

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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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 5 – No Mass

Tuesday, July 6 – St. Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr

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

Wednesday, July 7

9:00AM Deceased Benefactors & Members of the Congregation of the Resurrection

Thursday, July 8

9:00AM † Florencio Strada – Strada Family & Children

Friday, July 9

9:00AM Intentions of Ronald Ayoung-Chee – Amanda Ayoung-Chee

Saturday, July 10

Vigil of 15th Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 PM † Edna Ertel – Phyllis & Larry Ertel

† Michael Sichewski – Joan Sichewski

† Evelyn Robson – Marg & Ken Danard

† Patrick Taaffe, Daniel Forde & William Moffat – Pat & Joan Forde

Sunday, July 11 – 15th Sunday In Ordinary Time

9:30AM † Keith Fung – Amanda Ayoung-Chee

† Maurice Sabourin – CEE Eastern District

† John & Ted Kawalec – Joan & Ron Silver

Deceased Members of Gies Family – Hinsperger Family

11:30AM People of St. Louis Parish

Reflections on the First Reading: Ezekiel 2:3-5

All three of today's readings focus on the challenges of being a Prophet in the world. This first reading also highlights one of the primary roles of the biblical Prophet. Unlike our modern stereotypes of wild-eyed fortune-tellers of the wilderness, the biblical Prophet was deemed to be a spokesperson for God who called God's people to return to the covenant and advocated justice for the poor and marginalized.

Our lectionary reading is an excerpt from a much longer call narrative of the Prophet Ezekiel (1:28b – 3:11). It is preceded by an elaborate vision of God's throne and the one seated on the throne full of fire and light. When Ezekiel witnesses this amazing sight, we are told, he fell on his face. Ancients believed that one could not see the face of God and live. This is when he heard the heavenly voice, which addressed him as "son of man". While our thoughts might go to the Gospels' multifaceted description of Jesus as Son of Man, in Ezekiel it is God's way of addressing the *Prophet* as a human representing the human community; Ezekiel is a creature and not God. The words he will speak are God's words, not his, and the judgement he will announce is God's judgement.

Thus, we hear how Ezekiel is called to deliver a message of condemnation against his fellow Israelites for refusing to abide by God's covenant. Notice the intensity of the language used against this rebellious people. God is definitely not pleased! Yet, even in this most appalling situation, the heavenly voice sends the Prophet to the people with an invitation to repentance. But Ezekiel will suffer much for the sake of his calling. In what follows this lectionary reading, the heavenly voice tells him that his task will be like sitting among scorpions (Ezekiel 2:6) and that the word he has been given to speak, symbolized by a scroll, will make him sick to his stomach.

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



Saint Maria Goretti's Story:

One of the largest crowds ever assembled for a canonization—250,000—symbolized the reaction of millions touched by the simple story of Maria Goretti. She was the daughter of a poor Italian tenant farmer, had no chance to go to school, never learned to read or write. When Maria made her First Communion not long before her death, she was one of the larger and somewhat backward members of the class.

On a hot afternoon in July, Maria was sitting at the top of the stairs of her house, mending a shirt. She was not quite 12 years old, but physically mature. A cart stopped outside, and a neighbor, 18-year-old Alessandro, ran up the stairs. He seized her and pulled her into a bedroom. She struggled and tried to call for help. "No, God does not wish it," she cried out. "It is a sin. You would go to hell for it." Alessandro began striking at her blindly with a long dagger.

Maria was taken to a hospital. Her last hours were marked by the usual simple compassion of the good—concern about where her mother would sleep, forgiveness of her murderer (she had been in fear of him, but did not say anything lest she cause trouble to his family), and her devout welcoming of Viaticum, her last Holy Communion. She died about 24 hours after the attack.

Alessandro was sentenced to 30 years in prison. For a long time he was unrepentant and surly. One night he had a dream or vision of Maria gathering flowers and offering them to him. His life changed. When he was released after 27 years, his first act was to beg the forgiveness of Maria's mother.

Devotion to the young martyr grew, miracles were worked, and in less than half a century she was canonized. At her beatification in 1947, her 82-year-old mother, two sisters, and her brother appeared with Pope Pius XII on the balcony of St. Peter's. Three years later, at Maria's canonization, a 66-year-old Alessandro Serenelli knelt among the quarter-million people and cried tears of joy.

