



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.

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)

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 or 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

Parish Organizations and Contacts:

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

Monday, January 29 – No Mass			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
9:30 AM	CWL History Meeting		L. Hall
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 3/12		L. Hall
Tuesday, January 30			
9:00 AM	In Thanksgiving for Graces Received		
9:30 AM	Book Group		L. Hall
1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Meeting		L. Hall
7:00 PM	Painting with Kelly		L. Hall
Wednesday, January 31 – St. John Bosco, Priest			
9:00 AM	† Alex MacKinnon – Esther MacKinnon		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
Thursday, February 1			
9:00 AM	In Thanksgiving for Graces Received by Estrada Family – Estrada Family		
1:00 PM	Bible Study Gospel of John (3/8)		L. Hall
Friday, February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord			
9:00 AM			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
Saturday, February 3			
All day	Fencing Club Tournament		Gym & L. Hall
Vigil of The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
5:00 PM	† Eugene & Beatrice August – Krause Family		
	† Al Enns – Wife Giselle Potvin-Enns		
	† Phyllis Ertel – Larry Ertel		
	† Carol Schneider – Ron Schneider		
Sunday, Feb. 4 – The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
9:30 AM	† Norma Kirby – Friends from St. Clements		
	† Moe Webster – Family		
	† Carol Reitzel – Janet & Grant Ertel		
	† Louise Lefebvre – Paul & Betty Gross		
All day	Fencing Club Tournament		Gym & L. Hall
10:40 AM	First Communion Class		Nursery
11:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish		

Reflection on the First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

In today's first reading, we hear of the promise of a Prophet-like-Moses who will come to lead the people. In the Gospels, Jesus is identified as the promised Prophet-like-Moses. While Moses' prophetic role is highlighted in this reading, Moses is never called a Prophet in any of the books of the Pentateuch. This is the closest he comes to that designation, and here his prophetic role is described as an intermediary between God and God's people. Moses reminds the people that they requested the establishment of this role because they feared direct interaction with God. Today's reading emphasized the establishment of a permanent channel of communication between God and His people.

It describes how Prophets will act and how they communicate the message of God. God's promise, "I will put my words in his [the Prophet-like-Moses'] mouth," affirms the Prophet as God's spokesperson and envoi. The Prophets are chosen by God and are given His words to speak. They should only speak God's words to the people. However, this reading also warns against two types of false prophecy. First, we see that there can be false oracles presented by the Prophet as God's words. Second, false Prophets might proclaim oracles from other gods. God will condemn both types. Additionally, those who do not heed the Prophet when he conveys God's words will answer to God Himself.

This reading from Deuteronomy assures us of God's continual efforts to communicate with us and His commitment to ensuring that His



First Communion - Classes begin Sunday, January 28th 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.



Welcome Back Ladies! Our first General Meeting of 2024 will take place on Wednesday, February 7th beginning with Mass at 7 PM. Our guest speaker will be Registered Emergency Nurse Beth Corbeil and she will generously give us a demonstration on using our new life saving AED machines (Automated External Defibrillator). ALL OF ST. LOUIS PARISH IS WELCOME TO WATCH THIS DEMO! A brief meeting will follow our guest speaker. We look forward to seeing you!



The Waterloo Knights of Columbus is hosting an **Evening of Food and Dance** to raise funds for our many charities. Join us on Friday February 16th at the hall at 145 Dearborn Place Waterloo. Dinner is our famous fish and chips, or chicken if you wish, served at 6 PM. At 7 PM local band Leap of Faith will entertain us and play songs we can dance to. Cost is only \$30 per ticket and can be purchased by calling our manager Martin at 519-884-2060. Seating is limited so don't be disappointed!

Prayer Vigil - Thursday, February 1, from 10 to 11 AM. Opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.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. 3rd 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

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.

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass - Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26th at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 PM. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only. Married 60 years or more? One extra guest allowed). Register at hamiltondiocese.com.

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - Why did Christ silence the unclean spirit when it was revealing His true identity? St. Athanasius explains that Jesus silenced the demons because He did not wish the truth to proceed from an unclean mouth. Sharing our faith goes beyond mere knowledge or theology. It is possible to possess extensive knowledge, yet only through love can our faith touch others' hearts. You may feel inadequate, unqualified, or even "unclean" to answer God's call. Remember, it's not about knowing but about loving; love is the key. Read more at www.resurrectionists.ca

message arrives to us without distortion. For our part, we need to listen to God's words, especially those communicated thought and in Jesus Christ, the Word of God made flesh, and integrate them into our lives. (From Workbook for Lectors)

ON-GOING FAITH ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

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. Thursdays at 1 PM.

