

St. Louis Catholic Church

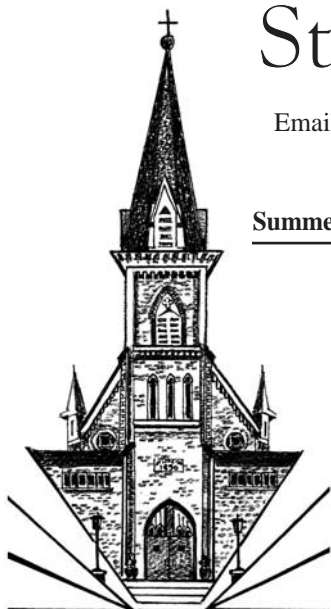
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Weekday Masses:
Tuesday – Friday 9:00 a.m.
*Rosary: Tuesday to Friday
before 9:00 a.m. Mass*

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

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17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

Monday, July 31 – St. Ignatius of Loyola, No Mass	
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball Gym
Tuesday, Aug. 1 – St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor	
9:00 AM	In Thanksgiving for Graces Received – Esther McKinnon
9:30 AM	Book Group Meeting L. Hall
Wednesday, August 2	
9:00 AM	† Marianne Edna Caron – Raymond Bedard & Lisa Jackson
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball Gym
Thursday, August 3	
9:00 AM	† Marian Haid– Sr. Joan & Pat Helm
Friday, August 4 – St. Jean-Marie Vianney, Priest	
9:00 AM	† Members of Estrada Family – The Family
Saturday, August 5	
Vigil of the Transfiguration of the Lord	
5:00 PM	† Phyllis Ertel – Larry Ertel
	† Carol Schneider – Ron Schneider
	† Bill Smith – Pat & Joan Forde
	† Walter & Kaye Hartman – The Family
Sunday, August 6 – Transfiguration of the Lord	
9:30 AM	For the People of St. Louis Parish
11:30 AM	† Edward & Stella Hrycyk – Caravaggio Family
	† Geraldine Smith – Linger Family
	† Bruce Hummel – Hummel Family
	† Mary Pryor – Duncan & Jane Sutherland
Monday, August 7 – No Mass	
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball Gym
Tuesday, August 8 – St. Dominic, Priest	
9:00 AM	To Bring All Souls Home to the Good Shepherd
9:30 AM	Book Group L. Hall
Wednesday, August 9	
9:00 AM	
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball Gym
Thursday, August 10 – St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr	
9:00 AM	
Friday, August 11 – St. Claire, Virgin	
9:00 AM	
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball Gym
Saturday, August 12	
Vigil of the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
5:00 PM	† John & Rita Barnes – Pat & Joan Forde
	† Walter & Kaye Hartman –Family
	† David Kirby – Kirby Family
	Intentions of John & Sharon Carey – The Family
Sunday, August 13 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9:30 AM	† Edna Ertel – Larry Ertel
	† Paul Moser – Moser Family
	† Don Miller – Miller Family
	† Geraldine Smith – Book Group
11:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish
Office Hours During Summer (until Labour Day)	
Office will be closed: on Mon. Aug 7 (Civic Holiday) & on all Fridays	
July 10 – Aug 31, the office will be open Mon.- Thu. 9 AM - 1 PM.	

Date	Sunday	Loose	Maint.	Pre Auth.
July 16	\$1981.70	\$348.60	\$ 803.00	\$24862.31
July 23	\$ 2073.00	\$ 329.75	\$ 165.00	\$ 24862.34

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“Give your servant therefore an understanding mind...” Perhaps the priesthood, diaconate, religious or consecrated life awaits you. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/, or Fr. Raphael Ma, Congregation of the Resurrection Vocation Director, at crvocations@gmail.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph, St. Agatha, at 519-884-6700. Pray for vocations!

Marian Days with Bishops – First Saturdays from June to October at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. Confessions: 9 AM, Mass: 10 AM, Rosary procession: 11 AM, Lunch (bring your own): Noon, Holy Hour & Marian Catechesis: 1 PM, Benediction (closing the day) at 2 PM. Presiders: **Bp. G. Bergie (Aug. 5)**, Bp. W. Lobsinger (Sep. 2), Card. T. Collins (Oct. 7).



