

St. Louis Catholic Church

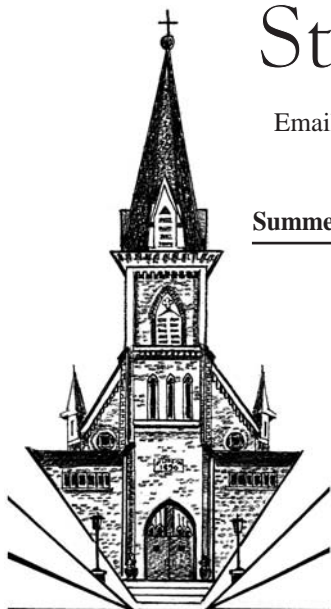
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Weekday Masses:
Tuesday – Friday 9:00 a.m.
*Rosary: Tuesday to Friday
before 9:00 a.m. Mass*

Sunday Masses:
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.

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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 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:

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13TH AND 14TH SUNDAYS OF ORDINARY TIME

| MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday, July 3 – St. Thomas, Apostle - No Mass | |
| 9 AM – NOON | Pickle Ball Gym |
| Tuesday, July 4 | |
| 9:00 AM To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church | |
| 9 AM - NOON | Vacation Bible School L. Hall, Kitchen, Nursery and Gym |
| Wednesday, July 5 | |
| 9:00 AM † Br. Edward Benson, C.R. – Nipissing Parry Sound CDSB | |
| 9 AM – NOON | Vacation Bible L. Hall, Kitchen, Nursery and Gym |
| Thursday, July 6 | |
| 9:00 AM † Lyndon Lindsay – Alice McTavish | |
| 9 AM – NOON | Vacation Bible L. Hall, Kitchen, Nursery and Gym |
| Friday, July 7 | |
| 9:00 AM Intentions of St. Louis VBS campers, their families & volunteers | |
| 9 AM – NOON | Vacation Bible L. Hall, Kitchen, Nursery and Gym |
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| NOON – 2 PM | Post VBS clean-up L. Hall, Kitchen, Nursery and Gym |
| Saturday, July 8 | |
| Vigil of the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| 5:00 PM † Lorraine Dietrich – Barb Lorentz & Family | |
| † Carol Schneider – Ron Schneider | |
| † Michael Sichewski – Sichewski Family | |
| † Evelyn Robson – Marg Danard | |
| Sunday, July 9 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| 9:30 AM † Edna Ertel – Larry Ertel | |
| † Moe Webster – Mary Sehl | |
| † Varghese Chacko – Philip Varghese & Family | |
| † Geraldine Smith – Louann Miller | |
| 11:30 AM For the People of St. Louis Parish | |
| Monday, July 10 – No Mass | |
| 9 AM – NOON | Pickle Ball Gym |
| Tuesday, July 11 – St. Benedict, Abbot | |
| 9:00 AM To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church | |
| 9:30 AM | Book Group L. Hall |
| Wednesday, July 12 | |
| 9:00 AM † Allan McTavish – Alice McTavish | |
| 9 AM – NOON | Pickle Ball Gym |
| Thursday, July 13 | |
| 9:00 AM † Marianne Caron – Family Friends | |
| Friday, July 14 | |
| 9:00 AM † Members of Estrada Family – The Family | |
| 9 AM – NOON | Pickle Ball Gym |
| Saturday, July 15 – St. Bonaventure, Bishop | |
| Vigil of the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| 5:00 PM † Katie & Albert Ruetz – Ruetz Family | |
| † Daniel Forde & William Moffat – Pat & Joan Forde | |
| † Elizabeth Halpin & Francis Forde – Pat & Joan Forde | |
| † Don Miller – Miller Family | |
| Sunday, July 16 – 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| 9:30 AM For the People of St. Louis Parish | |
| 11:30 AM † David Kirby – Kirby Family | |
| † Bruce Hummel – Hummel Family | |
| † Karen Marchard – Rosemary & Shaun MacNeil | |
| † Aneese & Raymonde Haroun – Martin Family | |

