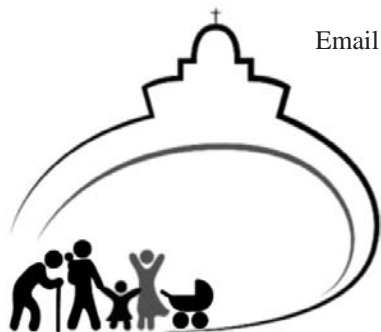


# St. Louis Catholic Church

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



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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.**



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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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASS INTENTION

**Monday, January 24 – St. Francis de Sales, Bishop,  
Doctor - No Mass**  
**Tuesday, January 25 – The Conversion of St. Paul the  
Apostle**

9:00 AM To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church  
**Wednesday, January 26 – St. Timothy and St. Titus,  
Bishops**

9:00 AM † Manfred Kruse – Cecilia Beechey  
**Thursday, January 27**

9:00 AM † Hugh McMahon– Cecilia Beechey  
**Friday, January 28- St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor**

9:00 AM Intentions of Theresa Burgund – Cecilia Beechey  
**Saturday, January 29**

**Vigil of The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
5:00 PM † Robert Halpin Sr., Robbie Halpin & Liam Halpin – Joan  
& Pat Forde

† Geraldine Morris – Noronha Family  
† Anne Smith – Lorie Saxby & Family

**Sunday, Jan. 30 – The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM † Alefina Zelikman – Kotov Family  
† George Krause – Malton Family  
† Paul Moser – The Family  
† Marguerite Stone – Frank & Annette Hulme  
11:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

### Reflection on the First Reading from Nehemiah (8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10)

Nehemiah was living in exile under the Persian king Artaxerxes in the fifth century BC and serving as a cupbearer in the king's court. This is around the time when another Persian king, Cyrus the Great, was rising to power, eventually conquering the Babylonian empire in 539 BC. With permission from King Cyrus, some of the Judeans who had been displaced in the Babylonian exile were returning to Jerusalem, but the place was in ruins. When Nehemiah learned of their sad plight, he asked to go to Jerusalem and rebuild its city walls. He ended up by staying there for twelve years to serve as governor of Judea.

The second character mentioned in today's reading, Ezra, was a Jewish priest and scribe living in Babylon during the time of King Artaxerxes, when he was directed to lead a group of exiles back to Jerusalem and to teach God's Law to those who did not know it. Ezra's story has some similarities with the story of Moses and the giving of the Law during the Exodus. According to some traditions, Ezra was a descendant of the last high priest of the first Temple in Jerusalem and a relative of the first high priest of the second Temple. The first Temple was destroyed in 586 BC by the Babylonians. The second Temple was in place by about 516 BC.

This is where our story begins. The Jews who returned to Jerusalem after the exile are gathered in an assembly to hear Ezra read and explain the book of the Law (likely the Pentateuch). We know that this was a formal occasion because they built a special platform on which Ezra could stand. He presented the scroll for all to see and he led the group in a prayer of blessing. Ezra read the book of the Law to the people from dawn to midday. It should have been a glorious event, but the people were weeping! Maybe they were not previously aware of the high standards to which they were expected to live, and the new reality was too much to bear. But Nehemiah and the others who have been helping instruct the people say, "This day is holy to the Lord your God, do not mourn or weep." Perhaps you have had a similar experience of wrestling with something that causes you great pain, while knowing that somehow or in some way it is also a cause for rejoicing. (From the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word.)



**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.

**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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You are the body of Christ; every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon 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 [rvocations@gmail.com](mailto:rvocations@gmail.com), or Carmel of St. Joseph, St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.



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

**Painting with Kelly.** Have you ever wanted to learn how to paint? Now is your opportunity. Please join Kelly to learn how to paint. Classes will begin Tuesday, February 1st in the large hall. There will be a daytime class from 10am-12noon and an evening class from 7pm-9pm. Classes will run for 4 weeks. We will be learning step by step how to paint Blue jays. No previous experience or talent is required. All materials will be provided except for the paint brushes. Details will be given to you upon registration. These classes are open for youth and adults. Consider coming together and make it a family fun outing. Call Kelly at the parish office to register. Cost for supplies is \$30 per person.