FRASSATI Leadership Program – Young people entering grade 10 in September are invited to register for the Frassati leadership program. This year long program is designed for young Catholic leaders who want to expand their Catholic leadership skills and grow in their relationship with Christ and their communities. For registration and more info. please visit: hamiltondiocese.com/offices/youth-ministry/frassati.

Young Adults Night - August 5th – Hespeler/Cambridge - Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival & Holy Hour (6:30 PM - 7:30 PM), Social with Food (7:30 PM - 8:30 PM), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8 PM – 9 PM), Compline (9 PM) on Saturday, August 5th at St. Mary of the Visitation (16 Cooper St, Cambridge). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more info., contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.



Reflection on the First Reading (1 Kings 3:5-12) on 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

The OT reading presents to us the figure of King Solomon, the son and successor of David. It presents

him at the beginning of his reign, when he was still very young. Solomon inherited a very demanding task and the responsibility that lay heavily on his shoulders was great. He first of all offered God a solemn sacrifice, “a thousand burnt offerings”, as the Bible says. Then the Lord appeared to him in a dream by night and promised to grant him what he asked in prayer. And here we see the greatness of Solomon’s soul. He did not ask for a long life, nor wealth, nor the elimination of his enemies; instead he said to the Lord: “Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong” (1 Kings 3:9). And the Lord heard him, so that Solomon became famous throughout the world for his wisdom and his right judgements.

Therefore he prayed God to grant him “an understanding heart”. What do these words mean? We know that the “heart” in the Bible does not only indicate a part of the body, but also the centre of the person, the seat of his intentions and opinions. We might say: the conscience. Thus an “understanding heart” means a conscience that knows how to listen, that is sensitive to the voice of truth and for this reason can discern right from wrong.

In Solomon’s case, the request was motivated by the responsibility of leading a nation, Israel, the people whom God chose to

show the world His plan of salvation. The King of Israel, therefore, had to try always to be in tune with God, listening to His word, in order to guide the people on the paths of the Lord, the path of justice and peace.

However, Solomon's example is valid for every person. Each one of us has a conscience so as to be, in a certain way, "king", that is, to exercise the great human dignity of acting in accordance with an upright conscience, doing what is right and avoiding wrong.

The moral conscience presupposes the ability to hear the voice of truth and to be docile to its indications. People who are called to the task of government naturally have a further responsibility and, therefore — as Solomon teaches — are in even greater need of God's help. Yet each one has his own part to play, in the concrete situation in which he finds himself. An erroneous mentality suggests to us that we ask God for favourable things or conditions; in fact, the true quality of our life and of social life depends on the upright conscience of each one, on the capacity of one and all to recognize right, separating it from wrong and seeking patiently to put it into practice, thereby contributing to justice and to peace.

Let us ask the Virgin Mary, Seat of Wisdom, for help in this. Her "heart" was perfectly docile to the Lord's will. Even though she was a humble and simple person, Mary was a queen in God's eyes, and we venerate her as such. May the Blessed Virgin help us to form in ourselves, with God's grace, a conscience ever open to the truth and sensitive to justice, to serve the Kingdom of God.

(By Benedict XVI at Angelus on Sunday, 24 July 2011)

PRAYERS FROM THE BIBLE -

Solomon's Prayer for Wisdom (Book of Wisdom Chapter 9)

"O God of my ancestors and Lord of mercy, who have made all things by Your Word, and by Your Wisdom have formed humankind to have dominion over the creatures You have made, and rule the world in holiness and righteousness, and pronounce judgment in uprightness of soul, give me the wisdom that sits by Your throne, and do not reject me from among your servants.

For I am your servant the son of your serving girl, a man who is weak and short-lived, with little understanding of judgment and laws; for even one who is perfect among human beings will be regarded as nothing without the wisdom that comes from You.

You have chosen me to be king of Your people and to be judge over Your sons and daughters. You have given command to build a temple on Your holy mountain, and an altar in the city of Your habitation, a copy of the holy tent that You prepared from the beginning.

With you is Wisdom, she who knows Your works and was present when You made the world; she understands what is pleasing in Your sight and what is right according to Your commandments.

