St. Louis Catholic Church

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Served by the Congregation of the Resurrection since 1890.



Office hours:

July - August:

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Closed on Fridays.

September - June:

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. - 12 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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Parish Secretary

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Welcome to St. Louis Parish - 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 (robertreinhart 182@msn.com),

11:30 Choir – John Miller (john@johnbmiller.ca), 5:00 Mass – 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 attending members, please contact the parish office at least one year in advance of your date. A marriage preparation course is required.

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 Annointing 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. Privacy-of-Information laws prohibit the parish from obtaining information about parishioners in the hospital.

Priesthood and Religious Life - Is God calling you to religious life, as a Brother, Deacon or Priest? If so, please contact Fr. Toby Collins, C.R., Vocation Director for the Congregation of the Resurrection, at 226-989-1057, crvocations@gmail.com or check www.resurrectionist.ca

Parish Organizations and Contacts:

Finance Council

Terry Collins, 519-741-1534

Maintenance Committee

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Kelly Krause, 519-743-4101

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For food hamper or more information call 519-743-4101





MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 12 - No Mass Tuesday, March 13

9:00 am † Ethel Kehn – Beaton Family

Wednesday, March 14

9:00 am

Thursday, March 15

9:00 am

Friday, March 16

9:00 am † Donald MacDonald – Jackie Anstett

Saturday, March 17

Vigil of Fifth Sunday in Lent

5:00 pm † David Kirby – Kirby Family

† Peter Shaughnessy – Michael Shaughnessy &

Jennifer Young

Sunday, March 18 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

† David Kirby – Kirby Family

† Dominic Paul Malton – Malton Family

Intentions of the Moser Family – The Family

11:30 am People of St. Louis Church

Reflection on the 2nd Reading (2 Chronicles 36:14-17, 19-23)):

The reading from Chronicles is from the last chapter of the two-volume theological history that begins with Adam and concludes with the declarations of Cyrus the Persian. Today's text is a window that offers a glimpse into the entire history of Israel from the chronicler's perspective. The leadership of princes and priests was sometimes lax and other times blatantly sinful as they added infidelity to infidelity, and their people followed. The chronicler reports that they polluted the Lord's Temple in Jerusalem, worshipped idols, and were unjust to each other. In spite of their sinfulness, God did not abandon them, but sent Prophets as messengers. God's motivation was compassion, an essential characteristic of the God of the covenant. Yet the people met God's merciful compassion with three repeated responses: they mocked God's messengers, despised God's warning, and scoffed at the Prophets. God's anger against the people was so inflamed that he allowed hostile nations to attack the people in order to punish them. Weakened by their sin, the people were prey to enemies who burnt the house of God, tore down walls, destroyed palaces, killed many people, and sent others into exile in Babylon. This history was repeated over and over: the people's sin; God's compassion in drawing them back; the people's continued sin; and divine punishment, often through foreign nations.

The Prophets had warned of the consequences of such wickedness. Jeremiah in particular prophesied that their failure to respect the Sabbath would result in the land itself being laid waste in a kind of prolonged Sabbath rest: a seventy-year exile in Babylon. Yet that is not the end of the story. The conclusion is filled with promise. God did not only use foreign nations to punish. Here God uses Cyrus, king of Persia, to offer the people another chance at life in their own land. In fulfillment of Jeremiah's prophecy, Cyrus announces that the Lord has charged him to build him a house in Jerusalem. Cyrus prays for whoever goes up to Jerusalem: "may his God be with him!" Such hope after a turbulent history ends the book, and is in fact the final chapter of the TaNak, the Hebrew Bible.

THIS WEEK EVENTS

Monday. M	larch 1	2
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noon Lunch and Learn: Mass of the Early Nursery Christians by Mike Aquilina Chapter 10

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl planning meeting Large Hall

Tuesday, March 13

9 am – noon Pickle Ball Gym

Wednesday, March 14

9 am – noon Pickle Ball Gym

Thursday, March 15

9 am – noon Pickle Ball Gym

9:30 am Small Christian Community Large Hall 1:00 pm Bible Study: *Passion according to* Large Hall

Matthew

7:30 pm 9:30 Choir Rehearsal Church

Friday, March 16

3:00 pm Quilting/sewing weekend – day 1 start Nursery 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross led by 9:30 Choir Church

Saturday. March 17

9:30 am Quilting/sewing weekend – day 2 start

Sunday, March 18

10:30 am Sunday Social Large Hall 5:00 pm OOTC Community Supper Gym

Nursery

5.00 pm OOTE Community Supper				
Mass Readers		Eucharistic Ministers		
Sat. Mar 17	1 Nardo Nava	1 John Carey		
5:00 pm	2 Bea Lajeunesse	2 Daniel Delattre		
	C Sharon Carey	3 Trudy Allensen		
Sun. Mar 18	1 Benita-Ann Galina	1 Annette Hulme		
9:30 am	2 Barry Hinschberger	2 Frank Hulme		
	C Terry Collins	3 Betty Gross		
Sun. Mar 18	1 Rachael Ward	1 Christine Dopko		
11:30 am	2 Donna Herbstreit	2 Matthew Dopko		
	C Paul Butler	3 Terry Sullivan		



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Lenten Reconciliation this week:

Tue . Mar. 13, 7:00 pm at St. Aloysius Church (Kitchener)

Wed. Mar. 14, 7:00 pm at St. Joseph's Church (Kitchener)