**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 Jan. 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 D & P 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 Francis de Sales' Story** (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. For his writings, he has been named patron of the Catholic Press. 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 and comparatively short life, he had time to 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 at first engaged to a limited degree in works of mercy for the poor and the sick. Today, while some communities conduct schools, others live a strictly contemplative life. (From [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org))

**Saints Timothy and Titus** (d. c. 95 AD) - What we know from the New Testament of Timothy's life makes it sound like that of a modern harried bishop. He had the honor of being a fellow apostle with Paul, both sharing the privilege of preaching the gospel and suffering for it.



Timothy had a Greek father and a Jewish mother named Eunice. Being the product of a "mixed" marriage, he was considered illegitimate by the Jews. It was his grandmother, Lois, who first became Christian. Timothy was a convert of Paul around the year 47 and later joined him in his apostolic work. He was with Paul at the founding of the Church in Corinth. During the 15 years he worked with Paul, he became one of his most faithful and trusted friends. He was sent on difficult missions by Paul—often in the face of great disturbance in local churches which Paul had founded.

Timothy was with Paul in Rome during the latter's house arrest. At some period Timothy himself was in prison (Hebrews 13:23). Paul installed him as his representative at the Church of Ephesus.

Timothy was comparatively young for the work he was doing. Several references seem to indicate that he was timid. And one of Paul's most frequently quoted lines was addressed to him: "Stop

drinking only water, but have a little wine for the sake of your stomach and your frequent illnesses".

Titus has the distinction of being a close friend and disciple of Paul as well as a fellow missionary. He was Greek, apparently from Antioch. Even though Titus was a Gentile, Paul would not let him be forced to undergo circumcision at Jerusalem. Titus is seen as a peacemaker, administrator, great friend. Paul's second letter to Corinth affords an insight into the depth of his friendship with Titus, and the great fellowship they had in preaching the gospel.

When Paul was having trouble with the community at Corinth, Titus was the bearer of Paul's severe letter and was successful in smoothing things out. Paul writes he was strengthened not only by the arrival of Titus but also "by the encouragement with which he was encouraged in regard to you, as he told us of your yearning, your lament, your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced even more.... And his heart goes out to you all the more, as he remembers the obedience of all of you, when you received him with fear and trembling" (2 Corinthians 7:7a, 15).

The "Letter to Titus" addresses him as the administrator of the Christian community on the island of Crete, charged with organizing it, correcting abuses, and appointing presbyter-bishops. (From [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org))

**Saint Thomas Aquinas** (1225 – March 7, 1274) - By universal consent, Thomas Aquinas is the preeminent spokesman of the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation. He is one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic Church, honored with the titles Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor.



At five he was given to the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino in his parents' hopes that he would choose that way of life and eventually became abbot. In 1239, he was sent to Naples to complete his studies. It was here that he was first attracted to Aristotle's philosophy.

By 1243, Thomas abandoned his family's plans for him and joined the Dominicans, much to his mother's dismay. On her order, Thomas was captured by his brother and kept at home for over a year. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great. He held two professorships at Paris, lived at the court of Pope Urban IV, directed the Dominican schools at Rome and Viterbo, combated adversaries of the mendicants, as well as the Averroists, and argued with some Franciscans about Aristotelianism.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, pervades his writings. One might expect Thomas, as a man of the gospel, to be an ardent defender of revealed truth. But he was broad enough, deep enough, to see the whole natural order as coming from God the Creator, and to see reason as a divine gift to be highly cherished.

The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. He stopped work on it after celebrating Mass on December 6, 1273. When asked why he stopped writing, he replied, "I cannot go on.... All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me." He died March 7, 1274. (From [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org))

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