

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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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

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For food hamper or more
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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS
Celebrated privately by Fr. Phil

Monday, January 25 – The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle – No Mass

Tuesday, January 26 – St. Timothy and St. Titus, Bishops

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

Wednesday, January 27

9:00AM † Richard Yaeger – Emily & Todd Box

Thursday, January 28 – St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor

9:00AM † Rosemarie Gunn – Cecilia Beechey

Friday, January 29

9:00AM † Tom Caskenette – Cecilia Beechey

Saturday, January 30

Vigil of Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Intentions of Nigel Ayoung-Chee – Amanda Ayoung-Chee
† Linda Augustine – Phyllis Augustine

Sunday, January 31 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30AM † Carol Dubeau

† Kenneth Ayoung-Chee – Amanda Ayoung-Chee

† Nikki Cleeves – Phyllis Augustine

11:30AM People of St. Louis Parish

Reflections on the Gospel: Mark 1:14-20:

The opening chapter of Mark's Gospel comprises a wide range of events in the life of Jesus. From the Lord's baptism in the Jordan to His time of fasting and prayer in the wilderness and on to Galilee, where He proclaims the kingdom, calls His first disciples, and heals many who are sick or possessed, it is clear that Mark intends to demonstrate that Jesus is very busy!

But Mark clearly intends something more significant than Jesus having a huge agenda. This opening chapter is structured in such a way as to impress upon hearers that the good news of the kingdom deserves one's immediate attention. In other words, responding to the invitation to "repent, and believe in the good news" is not something that can be put off until tomorrow. While Jesus is silent during His own baptism and says nothing as He is tempted by Satan in the wilderness (in Mark's version), His very first words in Mark's Gospel are: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near." These words deserve our complete attention and a response that is radical and full of faith.

Such is the response of Simon and Andrew, James, and John as they hear the summons: "Come follow me and I will make you fishers of people." Like the fish they hope to catch, these four disciples are lured by Jesus. Their reaction is radical and demonstrates complete faith. Not a question is asked as they leave their nets to follow Him. From the very first chapter of his Gospel, Mark leaves no doubt that following after Jesus and proclaiming the kingdom of God calls for a conversion of heart that begins, not tomorrow, but right now!
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 26th 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 16th. If you would like to register for this class please contact Kelly Krause at kkrause@hamiltondiocese.com.

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) 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 29th. Contact Kelly for more information.



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 be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, 905-528-7988, or Fr. Toby Collins, CR, Vocation Director, at crvocations@gmail.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.



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The Story of the Conversion of Saint Paul

Saint Paul's entire life can be explained in terms of one experience—his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus. In an instant, he saw that all the zeal of his dynamic personality was being wasted, like the strength of a boxer swinging wildly. Perhaps he had never seen Jesus, who was only a few years older. But he had acquired a zealot's hatred of all Jesus stood for, as he began to harass the Church: "...entering house after house and dragging out men and women, he handed them over for imprisonment" (Acts 8:3b). Now he himself was "entered," possessed, all his energy harnessed to one goal—being a slave of Christ in the ministry of reconciliation, an instrument to help others experience the one Saviour.

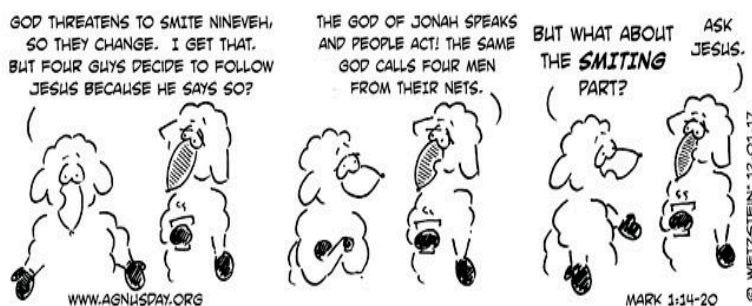
One sentence determined his theology: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:5b). Jesus was mysteriously identified with people—the loving group of people Saul had been running down like criminals. Jesus, he saw, was the mysterious fulfillment of all he had been blindly pursuing.

From then on, his only work was to "present everyone perfect in Christ. For this I labour and struggle, in accord with the exercise of his power working within me" (Colossians 1:28b-29). "For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and [with] much conviction" (1 Thessalonians 1:5a).

Paul's life became a tireless proclaiming and living out of the message of the cross: Christians die baptismally to sin and are buried with Christ; they are dead to all that is sinful and unredeemed in the world. They are made into a new creation, already sharing Christ's victory and someday to rise from the dead like him. Through this risen Christ the Father pours out the Spirit on them, making them completely new.

So Paul's great message to the world was: You are saved entirely by God, not by anything you can do. Saving faith is the gift of total, free, personal and loving commitment to Christ, a commitment that then bears fruit in more "works" than the Law could ever contemplate.

Reflection: Paul is undoubtedly hard to understand. His style often reflects the rabbinical style of argument of his day, and often his thought skips on mountaintops while we plod below. But perhaps our problems are accentuated by the fact that so many beautiful jewels have become part of the everyday coin in our Christian language. (From *Franciscanmedia.org*)



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ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

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