

# St. Louis Catholic Church

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**Office hours:** Monday – Thursday 9 - 12 and 1- 4 p.m.  
**Summer hours** (Canada Day to Labour Day): Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**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.**



### Pastoral Team:

**Pastor**  
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**Custodian**  
Doug Lichty

**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 resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com or www.resurrectionists.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**  
Terry Collins, 519-741-1534

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Bob Lorentz, 519-576-5556

**OOTC Community Suppers**  
Keith & Sharon Schnarr 519-801-8687

**Parish Webmaster**  
Daniel Delattre, daniel@uwaterloo.ca

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**Catechesis Of The Good Shepherd,  
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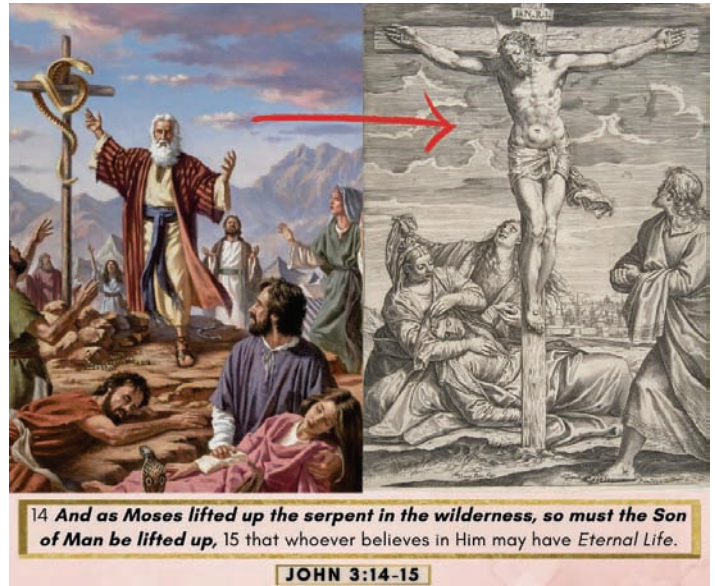
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# THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

## MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS



<b>Monday, March 11 – No Mass</b>			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym	
9 AM – NOON	CWL History Meeting	L. Hall	
6:30 PM	11:30 Choir rehearsal	Church	
7:30 PM	Bible Study – Bible Timeline 7/12	L. Hall	
<b>Tuesday, March 12</b>			
9:00 AM	† Deceased Members of Estrada Family		– Estrada Family
9:30 AM	Book Group	L. Hall	
<b>Wednesday, March 13</b>			
9:00 AM			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym	
7 PM	SVDP Meeting	L. Hall	
<b>Thursday, March 14</b>			
9:00 AM			
<b>Friday, March 15</b>			
9:00 AM			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym	
5:30 PM	Simple Supper	L. Hall	
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross led by CWL		
<b>Saturday, March 16</b>			
9 AM – NOON	Sandwich Project	L. Hall	
<b>Vigil of The Fifth Sunday in Lent</b>			
5:00 PM	† Monica Doyle – Hulme Family		
	† Margaret Huether – Family		
	† David & Norma Kirby – Kirby Family		
<b>Sunday, March 17 – The Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>			
9:30 AM	† Edna Ertel – Larry Ertel		
	† Don Miller – Miller Family		
	† Albert & Katie Ruetz – Ruetz Family		
	10:30 AM	Sunday Social	L. Hall
	10:40 AM	First Communion Class	Nursery
11:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish		
	12:30 PM	Bible Timeline study (8/12)	L. Hall
	5:00 PM	OOTC Community Supper	Gym

### Reflection on the First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-17a, 19-23++

The first reading recounts two remarkable moments in the history of God's people – the destruction and restoration of Jerusalem. The catastrophic destruction of Jerusalem and its Temple at the hands of the Babylonians was pivotal and dark moment in biblical history. God's apparent dwelling place on earth was thought to be unassailable. Its destruction led to questions about God's omnipotence. Could God not protect the chosen place? But, the destruction of Jerusalem and its Temple was anticipated. Prophets (Jeremiah and Micah) proclaimed warnings and invitations to repentance - expressions of divine compassion. Yet the people did not repent. Their wrongdoings continued, especially with regard to Temple rituals. What followed was Jerusalem's destruction, the Babylonian exile and servitude.

