

St. Louis Catholic Church



2021

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

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Served by the Congregation of the Resurrection since 1890.

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 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

Parish Organizations and Contacts:

Finance Council

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 19 – No Mass

Tuesday, July 20

9:00 AM † Eileen Fischer

Wednesday, July 21

9:00 AM Intentions of Karen Napier – Amanda Ayoung-Chee

Thursday, July 22 – St. Mary Magdalene, Disciple of the Lord

9:00 AM † Robert J. Thomas – Cavel & Thomas Family

Friday, July 23

9:00 AM † Amy Schelter – Cecilia Beechey

Saturday, July 24

Vigil of 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM People of St. Louis Parish

Sunday, July 25 – 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM † Aleksandra Adamska – Malton Family

† Patricia Hamilton – Doyle Family

Intentions of Anne Ayoung-Chee – Amanda Ayoung-Chee

11:30 AM † Janet Johnson – Rosemary & Shaun MacNeil

Reflections on the First Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Today's first reading follows a section of oracles presumably delivered by Jeremiah against the kings of Judah during the reign of King Zedekiah, when Judah and Jerusalem were destroyed by the Babylonians (597 – 586 BC). It is followed by another series of messages against false prophets who were associated with the priests of Jerusalem. This is the context for Jeremiah's oracle of consolation about God as the shepherd who will gather the remnant of those who had been taken into exile and bring them back to the land. This God, we are told, will also appoint other shepherds who will guide God's chosen to safety. The metaphor of shepherding was widely used in the ancient world to describe the responsibility of kings and leaders toward their people; Jeremiah 34 is another such example.

Jeremiah goes on to write about the restoration of David's kingly dynasty (2 Samuel 7). In contrast to the kings with whom Jeremiah had been dealing, this future king will be a righteous branch from David's line. He will be just, or right in conduct and in character, and his name will be "the Lord our justice." The Hebrew word is *tsaddiq*. We can reasonably consider this prophecy to be a critique against Zedekiah, who was a puppet king set up by the Babylonian authorities. Consider the irony that his name, *Tsidqiyah* in Hebrew, means "God is righteous." Later, Christians, understand this messianic prophecy to refer to Jesus. (From the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word)



When the apostles were reflecting on their ministry, Jesus asked them to "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." Listening to God in quiet prayer is very important in vocation discernment. Listen to God's voice in an out of the way place. If you feel the call is genuine, contact Most Rev. W. Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop and Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988, vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, or Fr. Raphael Ma, Congregation of the Resurrection Vocation Director, at crvocations@gmail.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.

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CALL DEREK AT 226-748-8378 BY 4:30 P.M.

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WEDNESDAY KNIGHT SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALL DINNERS

CALL MARTIN AT 519-884-2060 TO ORDER BY WEDNESDAY NOON

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Grandparent's Day – 4th Sunday in July – this year July 25th, 2021 Pope Francis announced on Jan. 31, 2021 the following:

Dear brothers and sisters, the day after tomorrow, 2 February, we will celebrate the feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, when Simeon and Anna, both elderly, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, recognized Jesus as the Messiah. The Holy Spirit still stirs up thoughts and words of wisdom in the elderly today: their voice is precious because it sings the praises of God and safeguards the roots of peoples. They remind us that old age is a gift and that grandparents are the link between generations, passing on the experience of life and faith to the young. Grandparents are often forgotten and we forget this wealth of preserving roots and passing on.

This is why, I have decided to establish World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will be held throughout the Church every year on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, Jesus' grandparents. It is important for grandparents to meet their grandchildren and for grandchildren to meet their grandparents, because — as the prophet Joel says — grandparents, before their grandchildren, will dream, and have illusions [great desires], and young people, taking strength from their grandparents, will go forward and prophesy. And 2 February is indeed the feast of the encounter between grandparents and their grandchildren.

For Pope Francis' *Message to the Grandparents and Elderly* go to our parish website at saintlouisparish.ca.

St. Mary Magdalene is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. The precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but we do know she was present with Christ during his public ministry, death and resurrection. She is mentioned at least a dozen times in the Gospels.

Mary Magdalene has long been regarded as a prostitute or sexually immoral in western Christianity, but this is not supported in the scriptures. It is believed she was a Jewish woman who lived among Gentiles, living as they did.

The Gospels agree that Mary was originally a great sinner. Jesus cast seven demons out of her. After this, she told several women she associated with and these women also became followers.

There is also debate over if Mary Magdalene is the same woman, a sinner, who weeps and washes Jesus' feet with her hair in the Gospel of John. Scholars are sceptical this is the same person.

Despite the scholarly dispute over her background, what she did in her subsequent life, after meeting Jesus, is much more significant. She was certainly a sinner whom Jesus saved, giving us an example of how no person is beyond the saving grace of God. During Jesus' ministry, it is believed that Mary Magdalene followed him, part of a semi-permanent entourage who served Jesus and his Disciples.

Mary likely watched the crucifixion from a distance along with the other women who followed Christ during His ministry. Mary was present when Christ rose from the dead, visiting his tomb to anoint his body only to find the stone rolled away and Christ, very much alive, sitting at the place they laid Him. She was the first witness to His resurrection.

After the death of Christ, a legend states that she remained among the early Christians. After fourteen years, she was allegedly put into a boat by Jews, along with several other saints of the early Church, and set adrift without sails or oars. The boat landed in southern France, where she spent her remaining years in solitude, in a cave.