The First Reading - 13th Sunday of Ordinary Time: 2 Kings 4:8-12a, 14-16

We are invited to reflect on the gifts that come when we practise hospitality with no strings attached. The first reading tells the story of the Prophet Elisha, who regularly stopped at the home of a wealthy couple when he was passing through Shunem (approx. 50 km north east of Samaria), in the land given to the tribe Issachar, one of the twelve tribes of Israel. The woman remains unnamed, but she is the one who first invited Elisha to dinner, and she is the one who told her husband that they should prepare a room for him to stay when he comes to Shunem, for no other reason than she believed him to be a holy man. Perhaps her wealth gave her privilege, but we should not ignore the fact that most women in the ancient world did not enjoy such power or influence. In response to her generous hospitality, Elisha asks his servant what he might offer as a gift of gratitude, and he learns that she has no son.

This is a very serious problem. Without a son, there was no one to take care of the couple in their old age and no way to pass on the husband's legacy to the next generation. Ancients thought that the woman determined the gender of the child, so it was her responsibility and shame that they had no son. Therefore, Elisha's prophecy is a huge gift to the couple.

The woman is sceptical and pleads with him not to give her false hope, and Elisha does not disappoint. Just as he prophesied, in the following year she had a healthy son, but tragedy struck when the son complained of a headache and died later that day. This brave and determined woman seeks out Elisha to bring her dead son back to life, which he does, thus rewarding her doubly for her hospitality.

(From the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, & Proclaimers of the Word)



"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." Accept the invitation that is being extended, an invitation by the one who sent him. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/ or 905-528-7988, or Fr. Raphael Ma, Congregation of the Resurrection Vocation Director, at rvocations@gmail.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph, St. Agatha, at 519-884-6700. Pray for vocations!



French Boys' Choir Concert – Young Singers of Lambersart – Free admission – Thursday, July 13, at 7 PM in Blessed Sacrament Church at 305 Laurentian Drive in Kitchener.

The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild invites all members, families and friends to attend the **Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass** at the Carmel of St. Joseph Monastery, St. Agatha on Sunday, July 16, at 2 PM. The Rosary will precede the Mass. The celebrant will be Auxiliary Bishop Wayne Lobsinger.



Novena to St. Mary Magdalene - The Apostles of the Resurrection are lay associates of the Congregation of the Resurrection, with St. Mary Magdalene as their patron saint. As we approach the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the Apostles, on July 22, the Apostles of the Resurrection invite you to pray a Novena with them. From July 14 for nine days, a special reflection, prayer and litany will be posted on the Resurrectionist website, www.resurrectionists.ca. Please take a moment to pray this daily prayer for your intentions and for the intentions of the Apostles. To learn more about the Apostles of the Resurrection visit www.resurrectionists.ca/vocations/apostles-of-resurrection.

JULY 2, 2023 AND JULY 9, 2023



VBS is taking place at St. Louis from July 4th to 7th.

Please keep the campers and the volunteers in your prayers. The themes and saints for the camp days are: Bee- Peaceful (St. Patrick) and Bee-Helpful (St. Francis) on Tuesday, Bee-Loving and Kind (St. Kateri) on Wed., Bee-Grateful (St. Bakita) on Thu. and Bee-Gentle (Blessed Virgin Mary) on Friday.



Trip to Steubenville Conference – Defending the Faith:

The theme this year is “*Hope and Holiness.*” Join Kelly Krause on July 28-30 in Steubenville, Ohio. The cost for the conference is U\$195 for adults, or U\$ 110 for Young adults (18-30). Meal plan (6 meals) is U\$83. Accommodations for 2 nights, shared non-A/C rooms: U\$110, shared A/C rooms: U\$130 and Non-A/C Private rooms: U\$185. We will be going in one mini van. We will share the cost of gas. We will leave St. Louis parking lot on July 28th at 6 AM and we would return on July 30 approx. at 8 PM. Anyone interested please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office.