But Jerusalem's destruction and the Babylonian exile did *not* constitute God's total abandonment of the people. There is the promise of return to and restoration of the Temple and Jerusalem. This comes through Cyrus of Persia, a foreign king from east of Mesopotamia. Through Cyrus, God faithfully maintains the covenant forged with the people despite their unfaithfulness.

In the first reading, then, we find an invitation to see that God responds to unfaithfulness with justice and abiding faithfulness. As such, we might say that the first "move" of today's Liturgy of the Word is a call to repentance and conversion, trusting that God is prepared to offer us compassion and mercy. *(From Workbook for Lectors)*

**LENTEN PRAYERS:** Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent – On Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7PM, the Stations of the Cross will be led by Thursday Afternoon Bible Study Group.

### **LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES IN KW AREA:**

- Tue., March 12 at 7 PM at St. Anne's Church in Kitchener
- Thu., March 14 at 7 PM at St. Teresa's Church in Kitchener
- Sat., March 16 3:30 – 4:45 PM at St. Teresa's Church in Elmira
- Tue., March 19 at 2 PM at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Kitchener
- Tue., March 19 at 7 PM at St. Joseph's Church in Kitchener
- Wed., March 20 at 7 PM at St. Aloysius' Church in Kitchener
- Thu., March 21 at 11 AM at St. Mary's Church in Kitchener
- Thu., March 21 at 7 PM at Blessed Sacrament Church in Kitchener
- Fri., March 22 at 7 PM at St. Anthony Daniel's Church in Kitchener
- Sat., March 23 3:30 – 3:45 PM at St. Teresa's Church in Elmira
- Tue., March 26 6 – 6:45 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes in Waterloo
- Tue., March 26 at 7:30 PM at St. Teresa of Avila's Church in Elmira
- Wed. March 27 8 AM – 8 PM at St. Michael's Church in Waterloo



St. Louis CWL warmly invites all parishioners to our annual **Simple Supper** of vegetable soup, bread, tea and coffee on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in the Large Hall. There is no charge for this event. Following our meal, we will lead the Stations of the Cross at 7 PM. Please join us.

**Lenten Healing Ministry Vigil with Fr. Bill Trusz – Missionary of Mercy on Wed. March 13 at 7 PM at St. Michael's Church in Waterloo** – During the evening: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Exhortation (Confessions will be available), Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, Anointing of the Participants with Blessed Oil, Celebration of the Holy Mass, Claiming Freedom from the Attitudes and Habits that Enslave Us.

*Fr. Bill Trusz was blessed at St. Peter's in Rome by Pope Francis to be a "Missionary of Mercy." He continues to pray with people in need through what he calls "the St. Therese Spiritual Healing Ministry of the diocese of Hamilton."*

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Mar. 3	3904.25	370.80	525.00	55.00	2318.92

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**Good Friday 10 AM Presentation of the Gospel** – we are looking for families who would like to get involved with this dramatization of the Gospel. It is done tableaux style; this means no words are spoken by the actors. They work together to create a scene, they hold that scene, while readers read the Gospel reading. As the scene needs to be changed, the readers pause, wait for the actors to move into the next scene, and then they proceed with the reading. We need both actors and readers for this Good Friday presentation. We are looking for people of all ages, young ones that can follow directions and hold a pose for 30-40 sec. are welcome to participate. Parents we ask that you participate with your children, this is not like Christmas where it is a children's presentation, we need all ages for this one. If you are interested in helping out or have any questions, please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office.

**Vacation Bible & Lego Robotics Camp 2024 – To Mars and Beyond – July 15-19.** The camp will run all day. Campers have the choice of coming all day, or half a day. The morning will be focused on the space theme with faith intertwined through everything we do. The afternoon will be Lego Robotics, also with the space theme running throughout what they do. Ages for the all day camp is 7 to 11 years old. Children 5 to 6 years old are welcome to sign up for the mornings only. Registration is now open. Forms available from the Nursery, the back of the church, or contact Kelly Krause at the parish office. Please register soon, the camp will fill up fast.

