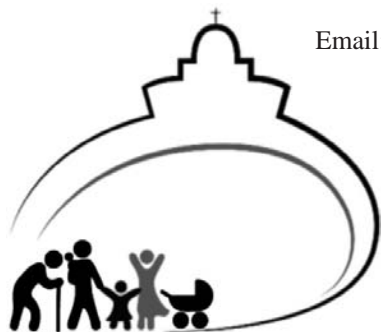


# St. Louis Catholic Church

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



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**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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**Custodian**  
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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.

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**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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASS INTENTION

**Monday, January 31 – St. John Bosco, Priest - No Mass**

**Tuesday, February 1**

9:00 AM To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church

**Wednesday, February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord**

9:00 AM † Bill Seigner – Terry McTavish

**Thursday, February 3**

9:00 AM For Healing of Cindy– Margaret

**Friday, February 4**

9:00 AM † Don Freiburger – Cecilia Beechey

**Saturday, February 5 – St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr**

**Vigil of The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM † Sr. Gemma Golino, SSND – Brenda Zmija

Intentions of Nigel Ayoung-Chee – Amanda Ayoung-Chee

Intentions of Malcolm Marchant – 9:30 Adult Choir

**Sunday, February 6 – The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary**

**Time**

9:30 AM † Don Miller – Barbara Braman

† Eugene & Beatrice August – Krause Family

† Nina Tierozynski – Frank & Annette Hulme

Intentions of Phyllis Ayoung-Chee – Amanda Ayoung-

Chee

11:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

### Reflection on the First Reading from 1:4-5. 17-19)

Following upon last Sunday's readings that celebrated the work of ministers of God's Word, today's readings make clear the cost of this ministry to those who respond to God's call.

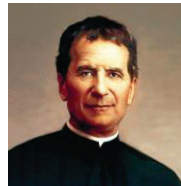
Among the prophetic writings, Jeremiah is perhaps the most striking example of the cost of proclaiming God's Word. Jeremiah had a very long history as a Prophet, starting in the time of King Josiah (reigned 640 – 609 BC) in Judea, through the time of King Jehoiakim (609-597 BC), to the end of King Zedekiah's reign (c. 597 – 586 BC), and into the period of the Babylonian exile (Jeremiah 1:1-3). This first reading begins with God speaking to Jeremiah in very intimate terms about how he was called and chosen even before he was born.

What the lectionary leaves out is Jeremiah's protest, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy" (Jeremiah 1:6). Can you imagine Jeremiah's terror? But God is not to be deterred, telling Jeremiah that he will indeed go where God wants him to go and that God will be with him to deliver him. "To deliver him from what?" you might ask. God will deliver him from the pain and insults of preaching God's Word to those who do not want to hear of the disaster that is about to befall them for their unfaithfulness to God's covenant. If Jeremiah was not scared before, surely he is now!

Returning to the lectionary reading, God tells Jeremiah to gird his loins, stand tall, and say to the people exactly what God tells him to speak. The phrase "gird up your loins" means something like "Get ready to do battle immediately!" God also warns Jeremiah about breaking down – the Hebrew word can be translated as "shattered" or "dismayed" – in front of the religious and civil leaders of Jerusalem and the people of Judea. At the same time, God tells him that He has made Jeremiah into "a fortified city, an iron pillar, and a bronze wall." In other words, he is already impenetrable and fully prepared to encounter his opponents in battle. (From the *Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word*.)



**First Communion classes** began Wed., January 26<sup>th</sup> (6 PM - 7:30 PM). First Communion will take place on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Last chance to sign up a child who is in grade 2 and would like to receive their First Communion at St. Louis parish. Please call the office and register with Kelly Krause.



**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 fatherly guidance, seeking to unite the spiritual life with one's work, study and play.

Encouraged during his youth in Turin to become a priest so he could work with young boys, 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 and powerful patrons contributed money, enabling him to provide two workshops for the boys, shoemaking and tailoring.

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. Their activity concentrated on 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 united. He believed that Christ's love and our faith in that love should pervade everything we do—work, study, play. 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 their love lead us. Yet, because John realized the importance of job-training and the self-worth and pride that come with talent and ability, he trained his students in the trade crafts, too.

Saint John Bosco is a Patron Saint of: Boys, Editors, Educators, Youth.

**The Feast of the Presentation** - According to the Church's liturgical calendar, the feast held on Feb. 2 each year is in honour of the Presentation of the Lord. Some Catholics recall this day as the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary because such was the feast day named until the 1969 changes in the Church's calendar.