Send her forth from the holy heavens, and from the throne of Your Glory send her, that she may labour at my side, and that I may learn what is pleasing to You. For she knows and understands all things, and she will guide me wisely in my actions and guard me with her glory.

Then my works will be acceptable, and I shall judge Your people justly, and shall be worthy of the throne of my father. For who can learn the counsel of God? Or who can discern what the Lord wills?

For the reasoning of mortals is worthless, and our designs are likely to fail; for a perishable body weighs down the soul, and this earthy tent burdens the thoughtful mind.

We can hardly guess at what is on earth, and what is at hand we find with labour; but who has traced out what is in the heavens?

Who has learned Your counsel, unless You have given Wisdom and sent Your Holy Spirit from on high? And thus the paths of those on earth were set right, and people were taught what pleases You, and were saved by Wisdom."

True wisdom is a participation in the mind of God

The Prayer of Solomon for Wisdom comes from the ninth chapter of the Book of Wisdom, an Old Testament work, written in Greek, perhaps at Alexandria, Egypt, at the dawn of the Christian era. This Book offers us three currents of theological thought: blessed immortality as the final end of the life of the just; wisdom as a divine gift and guide of life and of the decisions of the faithful; the history of salvation, especially the fundamental event of the Exodus from Egyptian oppression, as a sign of that struggle between good and evil that leads to full salvation and redemption.

Solomon lived about ten centuries before the inspired author of the Book of Wisdom, but has been considered the founder and ideal author of all later sapiential thought. The prayer in the form of a hymn placed on his lips is a solemn invocation addressed to "the God of my fathers, Lord of mercy", that he would grant the precious gift of wisdom.

In our text there is a clear allusion to the scene narrated in the First Book of Kings when Solomon, at the beginning of his reign, goes up on the heights of Gibeon where there was a sanctuary. After celebrating a grandiose sacrifice, he has a revelation in a dream at night. To the request of God himself, who invited him to ask for a gift, he replies: "Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong" (1 Kgs 3,9).

The starting point offered by Solomon's prayer is developed in our Canticle in a series of appeals to the Lord to grant the irreplaceable treasure of wisdom.

In the passage presented by the Liturgy of Lauds we find these two prayers: "Give me Wisdom ... send her forth from your holy heavens and from your glorious throne" (Wis 9:4-10). Without this gift we are conscious that we lack a guide, as if we were without a polar star to direct us in the moral choices of life: "I am ... a man weak and short-lived and lacking in comprehension of judgement and of laws ... if Wisdom, which comes from you be not with [me] [I] shall be held in no esteem" (vv. 5-6).

It is easy to intuit that this "wisdom" is not mere intelligence or practical ability, but rather a participation in the very mind of God who "with his wisdom [has] established man" (cf. v. 2). Thus it is the ability to penetrate the deep meaning of being, of life and of history, going beyond the surface of things and events to discover their ultimate meaning, willed by the Lord.

Wisdom is a lamp that enlightens the moral choices of daily life and leads us on the straight path "to understand what is pleasing in [the] eyes [of the Lord] and what is conformable with your commands". For this reason the Liturgy makes us pray with the words of the Book of Wisdom at the beginning of the day, so that God may be close to us with his wisdom and "assist us and support us in our (daily) toil", revealing to us the good and evil, the just and unjust.

Taking the hand of divine Wisdom, we go forward confidently in the world. We cling to her loving her with a spousal love after the example of Solomon who, according to the Book of Wisdom, confessed: "I loved and sought after her from my youth; I sought to take her for my bride and was enamoured of her beauty" (Wis 8,2).

The Fathers of the Church identified Christ as the Wisdom of God, following St. Paul who defined Christ as "the power of God and the wisdom of God" (1 Cor 1,24).

Let us conclude with the prayer St. Ambrose addresses to Christ: "Teach me words rich in wisdom for You are Wisdom! Open my heart, You who have opened the Book! Open the door that is in Heaven, for You are the Door! If we are introduced through You, we will possess the eternal Kingdom. Whoever enters through You will not be deceived, for he cannot err who enters the dwelling place of Truth"

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