

# St. Louis Catholic Church

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**Office hours:** Monday – Thursday 9 - 12 and 1- 4 p.m.

**Summer hours** (Canada Day to Labour Day): Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



St Louis Catholic Church



### 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:

#### Pastor

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#### Parish Secretary

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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](mailto:robertreinhart182@msn.com))

11:30 Choir - Donna McLellan ([donna-ipad@hotmail.com](mailto:donna-ipad@hotmail.com))

**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 [resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com](mailto:resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com) or [www.resurrectionists.ca](http://www.resurrectionists.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](http://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

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

Kelly Krause, 519-743-4101

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#### Ministry to the Elderly & Homebound

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Sharon Carey, 519-746-8073

#### St. Vincent De Paul

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# THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

<b>Monday, January 22 – No Mass</b>			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
5:30 – 6:45 PM	Good Shepherd Catech.		Nursery
6:30 – 7:30 PM	Choir (11:30 AM) Practice		Church
7:30 – 9 PM	Bible Timeline Study 2/12		L. Hall
<b>Tuesday, January 23</b>			
9:00 AM	† Suzanne Dufresne – Louise Dufresne		
9:30 AM	Book Group		L. Hall
7:00 PM	Painting with Kelly		L. Hall
<b>Wed., Jan. 24 – St. Francis De Sales, Bishop, Doctor-No Mass</b>			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
<b>Thursday, January 25 – The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle, No Mass</b>			
1:00 PM	Bible Study Gospel of John (2/9)		L. Hall
<b>Fri., Jan. 26 – Sts. Timothy &amp; Titus, Bishops - No Mass</b>			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
2 PM	Decorating Gym for the Ceili		Gym
<b>Saturday, January 27</b>			
<b>Vigil of The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>			
1 PM	Set up Gym for the Potluck & Ceili		Gym
5:00 PM	† Robert Halpin Sr. – Pat & Joan Forde		
	† Robert Halpin & Liam Halpin – Pat & Joan Forde		
	† Moe Webster – Family		
6 PM	Potluck		Gym & L. Hall
7 PM	Ceili		Gym
<b>Sunday, Jan. 28 – The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>			
9:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish		
10:30 AM	Sunday Social		L. Hall
10:40 AM	First Communion Class		Nursery
11:30 AM	† Rosemary Peterson – Peterson Family		
12:30 PM	Bible Timeline Study 3/12		L. Hall
5:00 PM	OOTC Community Supper		Gym



**First Communion** - Classes will begin Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:40 AM - 11:50 AM in the Nursery. If you have a child in gr. 2 and would like to have the Sacrament celebrated here at St. Louis parish please register with Kelly Krause either through email or at the parish office.

## JUST STARTED...still time to join

**FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD – THE MYSTERY OF JESUS' PASSION** – Study of Passion Narratives from St. John's Gospel with Bible scholar Frances Hogan. This 8 part study focuses on the second half of the Gospel of John, known as the Book of Glory, detailing how Christ prepared His disciples for the upcoming task of spreading His Gospel message. Thursdays at 1 PM, started on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>. All welcome to attend any, or all sessions.

## THE GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY – SALVATION STORY MADE CLEAR

The Bible Timeline® Study Program is a guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows how 14 of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end and gives the keys to understand the amazing story woven through Scripture. Unique colour-coded chart, helps to learn about the people, places, and events of the Bible and reveals the remarkable story of our Faith. (The presentations have been updated since last studied in 2015.) Offered either on Monday nights at 7:30 PM from Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, OR on Sundays at 12:30 PM (till 1:40 PM with substantial snacks provided.) from Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>. (No sessions on long weekends etc.) 12 sessions during Winter/Spring 2024 & 12 sessions during the Fall of 2024. Contact parish office to sign up, or come to a session. Materials provided, or workbook can be purchased.

**Book Group** (meetings on Tuesday mornings after the daily Mass at 9:30 – 10:30 AM) continue with "My Sisters the Saints" spiritual memoir by Colleen Carroll Campbell.