In fact, according to Luke's Gospel, the presentation of Jesus and the purification of the Blessed Mother took place in the Temple on the same day, and both are remembered during Mass on Feb. 2. Also, in several countries, Candlemas is simultaneously celebrated on this day and involves a candlelight procession that was popularized in the Middle Ages. Until the Second Vatican Council the feasts on Feb. 2 ended the Christmas season. Today, the season ends in January on the feast of the Baptism of our Lord.

As early as the fourth century Christians commemorated the presentation of Jesus in the Temple, but, at the time, there was no feast name attached. In seventh-century Rome, the Church named the celebration the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Mother Mary, and it remained that way for nearly 1,300 years. In the reforms after Vatican II, the feast was given a stronger focus on Jesus (by stressing the Presentation of Jesus), but clearly the events of purification and presentation that took place when Jesus was 40 days old (see Lk 2:22-39) are tied together and thus commemorated together.





**Purification and Presentation** - Under Mosaic law in the Book of Leviticus (12:1-8), a Jewish woman who gave birth to a child was considered unclean. The mother of a newborn could not routinely go out into public and had to avoid all things sacred, including the Temple. If her child was a male, this exclusion lasted for 40 days; if female, the period was 80 days. This was a ceremonial seclusion and not the result of sin or some kind of wrongdoing on the part of the mother.

At the end of that period the mother presented herself at the Temple to be purified. If the baby was her firstborn male child, the infant was brought along to the Temple to be dedicated to the Lord. The law in Exodus specifies that the first male child belongs to God (13:2-16). This law is a tribute to God for His sparing the firstborn Israelite males during the time of the Exodus from Egypt (unlike the firstborn Egyptian boys).

The mother's purification ritual obliged her to bring, a lamb and a turtledove as sacrificial offerings. The lamb was offered in thanksgiving to God for the successful birth of the child; the turtledove was a sin offering. Poor families could bring two pigeons or two turtledoves. After these animals were sacrificed, the Temple priest prayed over the woman and she could resume her normal role or status.

Mary, the ever spotless Mother of God, certainly did not have to comply with this ritual, but did so to honour God and observe all the rules handed down by Moses. She remained at home for 40 days and on the day required walked the five miles from Bethlehem to the Temple in Jerusalem.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus, Mary and Joseph go to the Temple offering two turtledoves for Mary's purification. Along with Mary's willing submission, Jesus is presented into the hands of the priest and thus to God. In accordance with the Old Testament, the child was blessed and then bought or ransomed back by the family who would pay five shekels into the Temple treasury. The Saviour of the world is ransomed in the manner of every other Hebrew boy. "When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord'" (Lk 2:22-24; see Nm 18:15-16).

According to the Gospel of Luke the old prophet Simeon and the prophetess Anna were at the Temple that day. They, like many others, had spent their lifetime waiting, longing for a Messiah, and the Holy Spirit had revealed to Simeon that he would not die until he had seen the Saviour. Among all the children and mothers coming into the Temple, Simeon recognized Jesus as the Christ Child; he held Jesus and exclaimed this hymn of thanksgiving, "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel".

Jesus the Divine Son of God did not have to undergo these rituals, but His parents willingly complied in order to pay tribute to Jewish laws, to avoid any possible scandal and in so doing demonstrated profound humility. They submitted to the law like all poor Jewish families.

The Holy Family must have experienced great joy and wonder at all that had happened to them. Consider the events of the previous weeks. First - the adoration by the shepherds. And now, Simeon, singles out Jesus as the Saviour, not only of Israel but of the world. But here in the Temple there is also pain. The old prophet, moved by the Holy Spirit, tells Mary that she will experience unspeakable grief because of the outrageous way the world would judge and treat her Son. But Mary remained always committed to God's will and to her Son. (From [simplycatholic.com](http://simplycatholic.com))

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**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.

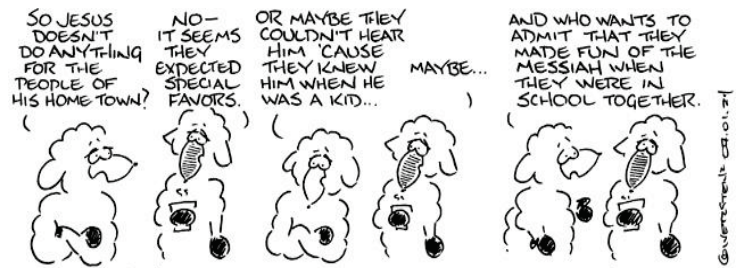
**Painting with Kelly.** Have you ever wanted to learn how to paint? Now is your opportunity. Please join Kelly to learn how to paint. Classes will begin Tuesday, February 1st in the large hall. There will be a daytime class from 10am-12noon and an evening class from 7pm-9pm. Classes will run for 4 weeks. 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.

**Prayer Vigil** - Thursday, Feb. 3, from 10 to 11 AM in front of 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.

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