

# St. Louis Catholic Church

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**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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### **Pastoral Team:**

#### **Pastor**

Father Phil Reilly, C.R.  
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#### **Coordinator of Youth and Children's Ministries**

Kelly Krause  
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#### **Parish Secretary**

Anna Malton  
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#### **Custodian**

Doug Lichty

**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**

Terry Collins, 519-741-1534

#### **Maintenance Committee**

Bob Lorentz, 519-576-5556

#### **OOTC Community Suppers**

Keith & Sharon Schnarr 519-801-8687

#### **Parish Webmaster**

Daniel Delattre, daniel@uwaterloo.ca

#### **Altar Servers Coordinator**

Dave Pagett, 519-744-7705

#### **Catechesis Of The Good Shepherd, Youth Ministry**

Kelly Krause, 519-743-4101

#### **Catholic Women's League**

Donna Herbstreit, 519-884-9380

#### **Ministry to the Elderly & Homebound**

Cecilia Beechey, 519-572-5435

#### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Sandra Williams, 519-742-9239

#### **Prayer Chain**

Sharon Carey, 519-746-8073

#### **St. Vincent De Paul**

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## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS INTENTIONS Celebrated privately by Fr. Phil

**Monday, January 18 – No Mass**

**Tuesday, January 19**

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

**Wednesday, January 20**

9:00 AM † Bill Lavigne – Peter & Marie Suffak & Family

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

9:00 AM † Richard Yaeger – Cecilia Beechey

**Friday, January 22**

9:00 AM † Rose Bergesen – Cecilia Beechey

**Saturday, January 23**

**Vigil of Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM † Robert Halpin Sr., Robbie Halpin, Liam Halpin –  
Pat & Joan Forde

† Colonel & Jean Moser – Kim Moser

† Gerald & Audrey Moser – Reid Family

In Thanksgiving for Graces Received – Malton Family

**Sunday, January 24 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM † Bill Lavigne – Stirling Investment Club

† Loretta Schnarr – John & Sharon Carey

† Carol Dubeau – Cecilia Beechey

† Barbara & Zygmunt Adamski – Malton Family

11:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

**Reflections on the First reading:** 1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19:

The calling of Prophets in the Old Testament always involves some sort of grand drama. Genesis 12 depicts Abraham, at the age of seventy five, leaving the land of Harran with his elderly wife and every cherished possession in response to God's invitation to make of him a great nation. Moses hears the voice of God coming from a burning bush when he is given the call to liberate the Israelites from their Egyptian slavery (Exodus 3). The Old Testament suggests that God chooses unlikely characters who hesitate to obey his command.

While the calling of Samuel is surely dramatic the call comes to a youth born of Hannah long after her childbearing years had come to an end – Samuel's response to God is anything but hesitant. Since childhood, Samuel had been under the tutelage of the Temple priests and had spent many a night watching over the Ark of the Covenant. In many respects, the young boy is well positioned to hear the voice of God. Simply trying to discern the voice, Samuel consistently answers: "Here I am, for you called me."

It takes three tries for God to break through to Samuel and help him realise that it is not the high priest Eli calling him. In fact, it is Eli who alerts Samuel to the nature of the call, instructing Samuel to modify his response ever so slightly: "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." Two important facets of discerning God's call are evident in Samuel's story. First, Eli helps him discern. Discernment is best done when the project involves a variety of perspectives and not simply one's own thinking. Second, Samuel announces to the Lord that he is listening. A selfless Prophet is one who truly listens to the voice of God at all times. Because of his humility and desire to serve the Lord, the Lord blessed Samuel "and let none of his words fall to the ground."

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

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



**First Communion Preparation classes** - If you have a child in Gr. 2 and would like them to receive their Sacrament of First Communion here at St. Louis parish please register for our classes. They will begin Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-7pm. It will have to be determined whether we will be able to meet face to face or if the classes will be online. The First Communion will take place on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to register for this class please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office.

**Sunday School & Liturgy of the Word** (ages 3-10)

– is a little different this Winter! Join Teacher Kelly every Sunday morning at 10:30 AM for on-line Sunday school session. We explore our church calendar, sing songs and read the Gospel together where we take away a few important points from the reading. I have a link for a children's bulletin that is full of fun information and ongoing activities. Would like to get involved? Email Kelly ([kkrause@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:kkrause@hamiltondiocese.com)) to get the link to our virtual Sunday school. Join us to learn more about your faith!



**St. Louis Youth Group** (Gr. 6 – 12) will resume the on-line twice a month meetings on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Contact Kelly for more information.



A good vocation prayer to say every day from the time we are young until we are in our golden years is found in today's first Scripture reading: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening". Just try it with sincerity, starting today and, if you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com), 905-528-7988, or Fr. Toby Collins, CR, Vocation Director, at [crvocations@gmail.com](mailto:crvocations@gmail.com), or Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.



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**The bulletins are posted on-line only.**





**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.

Other accounts of Agnes' life hold the Prefect Sempronius responsible for her martyrdom. It is said he condemned the young girl to be dragged through the streets naked. Some versions of the legend state that Agnes' hair grew instantly to cover her entire body and all the men who attempted to rape the beautiful virgin were immediately struck blind.

The stories go on to explain that another man presided over Agnes' trial after Sempronius excused himself. The new man sentenced Agnes to death. At first, Agnes was tied to a stake, but either the wood would not burn or the flames parted away from her. This prompted an officer to draw his sword and behead the girl. It is believed that her blood, which poured out to the stadium, was soaked up with cloths by Christians.

She died a virgin-martyr at the age of 12 or 13 on 21 January 304. Agnes was buried beside the Via Nomentana in Rome. Her bones are currently conserved beneath the high altar in the church of Sant'Angese fuori le mura in Rome, which was built over the catacomb that held her tomb. Her skull is preserved in the church of Sant'Agnese in Agone in Rome's Piazza Navona.

In 1858, Father Caspar Rehr, an Austrian missionary founded the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes.

St. Agnes is widely known as the patron saint of young girls. She is also the patron saint of chastity, rape survivors and the Children of Mary. 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.

Her feast day is celebrated on January 21. On her feast day, 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. (From Catholic Online)



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**2021 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Canada**

Every year, Christians around the world are invited to celebrate a Week of Prayer for the unity of all Christians, to reflect on scripture together, to participate in jointly-organized ecumenical services, and to share fellowship.

The resources for 2021 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the Monastic Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland, a group of religious sisters from different church traditions brought together by a common vocation of prayer, community life and hospitality and by their commitment to Christian unity.

The 2021 theme – *Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit* (John 15:5-9) – calls us to pray and to work for reconciliation and unity in the church, with our human family, and with all of creation. Drawing on the Gospel image of vine and branches, it invites us to nourish unity with God and with one another through contemplative silence, prayer, and common action. Grafted into Christ the vine as many diverse branches, may we bear rich fruit and create new ways of living, with respect for and communion with all of creation.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was first proposed in 1908 as an observance within the Roman Catholic Church by Fr Paul Wattson, founder of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement in Graymoor, New York. Since the founding of the World Council of Churches in 1948, many other Christian denominations around the world have come to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

*Last weeks' donations – Thank you!*

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