### Reflection on the Gospel Mark 1:14-20

The Gospel reading presents examples of those whose relationship to earthly things is second to their relationship with God. The first person in this passage who has completely given his life over to God is John the Baptist, so much so that he has been arrested because he spoke the truth of God to others. Next, we hear Jesus' preaching that includes a call to conversion. Jesus' words calling for repentance remind us of Jonah's proclamation to Nineveh, but Jesus goes further and speaks of the kingdom of God and the need to believe in the Gospel, the good news of God's salvation for all. Jesus' message demands a change in one's attitude and life.

Simon, Andrew, James and John also turn to God. Jesus calls them and, without asking for explanations or looking for excuses, all four men immediately obey Jesus and follow Him. Their actions foreshadow Jesus' words later about the path of discipleship, in which one has to leave all behind for the sake of the Gospel. It is crucial to realize that this does not mean that disciples must completely break from their families. In fact, a few verses after today's readings, we read about Jesus going to Simon and Andrew's house and healing Simon's mother-in-law. Rather, we ought to have proper disposition toward our earthly relationships so that we are not distracted from our primary relationships with God. *(From Workbook for Lectors)*

**ALPHA 2024:** On Thursday evenings, February 22 to May 2 at St. Mark's Parish Hall (55 Driftwood Drive). Alpha is an 11-week program that brings adults together for conversations about life, faith and Jesus. To learn more, contact Denise Case at [stmarkalpha@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkalpha@gmail.com).

**Young Adults Night** - Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30-7:30 PM), social with food (7:30-8 PM), praise night and vocations testimony (8-9 PM), and Compline (9 PM) on **Saturday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>** at St. Michael Catholic Church (80 University Ave. W., Waterloo). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more info., contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

**Resurrectionist Vocation Minute** - The people of Nineveh believed and repented, the fishermen left their nets, and St. Paul invites the Christians in Corinth to see their entire life from a new perspective. Truly being open and receptive to the Word of God has the power to change us forever. Do you want to be changed? When was the last time you were really open to God's Word? Read more at [www.resurrectionists.ca](http://www.resurrectionists.ca)

**Thomas Toast – January 26<sup>th</sup> – St. Jerome's University** - The Communion Circle of the Diocese of Hamilton invites you to our annual Thomas Toast event on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at St. Jerome's University, 290 Westmount Road North, Waterloo, in the Notre Dame Chapel in SJ1 (at the south-east corner of the SJU campus, on the path leading to the main campus and the other church colleges). We will pray Vespers, socialize, and toast St. Thomas Aquinas. Wine and canapes provided. Freewill donations gratefully received. If arriving by vehicle, park for free in Lot B. For more information visit: [communionhamiltondiocese.org](http://communionhamiltondiocese.org), or contact Father Mark Morley: [mmorley@communionhamiltondiocese.org](mailto:mmorley@communionhamiltondiocese.org), or Deacon Charles Fernandes: 519-923-0454.



**Finally this coming Saturday.....**

**ST. LOUIS Potluck - Ceili - Games Night**



**Saturday – January 27**

(No tickets - Free will offering)

6 PM – Potluck dinner in

Gym & Large Hall

(This is non-licensed event)

(Bring your cup, plate, cutlery, water bottle & indoor dancing shoes)

7 - 10 PM – Ceili Dances - from Irish, Scottish & English Traditions

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and Maureen Keating (piano)

Guest performance by German Dancers around 8:30 PM

7-10 PM – Board games & card games in the Large Hall

Book your calendar and invite friends!

For more information, or if you are able to help with set up or clean up, please contact the parish office.

**The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is designated as Bible Sunday**

(Jan. 21). The Bible “stands as the support and energy of the Church, the strength of faith for her children, the food of the soul, the pure and everlasting source of spiritual life” (Dei Verbum 21 –The Second Vatican Council’s Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation). No other aspect of the Catholic faith exemplifies this more than the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We continue to look at Biblical quotations which correspond to the text of the Mass.

**Liturgical Greeting at the beginning of the Mass (three options):**

1) "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all."  
(From [2 Cor 13:13](#) – “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.”)

