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Tuesday – Friday 9:00 a.m.

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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.

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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

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 20 –No Mass

Tuesday, July 21

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

Wednesday, July 22 – St. Mary Magdalene

9:00 AM

Thursday, July 23

9:00 AM

Friday, July 24

9:00 AM † Larry Schmidt – Marilyn Foster

Saturday, July 25 – St. James, Apostle

Vigil of The Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 PM People of St. Louis Parish

Sunday, July 26 -The 17th Sunday In Ordinary Time

9:30 AM † Karol Czarncki – Beverly Hiller

Intentions of Raymond, Wing & Nigel – Elizabeth Schwarz

11:30 AM † Audrey Gerald Moser – The Family

† David Milne – Rosemary MacNeil

† Carlo Guaglio – Susan McKearnen & Guaglio Family

Reflection on the First Reading from Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

The book of Wisdom was written between 30 BC and 14 AD, making it the latest work in the Old Testament. Today's reading affirms Israel's hard-learned belief that their God is their only god and thus omnipotent. All types of human power, from physical strength to other means that people use to influence and control others, pale before the divine might. Wisdom describes the Divine power as perfect and complete and always at God's disposal. Given its magnitude, God wields it ever so delicately, especially when it comes to dealings with fragile human beings.

Divine restraint is something that people must learn to imitate, for they are inclined to give full reign to the power that they possess. They must take care not to become like the unjust who say, "Let us oppress the righteous poor man; let us not spare the widow or regard... the aged. But let our might be our law of right, for what is weak proves itself to be useless" (Wisdom 2:11). In other words, the unjust are bullies who do whatever they wish to others simply because they can.

If omnipotence were the norm for divine justice, humans could not survive. An example of how God's gracious tolerance allows room for repentance is found in the section preceding today's reading (Wisdom 11:26 – 12:1). When Israel was about to enter the Promised Land, God could have wiped out all the evildoers among its inhabitants so that it "might receive a worthy colony of the servants of God" (12:7). But instead, God, "who loves the living," gives them "opportunity to repent": that is, time to learn divine ways and to start living by them. This text also illustrates the assertion made in today's reading that divine power is the source of divine justice. God displays his strength to those who deny it in order to frighten them into changing their ways, and abides no insolence from those who acknowledge it but act as if they were beyond its reach. Every manifestation of divine strength is the hand of God gently drawing people closer to Him.

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July 22 – St. Mary Magdalene – First Witness of Resurrection

St. Mary Magdalene, or Mary of Magdala (a fishing town on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee), was a Jewish woman who, according to the four canonical gospels, traveled with Jesus as one of

his followers and was a witness to his crucifixion and its aftermath. She is mentioned by name twelve times in the canonical gospels, more than most of the apostles and more than any other non-family woman in the Gospels.

The Gospel of Luke 8:2–3 lists Mary Magdalene as one of the women who traveled with Jesus and helped support his ministry "out of their resources", indicating that she was probably relatively wealthy. The same passage also states that seven demons had been driven out of her, a statement which is repeated in the longer ending of Mark. In all four canonical gospels, Mary Magdalene is a witness to the crucifixion of Jesus and, in the Synoptic Gospels, she is also present at his burial. All four gospels identify her, either alone or as a member of a larger group of women which includes Jesus's mother, as the first to witness the empty tomb, and the first to witness Jesus's resurrection. For these reasons, Mary Magdalene is known as the *Apostle to the Apostles*.

The inaccurate portrayal of Mary Magdalene as a prostitute began after a series of Easter sermons delivered in 591, when Pope Gregory I conflated Mary Magdalene, who is introduced in Luke 8:2, with Mary of Bethany (Luke 10:39) and the unnamed "sinful woman" who anoints Jesus's feet in Luke 7:36–50. This resulted in a widespread but inaccurate belief that she was a repentant prostitute. Elaborate medieval legends from western Europe tell exaggerated tales of Mary Magdalene's wealth and beauty, as well as her alleged journey to southern France. King Louis IX had a great devotion to St. Mary Magdalene. The identification of Mary Magdalene with Mary of Bethany and the unnamed "sinful woman" was a controversy in the years leading up to the Reformation. Luther supported the idea of composite Mary, but since Protestant leaders were against the Catholic teaching of the intercession of saints, they demanded for the cult of Mary Magdalene to be abolished. During the Counter-Reformation, the Catholic Church emphasized Mary Magdalene as a symbol of penance.

In 1969, the identification of Mary Magdalene with Mary of Bethany and the "sinful woman" was removed from the General Roman Calendar by Pope Paul VI, but the view of her as a former prostitute has persisted in popular culture. In 2016 Pope Francis raised the level of liturgical memory on July 22 from memorial to feast. (*From Wikipedia*)

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This year, 2020, is the 750th Anniversary of the death of St. Louis (King Louis IX, King of France). Over the next few bulletins we will look at the world and life of our Patron Saint.

Childhood of King Louis IX, his mother and maternal grandparents.

Louis' maternal grandparents were Alfonso VIII of Castile and Eleanore of England. They were a very loving couple. They had eleven children, many of whom did not reach maturity. Queen Eleanor was given direct control of many lands, towns, and castles throughout the kingdom of Castile. She was almost as powerful as Alfonso, who specified in his will in 1204 that she was to rule alongside their son in the event of his death. However, when Alfonso died in 1214 she was so grief stricken that she herself died within a month.