Sun. Mar. 18, 1:00 pm at St. Jerome's University Catholic

Community (Waterloo)

Priest, Prophet & King - the next Monday night Faith Enrichment program (by Bishop Barron) will start after Easter on Monday, April 9th and will run for 6 weeks until May 14th from 7:30 – 9 pm in the Large Hall. To sign up and to order the Workbook which accompanies this program, please call the parish office (519-743-4101),

THIS FEBRUARY...REPORTS FROM THE STUDY GROUPS

Monday Feb 5th at Lunch and Learn – We continued reading and discussing the 8th and 9th chapters in the book: "The Mass of the Early Christians" by Mike Aquilina. St. Clement of Rome in his Letter to Corinthians in which he urges Christians in Corinth to harmony and to following order in life and worship, hierarchy and liturgy established by Jesus Christ. St. Ignatius of Antioch (d. 107 AD) wrote seven letters in which he warned against heresies of denial of Eucharist. He called Eucharist "the medicine of immortality and the antidote to prevent us from dying" (Ephesians 20).

Thursdays at 1 pm - Gospel of Matthew Ch. 26 starts with Jesus being anointed by an unnamed woman in a house of Simon the leper. The disciples resented the "waste" of very costly perfumed oil, but Jesus accepted the act as his right preparation for burial. What follows is establishing of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, Jesus' prayers in the garden of Gethsemane, betrayal, arrest and trial before the Sanhedrin. The disciples are not shown in a good light: they fall asleep when asked to be vigilant and deny knowing Jesus when confronted with questions of association. Are we "asleep", or denying Jesus in our lives?

Do you feel alone in your Marriage? - For confidential info. or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 905-664-5212 please call hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

Separated or Divorced? LEVEL 1 - (Learning to Cope), and LEVEL 2 (Accepting the Situation) are self-help programs intended to help separated and divorced persons gain a perspective on their divorce. Course fee: \$35 (Level 1), and \$45 (Level 2). Both Level 1 & 2 will be held Tuesday evenings for 11 weeks, starting March 20 from 7 - 9 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kit. Call 519-745-7301 to register, www.hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php

Join the "Call for Conscience" in the Hamilton **Diocese:** The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. Despite wording in the legislation intended to protect doctors and facilities, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to participate in ending the lives of their patients. No other country or province in Canada does this. Ontario, however, refuses to protect doctors who object to euthanasia/assisted suicide. The Hamilton Diocese wants to protect the rights of all healthcare workers. www.CanadiansforConscience.ca . Write a letter to your MPP and add your email address to the Conscience Coalitions network to receive future information. We all need to join the "Call for Conscience" taking place between Feb. 6 & March 31st.

Vocation News: St. Paul reminds us that we are "created in Christ Jesus for good works". If you think God's plan for you could be to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 x2246,vocations@hamiltondiocese.com www.HamiltonVocations.com

JOB VACANCY Apply Now!

St. Louis Parish requires a Custodian/Handy Person: Part Time. Reporting to the Pastor, the position requires a flexible time commitment

hours a week. Full details averaging www.hamiltondiocese.com/job-opportunities or at the parish office. Interested applicants are to send a resume and cover letter to the parish office by March 19.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Waterloo is looking for a full administrative assistant. For details. www.ourladyoflourdeswaterloo.com and follow the link on the home page, or call 519-886-0342 X 3 to have the job description sent to you. Applications will be accepted until March 19.

CANCELATION: March 16 Lecture in Catholic Experience with Douglas Cardinal is cancelled due to illness.

Knights of Columbus #5135 - Good Friday Fish Fry Fri. March 30th at 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo Price: 1 piece dinner \$12, 2 piece dinner \$14 (tax incl.) Seating times: 1, 1:30, 4, 4:30, 5, 5:30, 6, 6:30, 7 & 7:30 pm. Dinner includes: Fish, Chips, Tartar Sauce, Roll, Coleslaw, Coffee and Dessert. Tickets available Tuesday, Feb. 27th, must come to club to pay and pick up, no reservations.



Cursillo weekend: An invitation to anyone Cursillo interested in getting to know God in a personal and intimate way. A 3-day Cursillo weekend, (a short

review of Christianity), is designed to help you on that journey. Beginning Thursday evening and ending Sunday evening, though a series of talks by lay people and clergy, and daily Mass, you will get to take a closer look at yourself, God and others. Men's weekend Apr 12-15 and Women's weekend Apr 26-29. For more information contact Rosemary MacNeil (519-579-5831), or Dan Brown (519-570-4105).

The Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir invites parents and children to an open rehearsal to get a glimpse of the inner workings of the choir. The open rehearsal will take place on Tuesday, April 3, at W-K United Mennonite Church (15 George Street, Waterloo). Children ages 6-9 are welcome from 6:30— 7:00 and children ages 10-14 are welcome from 7:30-8:00. For more information: imcc.conductor@rogers.com

University of Waterloo students, staff, and community are invited to the next U of W Contemplative Service of Taizé Prayer and Song on Sunday, March 18 at 4 pm at the Brubacher House on the U of W Campus. For more information contact: Laura Enns, 519-886-3855 or bhouse@uwaterloo.ca. P.S. Please go around to the back of the building to the basement entrance.

PAST DONATIONS

Date	Sunday	Semi-	Holy	Share	Mainte-	Loose
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Mar. 4	4443.00	200.	50.	50.00	45.00	455.15

Preauthorized donations for Feb. prorated per week: \$ 2214.84

Thank you for your generosity & continuous support!

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