2) "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."  
(From [Phil 1:2](#) and [Eph 1:2](#) - “grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”)

3) "The Lord be with you."  
(From [2 Tim 4:22](#) – “The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with all of you.” Compare this also with two verses from Gospel of Matthew: [Matt 1:23](#) - “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means “God is with us.” and [Matt 28:20](#) - And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.)

**People's Response:**

"And with your spirit."

(Compare this to [Gal 6:18](#) – “The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.” and

[2 Tim 4:22](#) – “The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with all of you.”)

(From catholic-resources.org/Bible/Biblical-Mass-Texts)

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**Christain Life Program** - K-W Couples for Christ and their Family Ministries invite couples and singles to participate in their 9-week Christian Life Program at St. John's/Our Lady of Guadalupe Church Hall, 85 Strange St. Kit.on Thursday evenings from Feb. 1 to Apr. 4. Dinner is provided at 6 PM and program runs from 7 to 8:30 PM. It is opened to all Christian married couples, singles, widows, widowers and those separated and divorced. Come and be enriched by such talks as GOD'S LOVE, WHO IS JESUS CHRIST? LIFE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT. No cost and child care provided. To register or for info. call Len/Marie Solomon 519-744-5198 or Denis/Cara Beaulieu 519-578-4643.

**Saint Francis de Sales** (August 21, 1567 – December 28, 1622)

Francis was destined by his father to be a lawyer so that the young man could eventually take his elder's place as a senator from the province of Savoy in France. For this reason Francis was sent to Padua to study law. After receiving his doctorate, he returned home and, in due time, told his parents he wished to enter the priesthood. His father strongly opposed Francis in this, and only after much patient persuasiveness on the part of the gentle Francis did his father finally consent. Francis was ordained and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, then a center for the Calvinists. Francis set out to convert them, especially in the district of Chablais. By preaching and distributing the little pamphlets he wrote to explain true Catholic doctrine, he had remarkable success.

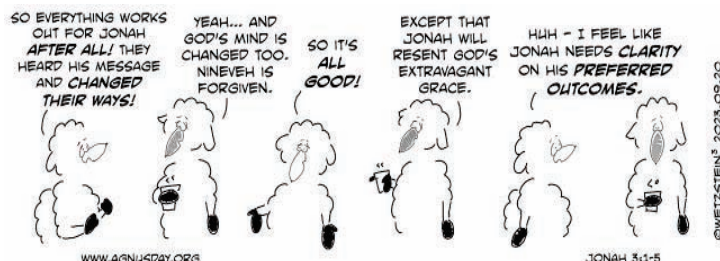
At 35, he became bishop of Geneva. While administering his diocese he continued to preach, hear confessions, and catechize the children. His gentle character was a great asset in winning souls. He practiced his own axiom, “A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar.”

Besides his two well-known books, *The Introduction to the Devout Life* and *A Treatise on the Love of God*, he wrote many pamphlets and carried on a vast correspondence. His writings, filled with his characteristic gentle spirit, are addressed to lay people. He wants to make them understand that they too are called to be saints. As he wrote in *The Introduction to the Devout Life*: “It is an error, or rather a heresy, to say devotion is incompatible with the life of a soldier, a tradesman, a prince, or a married woman.... It has happened that many have lost perfection in the desert who had preserved it in the world.”

In spite of his busy life, he had time collaborate with another saint, Jane Frances de Chantal, in the work of establishing the Sisters of the Visitation. These women were to practice the virtues exemplified in Mary's visit to Elizabeth: humility, piety, and mutual charity. They engaged in works of mercy for the poor and the sick. Today, while some communities conduct schools, others live a strictly contemplative life.

**Reflection** - Francis de Sales took seriously the words of Christ, “Learn of me for I am meek and humble of heart.” As he said himself, it took him 20 years to conquer his quick temper, but no one ever suspected he had such a problem, so overflowing with good nature and kindness was his usual manner of acting. His perennial meekness and sunny disposition won for him the title of “Gentleman Saint.”

Saint Francis de Sales is the Patron Saint of: Authors, Catholic Press, Deafness, Journalists and Writers. (From franciscanmedia.org)



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