St. Louis Catholic Church

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Served by the Congregation of the Resurrection since 1890.



Office hours:

July - August:

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Closed on Fridays.

September - June:

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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 to St. Louis Parish - 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 (robertreinhart 182@msn.com),

11:30 Choir – John Miller (john@johnbmiller.ca), 5:00 Mass – 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 attending members, please contact the parish office at least one year in advance of your date. A marriage preparation course is required.

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 Annointing 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. Privacy-of-Information laws prohibit the parish from obtaining information about parishioners in the hospital.

Priesthood and Religious Life - Is God calling you to religious life, as a Brother, Deacon or Priest? If so, please contact Fr. Toby Collins, C.R., Vocation Director for the Congregation of the Resurrection, at 226-989-1057, crvocations@gmail.com or check www.resurrectionist.ca

Parish Organizations and Contacts:

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 22 - No Mass Tuesday, January 23

9:00 am In Thanksgiving for graces received – Malton Family

Wednesday, January 24 – St. Francis de Sales, Bishop. Doctor

9:00 am † Antonio D'Ippolito – Nadia Del Rosso

Thursday, January 25 - The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle

9:00 am Beatification of Bogdan Janski, Founder of the

Congregation of the Resurrection

Friday, January 26 - St. Timothy and St. Titus,

Bishops

Saturday, January 27

Vigil of Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm † Robert, Robbie & Liam Halpin – Patrick & Joan

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Intentions of Katie Ruetz – Joan Sichewski

Sunday, January 28 – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am For People of St. Louis Parish

11:30 am † Rose DeZan – Rosemary & Shaun MacNeil

† Patricia Scanlon – Rosemary & Shaun MacNeil

† Anthony Jordan Sr. – Butler Family Intentions of Marie Butler – Butler Family

Reflection on the First Reading: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

"The word of the Lord came to Jonah" is a typical introduction to a divinely inspired message to a Prophet of Israel. The rest of the story of Jonah is anything but typical, making the book and the Prophet unique in the prophetic tradition. More narrative than other prophetic books, the book of Jonah describes the most reluctant of Prophets; further, God calls him not to preach to his own people, but to those of the great city of Nineveh, known in the ancient world for its brutality.

Our reading omits an important phrase in the introduction: God's word came to Jonah "a second time." The first time, Jonah attempted to flee the divine commission, resulting in the well-known story of Jonah and the great fish. When the second call comes, Jonah "went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord." The rapidity of his response seems like an attempt to get the unpleasant task quickly completed. Reluctant though he is, Jonah does seem content to announce Nineveh's impending doom. Surprisingly, all the people of Nineveh repent and believe in God. The verses omitted in today's reading describe the extent of their conversion, which includes a royal decree commanding that all must turn from their evil and violence. Their turn from evil moves God to refrain from punishing Nineveh. This reveals that God's mercy extends beyond Israel to one of their greatest enemies. Jonah is not so forgiving! He is displeased and angry (4:1).

The strangeness of Jonah's story has led to a wide diversity of interpretations. Some scholars see the whole book as a parable, rather than a historical narrative. Jonah's humorous attempt to escape God's call is characteristic of a work of fiction intended to teach moral and spiritual lessons. Whatever its genre, the book has important theological messages: the power of God's Word; the universal call to repentance; and the vastness of God's compassion!

THIS WEEK EVENTS

noon	Lunch and Learn: <i>Mass of the Early</i>	Nursery	
	Christians by Mike Aquilina p. 1		
4:00 pm	Good Shepherd Catechesis Levels 1-3	Nursery	
7:30 pm	Faith Enrichment: Bishop Barron's	Large Hall	
_	DVD program David the King 3/6		

Tuesday, January 23

6:30 pm	CWL Executive meeting	Large Hall
Wednes	day, January 24	
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9 am - 1 pmPickle Ball demonstrationGym6:00 pmFirst Communion PreparationNursery7:00 pm11:30 Choir RehearsalChurch

Thursday, January 25

9:30 am Small Christian Community Large Hall 1:00 pm Bible Study: *True Reformers 3/6* Large Hall 7:30 pm 9:30 Choir Rehearsal Church

Friday, January 26

3 – 9 pm Weekend of Quilting, Sewing and any other Projects
6:00 pm Youth Music Large Hall & Nursery
Church

6:00 pm Youth Music Saturday, January 27

9 am - Weekend of Quilting, Sewing and Large Hall & 3 pm any other Projects Nursery