Reflection: Maria may have had trouble with learning the catechism, but she had no trouble with faith. God's will was holiness, decency, respect for one's body, absolute obedience, total trust. In a complex world, her faith was simple: It is a privilege to be loved by God, and to love him—at any cost.

St. Maria Goretti is the Patron Saint of: Catholic Youth, Girls, Teenagers. *(From franciscanmedia.org)*



Today's readings speak of prophets sent by God. Could God be calling you to be His voice in His Church at this time? If so, you could give it a try by responding to that inclination towards priesthood, religious life or the diaconate, by contacting 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.

Do you need support after an abortion? Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. Please contact us at 1-888-385-3850.

Churches open for public Masses (Up to 15 % capacity).
Office is open during summer hours: Mon. – Thu. 9 AM – 1 PM
Check the website for up-to-date information.
Bulletins are published on-line only.

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 1: Delight of Saints

Here are some quotes from various saints about St. Joseph:

“There are many saints to whom God has given the power to assist us in the necessities of life, but the power given to St. Joseph is unlimited. It extends to all our needs, and all those who invoke him with confidence are sure to be heard.” - St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274)

“I wish I could persuade everyone to be devoted to the glorious St. Joseph, for I have great experience of the blessings which he can obtain from God. I do not remember that I have ever asked anything of him which he has failed to grant. I am astonished at the great favours which God has bestowed on me through this blessed saint, and at the perils from which he has delivered me, both in body and in soul. To other saints, the Lords seems to have given grace to help us in some of our necessities. But my Lord wishes to teach us that, as He was Himself subject on earth to St. Joseph, so in heaven He now does all that Joseph asks. This has also been the experience of other persons whom I have advised to commend themselves to the saint. I only request, for the love of God, whoever will not believe me will test the truth of what I say, for he will see by experience how great a blessing it is to recommend oneself to this glorious patriarch and to be devoted to him.” - St. Teresa of Avila (1515 – 1582).

“With the exception of our loving Mother, St. Joseph stands above all the saints.” – St. Maximilian Kolbe (1894 – 1941).

“The dignity of the Mother of God is so elevated that there can be no higher created one. But since St. Joseph was united to the Blessed Virgin by the conjugal bond, there is no doubt that he approached nearer than any other to that super-eminent dignity of hers by which the Mother of God surpasses all created natures. Conjugal union is the greatest of all; by its very nature it is accompanied by a reciprocal communication of the goods of the spouses. If then God gave St. Joseph to Mary to be her spouse He certainly did not give him merely as a companion in life, a witness of her virginity, a guardian of her honour, but He made him also participate by the conjugal bond in the eminent dignity which was hers.” – Pope Leo XIII (1810 – 1903).

“If Christ sits at the right hand of His Father in the glory of paradise above all the choirs of angels, because He is the first of all the predestined and was the holiest of the holiest in this world, and if Blessed Virgin, by reason of her own holiness, holds the second place after Christ because she is also second by reason of predestination from eternity and grace in time, it seems to me that because Joseph holds the third place after Christ in eternal predestination and grace in time, so by the same reasoning he also holds the third place in the glory of paradise.” – St. Lawrence of Brindisi (1559 – 1619).

And last two quotes are from Saint André Bessette, Brother of the Congregation of the Holy Cross (1845 – 1937) – The Greatest Apostle of St. Joseph of the 20th century.

“I have only my great devotion to St. Joseph. This it is that guides me and gives me full confidence.”

“When you invoke St. Joseph, you don’t have to speak much. You know your Father in heaven knows what you need; well so does His friend St. Joseph. Tell him, “If you were in my place, St. Joseph, what would you do?”

In thanksgiving for all the wonders taking place through the intercession of St. Joseph, St. André Bessette desired to establish a shrine in the honour of St. Joseph. He was given permission by his religious superiors for the project, and a small chapel dedicated to St. Joseph was erected in 1904 in Montreal. In 1924, construction of a basilica began on the site where he had built his small chapel. The basilica would be completed in 1967 and come to be known throughout the world as St. Joseph’s Oratory, the largest shrine on the world dedicated to St. Joseph.

People travel on pilgrimage to St. Joseph’s Oratory from all over the world, asking for special graces through the intercession of St. Joseph and St. André Bessette.

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.



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