The Great Adventure Bible Timeline – Salvation Story Made Clear
This 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. Offered either on Monday nights at 7:30 PM from Jan. 15th, OR on Sundays at 12:30 PM (till 1:40 PM with substantial snacks provided.) Check schedule on-line on the parish welcome page.

Book Group (meetings on Tuesdays at 9:30 – 10:30 AM) continue with “*My Sisters the Saints*” spiritual memoir by Colleen Carroll Campbell.

Last Sunday was observed as Bible Sunday. 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 corresponding to the text of the Mass.

Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling Holy Water
Ezekiel (36:25) – “I will sprinkle clean water over you to make you clean; from all your impurities and from all your idols I will cleanse you.” Compare with *Numbers 8:7a* – “This is what you shall do to them to cleanse them. Sprinkle them with the water of purification.”
(From catholic-resources.org/Bible/Biblical-Mass-Texts)

Reel Justice Film Festival- February 24, 7 – 9 PM is screening *La Lucha Sigue* (The Struggle Continues) with special guest speaker Honduran human rights investigator Elvin Hernandez. In Honduras, the most dangerous place in the world to be a land defender, the Lenca and Garifuna people are fighting to uphold their spirituality and Indigenous ways of life in the face of state backed mega-projects that threaten to destroy their lands and erase their existence. The screening and discussion will be online (Zoom). Register and view our full schedule of events at: reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com . A partnership between the Bp. Farrell Library & Archives and D &P, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

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 at 6 PM program from 7 to 8:30 PM. Open to all Christian married couples, singles, widows, widowers & those separated and divorced. Come to be enriched by such talks as GOD’S LOVE, WHO IS JESUS CHRIST? LIFE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT. No cost & child care provided. To register or for info. call Len/Marie Solomon 519-744-5198 or Denis/Cara Beaulieu 519-578-4643.



The Story of the Presentation of the Lord - At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. She describes the Epiphany, the observance of Christ’s birth, and the gala procession in honour of His Presentation in the Temple 40 days later. Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually “unclean” for 40 days after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice—her “purification.” Contact with anyone who had brushed against mystery—birth or death—excluded a person from Jewish worship. This feast emphasizes Jesus’ first appearance in the Temple more than Mary’s purification.

The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the 5th and 6th centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus’ birth on Dec. 25, the Presentation was moved to Feb. 2, 40 days later.

In the 8th century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession and the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day and gives the feast its popular name: Candlemas.

Reflection - In Luke’s account, Jesus was welcomed in the temple by two elderly people, Simeon and the widow Anna. They embody Israel in their patient expectation; they acknowledge the infant Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. St. Simeon burst into a song of joy which the Church still sings at day’s end. (From franciscanmedia.org)

Saint John Bosco’s Story (August 16, 1815 – January 31, 1888)
John Bosco’s theory of education could well be used in today’s schools. It was a preventive system, rejecting corporal punishment and placing students in surroundings removed from the likelihood of committing sin. He advocated frequent reception of the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion. He combined catechetical training and guidance to unite the spiritual life with one’s work, study and play.

John was ordained in 1841. His service to young people started when he met a poor orphan in Turin, and instructed him in preparation for receiving Holy Communion. He then gathered young apprentices and taught them catechism.

After serving as chaplain in a hospice for working girls, Don Bosco opened the Oratory of St. Francis de Sales for boys. Several wealthy patrons contributed funds, enabling him to open shoemaking and tailoring workshops for the boys.

By 1856, the institution had grown to 150 boys and had added a printing press for publication of religious and catechetical pamphlets. John’s interest in vocational education and publishing justify him as patron of young apprentices and Catholic publishers.

John’s preaching fame spread and by 1850 he had trained his own helpers because of difficulties in retaining young priests. In 1854, he and his followers informally banded together, inspired by Saint Francis de Sales. With Pope Pius IX’s encouragement, John gathered 17 men and founded the Salesians in 1859 for education and mission work. Later, he organized a group of Salesian Sisters to assist girls.

Reflection - John Bosco educated the whole person—body and soul. He believed that Christ’s love and our faith in that love should pervade everything we do. For John Bosco, being a Christian was a full-time effort, not a once-a-week, Mass-on-Sunday experience. It is searching and finding God and Jesus in everything we do, letting love lead us. Because John realized the importance of job-training and the self-worth that come with talent and ability, he trained his students in the trade crafts, too. St. John Bosco is a Patron Saint of: Boys, Editors, Educators/Teachers and Youth. (From franciscanmedia.org)



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