**Resurrectionist Vocation Minute** - Today's Gospel captures the essence of the Good News. It highlights God's unconditional love for humanity, for you. It talks about the Light that breaks through our darkest nights. God desires our happiness. Are you open to letting God illuminate every corner of your life where shadows linger, guiding you towards this happiness? Or do you perhaps sense a calling to spread this message of hope to others? Fr. Paul Szymanowski CR, Director of Vocation Team; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

**Waterloo Knights of Columbus Good Friday Fish Fry, March 29<sup>th</sup>** Columbus Conference Centre, 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo  
Eat in - Seating times on the hour starting at 1 PM and ending at 6 PM.  
Takeout - from 1 PM to 6 PM. 1 piece dinner \$17.50 Taxes incl., 2 piece dinner \$22.50 taxes incl. INCLUDES: Fish, Fries, Coleslaw, Roll & Butter. CONTACT Martin at 519-884-2060 for EAT IN BOOKINGS.

**The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** - Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 PM. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only. Married 60 years or more? One extra guest allowed). Register at hamiltondiocese.com.

## FAITH ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

**Book Group News:** On March 12<sup>th</sup> start of a new book by Colleen Carroll Campbell: *"The Heart of Perfection – How the Saints Taught Me to Trade My Dream of Perfect for God's"*. Colleen weaves the stories and wisdom of seven ex-perfectionist saints (and one heretic) with Scripture and tales of her own trial-and-error experiments in applying that wisdom. The book is read together during each session and discussed. Come when you can.

**The Great Adventure Bible Timeline – Salvation Story Made Clear**  
Guided journey through salvation history. Presenter Jeff Cavins shows how 14 of the Bible's narrative books tell the whole biblical story and gives the keys to understand it. Mondays at 7:30 PM, OR Sundays at 12:30 PM (till 1:40 PM with substantial snacks provided.) Schedule online on the parish Welcome Page. Next session: Mar. 10 & 11.

**Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's Create Hope: Reaping our Rights** campaign calls you to stand with small-scale farmers and peasant communities who feed the world while caring for the Earth. Do this by:

1. Donating online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give) or during the Solidarity Sunday collection on March 17, the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Your generosity helps support over 73 projects in 36 countries around the world!
2. Learning more by reading the Mini-magazine and other resources available at [devp.org/lent/resources](http://devp.org/lent/resources).



Highlights from Nigeria, Indonesia and Bolivia:

Denouncing oil pollution in Nigeria - Nigeria is Africa's largest economy and biggest oil producer. Despite oil exports worth billions of dollars, millions of Nigerians remain in poverty and face food insecurity. In the south, pollution and contamination by the oil industry are causing great hardship.

Indonesia - Training next-generation farmers - In rural Indonesia, young people are abandoning agriculture to work in cities. Over time, this could threaten food sovereignty. Our partner PAYOPAYO empowers village communities to work together to find solutions to common challenges related to agriculture, food, energy, natural resource management and the engagement of youths, especially women.

Bolivia – Supporting Indigenous and farming communities – To enhance rural Indigenous farming families' living conditions, our partner Fundación Nuna Bolivia (NUNA) supports agroecology projects that improve food sovereignty and environmental conservation. NUNA also supports food processing ventures, like cheese, yogurt and ice cream manufacturing, that increase and diversify family incomes.



We continue to look at Biblical quotations corresponding to the text of the Mass:

### Liturgy of the Eucharist - Preparation of the Gifts:

**"Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation..."** - Compare with First Chron 29:10: *"Then David blessed the Lord in the sight of the whole assembly. David said: "Blessed are You, Lord, God of Israel our Father, from eternity to eternity."*

**Ps 72:18-19:** *"Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does wonderful deeds. Blessed be His glorious name forever; may He fill all the earth with His glory. Amen and amen."*

**Luke 1:68:** *"Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, for He has visited and brought redemption to His people."*

**"Blessed be God forever."** - Compare with Gen 14:20: *"And blessed be God Most High, who delivered your foes into your hand.' Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything."*

**Ps 66:20:** *"Blessed be God, who did not reject my prayer and refuse His mercy."*

**Ps 68:35:** *"Awesome is God in His holy place, the God of Israel, who gives power and strength to His people. Blessed be God!"*

(From [catholic-resources.org/Bible/Biblical-Mass-Texts.htm](http://catholic-resources.org/Bible/Biblical-Mass-Texts.htm))



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