Louis IX could not know his maternal grandparents as they died the same year he was born. He did meet his aunt, Queen Berengaria of Castile (older sister of his mother Blanche) and his cousin Ferdinand III (1201-1252), King of Castile and Leon. While Louis' maternal grandfather Alfonso VIII of Castile is most remembered for his part in the Reconquista and the downfall of the Almohad Caliphate, it is through their daughters Berengaria and Blanche, that Alfonso and Eleanore became the grandparents of two monarchs who became saints of the Church. The lives and characters of those two cousins: Louis IX and Ferdinand III had many similarities leading them both to sainthood. (For more about Louis' parents and paternal grandparents, see bulletins from May 17 & May 24.)

Louis was born on 25 April 1214 at Poissy, near Paris, the son of Louis the Lion and Blanche of Castile, and was baptised there in *La Collégiale Notre-Dame* church. Tutors of Blanche's choosing taught him most of what a king must know--Latin, public speaking, writing, military arts, and government. He was nine years old when his grandfather Philip II died and his father ascended as Louis VIII.

Louis was 12 years old when his father died on 8 November 1226. He was the eldest of seven surviving children. Louis was crowned king within the month at Reims Cathedral. Because of his youth, his mother ruled France as regent during his minority. She forced reluctant barons to swear allegiance to him. The situation was critical, since Louis VIII had died without having completely subdued his southern nobles. Several key barons refused to recognize the coronation of the young king. Shortly after the coronation, Blanche and Louis were traveling south of Paris and nearly captured. Blanche appealed to the people of Paris to protect their king. The citizens lined the roads and protected him as he returned.

Helped by Theobald IV of Champagne and the papal legate to France, she organized an army. Its sudden appearance brought the nobles momentarily to a halt. Twice more Blanche had to muster an army to protect Capetian interests against rebellious nobles and Henry III of England. In January 1229, she led her forces to attack Mauclerc and force him to recognize the king. She accompanied the army herself and helped collect wood to keep the soldiers warm.

Blanche was a patron of the arts and owned a variety of books, both in French and in Latin. She commissioned three volume manuscript *St. Louis Bible* (described in July 5th bulletin) for moral education of her children. *Le Miroir de l'Ame* was dedicated to Blanche. It instructs queens to rigorously practice Christian virtues in daily life. She oversaw the education of her children, all of whom studied Latin. She also insisted on lessons in Christian morals. She trained Louis to be a great leader and a good Christian. She used to say: *I love you, my dear son, as much as a mother can love her child; but I would rather see you dead at my feet than that you should ever commit a mortal sin.*

Louis' younger brother Charles I of Sicily (1227-85) was created count of Anjou, thus founding the Capetian Angevin dynasty. Louis' sister Isabelle, is also a saint.

Louis learned to read from a "picture book". In his case it was exquisitely illuminated manuscript now known as "Psalter of St. Louis" (1190-1200). This Latin psalter opens with a series of magnificent full page miniatures and is of English origin. It was probably produced for Geoffrey Plantagenet, archbishop of York. Nevertheless, the manuscript soon crossed the Channel and came into the possession of King Philip II of France, grandfather of Louis IX. This book was cherished as a relic in the French royal family. Through Duke Philip the Bold (1342-1404), it entered the Burgundian library and the Low Countries. How the book eventually came into the hands of Jan van den Bergh, Leiden burgomaster and curator of the University, is unknown. He donated it to Leiden University Library in 1741.



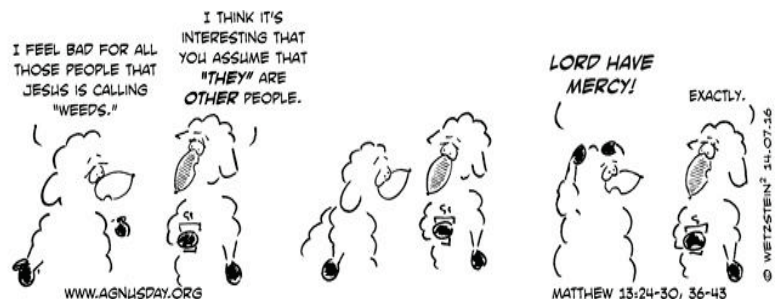
(From Wikipedia, popflock.com and historytheinterestingbits.com)

Letter of Saint-Louis IX, King and Confessor to His Son Philip III (cont. from previous bulletin)

26. Dear son, I advise you to bestow the benefices of Holy Church which you have to give, upon good persons, of good and clean life, and that you bestow them with the high counsel of upright men. And I am of the opinion that it is preferable to give them to those who hold nothing of Holy Church, rather than to others. For, if you inquire diligently, you will find enough of those who have nothing who will use wisely that entrusted to them.

27. Dear son, I advise you that you try with all your strength to avoid warring against any Christian man, unless he have done you too much ill. And if wrong be done you, try several ways to see if you can find how you can secure your rights, before you make war; and act thus in order to avoid the sins which are committed in warfare. To be continued....

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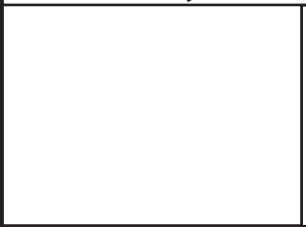
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