patron Saint of the pets, livestock, of the farmer and related work (such as butchers, bakers, grocers, basket makers, shearers, etc.), fire, skin diseases and of the gravediggers. Also considered the first of the abbots and founder and pioneer of the Christian monastic asceticism, so that St. Benedict will be guided by him in the sixth century for the

creation of the Western monasticism. And, therefore, considered to be the protector of the hermits and monks.

Two Greek philosophers ventured out into the Egyptian desert to the mountain where Anthony lived. When they got there, Anthony asked them why they had come to talk to such a foolish man? He had reason to say that -- they saw before them a man who wore a skin, who refused to bathe, who lived on bread and water. They were Greek, the world's most admired civilization, and Anthony was Egyptian, a member of a conquered nation. They were philosophers, educated in languages and rhetoric. Anthony had not even attended school as a boy and he needed an interpreter to speak to them. In their eyes, he would have seemed very foolish.

But the Greek philosophers had heard the stories of Anthony. They had heard how disciples came from all over to learn from him, how his intercession had brought about miraculous healings, how his words comforted the suffering. They assured him that they had come to him because he was a wise man.

Anthony guessed what they wanted. They lived by words and arguments. They wanted to hear his words and his arguments on the truth of Christianity and the value of asceticism. But he refused to play their game. He told them "If you think me wise, become what I am, for we ought to imitate the good. Had I gone to you, I should have imitated you, but, since you have come to me, become what I am, for I am a Christian."

Anthony went on to tell the Greek philosophers that their arguments would never be as strong as faith. He pointed out that all rhetoric, all arguments, no matter how complex, how well-founded, were created by human beings. But faith was created by God. If they wanted to follow the greatest ideal, they should follow their faith.

Anthony knew how difficult this was. Throughout his life he argued and literally wrestled with the devil. His first temptations to leave his ascetic life were arguments we would find hard to resist -- anxiety about his sister, longings for his relatives, thoughts of how he could have used his property for good purposes, desire for power and money. When Anthony was able to resist him, the devil then tried flattery, telling Anthony how powerful Anthony was to beat him. Anthony relied on Jesus' name to rid himself of the devil.

Anthony always told those who came to visit him that the key to the ascetic life was perseverance, not to think proudly, "We've lived an ascetic life for a long time" but treat each day as if it were the beginning. To many, perseverance is simply not giving up, hanging in there. But to Anthony perseverance meant waking up each day with the same zeal as the first day. It wasn't enough that he had given up all his property one day. What was he going to do the next day?

Anthony died when he was one hundred and five years old. A life of solitude, fasting, and manual labour in the service of God had left him a healthy, vigorous man until very late in life. And he never stopped challenging himself to go one step beyond in his faith.

Saint Athanasius, who knew Anthony and wrote his biography, said, "Anthony was not known for his writings nor for his worldly wisdom, nor for any art, but simply for his reverence toward God." We

may wonder nowadays at what we can learn from someone who lived in the desert, wore skins, ate bread, and slept on the ground. We may wonder how we can become him. We can become Anthony by living his life of radical faith and complete commitment to God.

In His Footsteps: Fast for one day, if possible, as Anthony did, eating only bread and only after the sun sets. Pray as you do that God will show you how dependent you are on God for your strength.

*(From Catholic Online)*

**St. Agnes of Rome** was born in 291 AD and raised in a Christian family. Agnes was very beautiful and belonged to a wealthy family. Her hand in marriage was highly sought after, and she had many high ranking men chasing after her. However, Agnes made a promise to God



never to stain her purity. Her love for the Lord was great and she hated sin even more than death! Whenever a man wished to marry Agnes, she would always say, "Jesus Christ is my only Spouse."

According to legend, the young men she turned away became so angry and insulted by her devotion to God and purity that they began to submit her name to authorities as a Christian follower.

In one incident, Procop, the Governor's son, became very angry when she refused him. He tried to win her for his wife with rich gifts and promises, but the beautiful young girl kept saying, "I am already promised to the Lord of the Universe. He is more splendid than the sun and the stars, and He has said He will never leave me!"

In great anger, Procop accused her of being a Christian and brought her to his father, the Governor. The Governor promised Agnes wonderful gifts if she would only deny God, but Agnes refused. He tried to change her mind by putting her in chains, but her lovely face shone with joy. Next he sent her to a place of sin, but an Angel protected her. At last, she was condemned to death. Even the pagans cried to see such a young and beautiful girl going to death. Yet, Agnes was as happy as a bride on her wedding day. She did not pay attention to those who begged her to save herself. "I would offend my Spouse," she said, "if I were to try to please you. He chose me first and He shall have me!" Then she prayed and bowed her head for the death-stroke of the sword.

She died a virgin-martyr at the age of 12 on 21 January 304. Agnes was buried beside the Via Nomentana in Rome. Her bones are now beneath the high altar in the church of Sant'Agnese fuori le mura in Rome, which was built over the catacomb that held her tomb.

St. Agnes is widely known as the patron saint of young girls, of chastity and rape survivors. She is often represented with a lamb, the symbol of her virgin innocence, and a palm branch, like other martyrs. She is shown as a young girl in robes holding a palm branch with the lamb either at her feet or in her arms.

On her feast day (Jan. 21), it is customary for two lambs to be brought in to be blessed by the pope. On Holy Thursday the lambs' wool is removed and woven into the pallium the pope gives to a newly consecrated archbishop as a sign of his power and union with the pope.

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