Sunday, January 28

10:30 am Sunday Social Large Hall
5:00 pm OOTC Community Supper Gym

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Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers			
Sat. Jan 27	1 Jennifer McDonald	1 Grant Ertel			
5:00 pm	2 Maureen O`Grady	2 Christiane Martin			
	3 Debbie Delattre	C Trudy Allensen			
Sun. Jan 28	1 Lauren Krause	1 Mary Smith			
9:30 am	2 Linda Wanka	2 Eric Davis			
	3 Annette Hulme	C Betty Gross			
Sun. Jan 28	1 Rachael Ward	1 Patti Walsh			
11:30 am	2 Darlene Wilson	2 Christine Dopko			
	3 Carolyn Beaton	C Terry Sullivan			



St. Francis de Sales - Patron of Catholic writers, the Catholic press, the deaf, journalists, adult education - August 21, 1567 - December 28, 1622. He came from a noble family at Chateau de Sales in the Kingdom of Savoy

near Geneva, Switzerland. First educated as a lawyer, he became a Bishop and Doctor of the Church. During the time of the Protestant reformation, Francis lived close to Calvinist territory. He decided he should lead an expedition to bring the 60,000 Calvinists back to the Catholic Church.

For three years, he trudged through the countryside. No one would listen to him, no one would even open their door. So, Francis found a way to get under the door. He wrote out little pamphlets to explain true Catholic doctrine and slipped them under the doors. This is one of the first records we have of religious tracts being used to communicate the true Catholic faith to people who had fallen away from the Church. By the time Francis returned home, it is believed he brought 40,000 people to the Catholic Church. To LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS HOLY MAN CHECK WWW.CATHOLIC.ORG WEBSITE, OR COME TO THE TRUE REFORMERS SESSION ON FEBRUARY 15TH AT 1 PM.



Attention Dear Sisters in the League: Have you forgotten to submit your membership renewal fees? OR Are you a lady 16 years of age and older who

would like to join our League?

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!! Please submit your cheque for \$25 - made payable to "St. Louis C.W.L." or cash in an envelope marked "C.W.L. Membership" which includes your name, address, phone number and email address (if applicable) and place in the collection basket. We look forward to you joining us.



Come and try to play PICKLE BALL on Wed. Jan 24th from 9 am to 1 pm at St. Louis Gym. Bring your running shoes. For more info. contact John Carey at 519-746-8073.







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THIS JANUARY... REPORTS FROM THE STUDY GROUPS

Mondays at 7:30 pm – David, the King by Bishop Barron

In the second session Bishop Barron explained the story of the call of little boy Samuel and the sins of high priest Eli and his two sons. The story of the call of Samuel is illuminating for our time of corruption and cleansing. Bishop Barron argued that the sex abuse scandal in the church should be read through the lens of this parrative.

Thursdays at 1 pm – *True Reformers* by Christopher Blum

The second session introduced Ignatius of Loyola who wished to be a great soldier. While recovering from his leg wounds he read *The Life of Christ*, which later led him to his vocation and establishing the Society of Jesus – educational order of priests.

Monday Jan 15th at noon – We saw *The Star of Bethlehem* DVD documentary chronicling Rick Larson's use of contemporary astronomical software in conjunction with historical sources (both Christian and non-) to locate the position of various heavenly bodies during major biblical events. We saw how the sky looked like during Annunciation, visit of the Magi and Crucifixion. *This program is available on YouTube website*.

COMING UP:

On January 22nd at noon we will start reading and discussing a new book: "The Mass of the Early Christians" by Mike Aquilina.

Vocation News: The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood, religious life or deaconate? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988x 2246 vocations@hamiltondiocese.com or www.HamiltonVocations.com

DINNER, DANCE & GAMES PARTY

Saturday, February 3

St. Louis Gym &Large Hall 6 pm Potluck Dinner (*bring your* plates and cutlery)



7– 10 pm Live music for Ceili Dancing by RELATIVE HARMONY

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Keys To Loving Relationships – 9 week video-based program meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! Tuesdays from 7 – 9 pm starting Jan. 23rd, at St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Ave., Kit. The cost is \$45. For more info., call the Family Ministry at 1-905-528-7988X 2249.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass: Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2018? If you are, you are invited to join couples from across the Diocese for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 10, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. Refer to the poster at the back of the church or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com

Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Most couples don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. Retrouvaille can help. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend March 16, contact 905-664-5212 or: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

Taize prayer services: Sunday Jan. 21 at 4pm at Brubacher House, UW; Jan. 28, 7:30 pm at Calvin Presbyterian Church (248 Westmount Rd. E, Kitchener).

PAST DONATIONS

Date	Sunday	Initial	New	Mainte-	Loose
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Jan 14	4604.50	105.00	45.00	15.00	372.75

Preauthorized donations for Dec. prorated per week: \$ 2051.92

Thank you for your generosity & continuous support!

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