Canada Day (Dominion Day) and Psalm 72

With it being Canada Day, I couldn't help but pull out my bible and read Psalm 72. That's the psalm that Canada takes it's motto from – *A Mari Usque Ad Mare* -- “From Sea to Sea” (72:8). From what I understand, the use of the word dominion in that particular verse was an influence in its selection, as after confederation Canada was known as the Dominion of Canada (hence July 1st being called Dominion Day, until 1982).



History lesson aside, I thought one way I would celebrate Canada Day would be to read over Psalm 72 slowly, and thoughtfully, with the idea of our nation in the back of my mind. The psalm is one of guidance and support for the King. When I read over this I read it in two ways. The first is the notion of an earthly king – and for our sake let's consider not a king, but a government, or civic authority, and even the responsibilities that we have as citizens to each other.

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor! ... For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper.

He has pity on the weak and the needy and saves the lives of the needy. From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.

No immediate oppressors come to mind to be crushed (though we could probably use some relief from fuel prices), but this idea of taking care of the poor, of the needy, and valuing the preciousness of ‘blood’ (or life), offer an example of how we should not only conduct our lives, but what we should hold our leaders accountable to. Justice and righteousness are other traits that are echoed in this psalm. We should live as a just nation. A nation where we each serve other and are active in creating a community that is prosperous, generous, and values each of its members.

Besides this notion of an earthly authority, one can't help but think of the divine authority of our Lord! If you read this Psalm with the Kingship of Jesus Christ in mind (which is difficult not to do!) then you have a beautiful hymn offering Christ glory and asking for His blessing upon this land.

*May His name endure forever, His fame continue as long as the sun!
May men bless themselves by Him, all nations call Him blessed!
Blessed by the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed by His glorious name for ever; may His glory fill the whole earth! Amen and Amen!*

We have so much. And it doesn't belong to us -- it's been given to us out of the goodness of the Lord. And how often have we thanked Him for it? Yes, there are obvious problems in our country -- the increased

acceptance of the culture of death comes to mind (perhaps this is an oppressor that we pray to be freed from?) -- but we really are a blessed nation. We don't deserve all that has been given to us, but we have it, and we are stewards of it -- whether it be the natural richness of the land, the peace we have within our borders, the abundance of food that we have, and the list goes on and on.

My prayer then today is to take to heart the guidance offered in Psalm 72 and to give glory to God for all that has been given to us here, in His dominion, from sea to sea! Happy Canada Day.

Psalm 72

*Give the king thy justice, O God, and thy righteousness to the royal son!
May he judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with justice!
Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!
May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor!
May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon,
throughout all generations!
May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth!
In his days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound,
till the moon be no more!
May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River
to the ends of the earth!
May his foes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust!
May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!
May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!
For he delivers the needy when he calls,
the poor and him who has no helper.
He has pity on the weak and the needy and saves the lives
of the needy.
From oppression and violence he redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in his sight.
Long may he live, may gold of Sheba be given to him!
May prayer be made for him continually,
and blessings invoked for him all the day!
May there be abundance of grain in the land;
on the tops of the mountains may it wave;
may its fruit be like Lebanon;
and may men blossom forth from the cities like the grass of the field!
May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun!
May men bless themselves by him, all nations call him blessed!
Blessed by the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.
Blessed by His glorious name for ever;
may His glory fill the whole earth! Amen and Amen!
The prayers of David, the son of Jesse, are ended.*

By Matthew Harrison from slmedia.org for July 1, 2008

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Office Hours During Summer (until Labour Day)

Office will be closed : on Mon., July 3rd (Canada Day in leu) &
on Mon. Aug 7 (Civic Holiday) &
on all Fridays

July 4 – 6 (VBS week), the office will be open Noon - 4 PM.

July 10 – Aug 31, the office will be open Mon.- Thu. 9 AM - 1 PM.



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