She is the patroness of converts, repentant sinners, sexual temptation, pharmacists, tanners and women, and many other places and causes. (From Catholic Online at catholic.org)

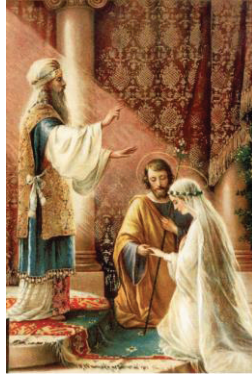
2021 is the Year of St. Joseph.

The following excerpts are taken from the book *Consecration to St. Joseph – The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father* by Fr. Donald H. Calloway, MIC. In this book Fr. Calloway describes ten “wonders” of St. Joseph, which we will follow in successive bulletins this summer.

Wonder 3: Young Husband of Mary

Quote by Venerable Fulton J. Sheen:

Was he [St. Joseph] old or young? Most of the statues and pictures we see of Joseph today represent him as an old man with a gray beard, one who took Mary and her vow under his protection with somewhat the same detachment as a doctor would pick up a baby girl in a nursery. We have, of course, no historical evidence whatsoever concerning the age of Joseph. Some apocryphal accounts picture him as an old man; Fathers of the Church, after the fourth century, followed this legend rather rigidly...



But when one searches for the reasons why Christian art should have pictured Joseph as aged, we discover that it was in order better to safeguard the virginity of Mary. Somehow, the assumption had crept in that senility was a better protector of virginity than adolescence. Art thus unconsciously made Joseph a spouse chaste and pure by age rather than by virtue. But this is like assuming that the best way to show that a man would never steal is to picture him without hands...

But more than that, to make Joseph out as old portrays for us a man who had little vital energy left, rather than one who, having it, kept it in chains for God's sake and for his holy purposes. To make Joseph appear pure only because his flesh had aged is like glorifying a mountain stream that has dried. The Church will not ordain a man to his priesthood who has not his vital powers. She wants men who have something to tame, rather than those who are tame because they have no energy to be wild. It should be no different with God.

Furthermore, it is reasonable to believe that Our Lord would prefer, for a foster-father, someone who had made a sacrifice rather than someone who was forced to it. There is the added historical fact that the Jews frowned on a disproportionate marriage between what Shakespeare called "crabbed age and youth"; the Talmud admits a disproportionate marriage only for widows or widowers. Finally, it seems hardly possible that God would have attached a young mother, probably about sixteen or seventeen years of age, to an old man. If he did not disdain to give his mother to a young man, John, at the foot of the Cross, then why should he have given her an old man at the crib? A woman's love always determines the way a man loves: she is the silent educator of his virile powers.

Since Mary is what might be called a "virginizer" of young men as well as women, and the greatest inspiration of Christian purity, should she not logically have begun by inspiring and virginizing the first youth whom she had probably ever met - Joseph, the Just? It was not by diminishing his power to love but by elevating it that she would have her first conquest, and in her own spouse, the man who was a man, and not a mere senile watchman!

Joseph was probably a young man, strong, virile, athletic, handsome, chaste, and disciplined. Instead of being a man incapable of loving, he must have been on fire with love. Just as we would give very little credit to the Blessed Mother if she had taken her vow of virginity after having been an old maid for fifty years, so neither could we give much credit to a Joseph who became her spouse because he was advanced in years. Young girls in those days, like Mary, took vows to love God uniquely, and so did young men, of whom Joseph was one so preeminent as to be called the "just." Instead, then, of being dried

fruit to be served on the table of the king, he was rather a blossom filled with promise and power. He was not in the evening of life, but in its morning, bubbling over with energy, strength, and controlled passion. Mary and Joseph brought to their espousals not only their vows of virginity but also two hearts with greater torrents of love than had ever before coursed through human breasts...

How much more beautiful Mary and Joseph become when we see in their lives what might be called the first Divine Romance! No human heart is moved by the love of the old for the young; but who is not moved by the love of the young for the young? In both Mary and Joseph, there were youth, beauty, and promise. God loves cascading cataracts and bellowing waterfalls, but he loves them better, not when they overflow and drown his flowers, but when they are harnessed and bridled to light a city and to slake the thirst of a child. In Joseph and Mary, we do not find one controlled waterfall and one dried-up lake but rather two youths who, before they knew the beauty of the one and the handsome strength of the other, willed to surrender these things for Jesus. Leaning over the manger crib of the Infant Jesus, then, are not age and youth but youth and youth, the consecration of beauty in a maid and the surrender of strong comeliness in a man.

Churches open for public Masses.
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Bulletins are published on-line only.

Marriage Support - Is your marriage experiencing more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving partnership. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. Retrouvaille is offering their weekends by Zoom, with more possibilities for engagement. For more info. call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

Do you need support after an abortion? Project Rachel is confidential, individual and with a trained counsellor. Please contact us at 1-888-385-3850.

Guelph Virtual Walking Pilgrimage - July 31- Aug 7 - Participate for 1 day, a weekend or the full 8 day trip! This year, we are not able to walk the pilgrimage as we have for the last 18 years. Covid -19 brought the birth of a Virtual Walking Pilgrimage in a slightly different format. To register or for more info. go to www.ignatiusguelph.ca (under programs - Guelph Walking Pilgrimage). Registration fee \$75.



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