

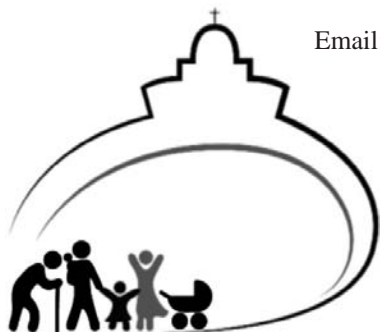
St. Louis Catholic Church

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Year 2021 - 2022

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:

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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),

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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St. Vincent De Paul

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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MASS INTENTION

Monday, March 14 – No Mass

Tuesday, March 15

9:00 AM To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church

Wednesday, March 16

9:00 AM † Robert Granger – Amanda Ayoung-Chee

Thursday, March 17 – St. Patrick, Bishop

9:00 AM † David Kirby – Kirby Family

Friday, March 18

9:00 AM † David Kirby – Kirby Family

Saturday, March 19 – St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of Canada

Vigil of The Third Sunday in Lent

5:00 PM † Colonel & Jean Moser – Kim Moser

† Gerald & Audrey Moser – Reid Family

† Thomas Forde & Noelle Forde – Patrick & Joan Forde

† Gerard Lorentz – Barb Lorentz & Family

Sunday, March 20 – The Third Sunday in Lent

9:30 AM † Don Miller – Family

† Ken Danard – Malton Family

† Leone Malleck – Louanne Miller

† Herb Hofer – Sandy Williams & Pat Thorpe

11:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

Reflection on the First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Even as we are beginning to immerse ourselves more deeply in the fasting and penitence of the Lenten season, today's readings remind us that Lent is not an end in itself. Rather, for Christians it carries a promise of renewed life in Christ.

Today's first reading is an edited account of God's promise to Abram of land, descendants, and a blessing. In Genesis 17:1-22, his name will be changed to Abraham. In the section preceding this lectionary reading, the narrator describes how Abram received a vision of God telling him that his reward will be very great. But Abram complains to God that the thing he wants most, offspring of his own, is far out of reach. This is the context for God's promise that Abram will have descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky.

God also promises that Abram will possess the land, but how will Abram know that God's promise is sure? God directs Abram to prepare a covenant sacrifice and puts him into a deep trance, from which he sees a "smoking fire pot and a flaming torch" passing between the carcasses of the sacrificial offering. Jeremiah 34:17-24 describes a similar covenant ritual, in which the party passing through the split carcasses declares that their fate would be like these animals, if they break the covenant. Thus, God, who is represented by the fire pot and the fire, is putting His integrity on the line, essentially declaring, "May I be split in two if I break the covenant with Abram!" (From the *Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word.*)



Peter, John and James had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our lives. If God is calling you contact Most Rev. W. Lobsinger, Aux. Bp. & 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, St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.

Stations of the Cross on Fridays in Lent at 7 PM



Fr. Phil's recommended list of Lenten readings and reflections:

- CCCB - ccc.ca/liturgy-sacraments/resources-in-english/weekday-lectionary/
- Jesuit Creighton University (Omaha, Nebraska) – onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/daily.html
- Passionist Fathers - passionist.org/daily-reflections
- CatholicMom.com - catholicmom.com/daily-gospel
- Irish Carmelites - carmelites.ie/reflections-on-daily-readings-year/



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This is your opportunity to voice your opinion on the effectiveness of communication within the League and recommend improvements.

Visit <https://surveymonkey.com/r/CWLComSurvey>
Deadline for submission: March 21, 2022

We look forward to hearing from you.

It is a confidential survey—no identifying information will be shared.
Responses are welcome from across Canada. Feel free to share this survey with your League sisters.



Sunday school is coming back – starting on March 6th, during the 9:30 AM Mass. The ages to attend are 3 yrs – 6 yrs old. We begin our time together playing in the nursery, then Kelly will call all the older children to come and join her in the Sunday school room. We will talk about the liturgical calendar and how it works in the church. We learn why we are in the colour that we are in each Sunday. Then we will listen to the Gospel story and finish off with a craft that we do together that reflects some message heard in the Gospel. If there is time left over, the children will remain in the nursery and play some more until parents come down and pick them up. No registration is required, just drop in and see what we are up to. We are short one set of babysitters. Once a month the nursery and Sunday school will still need to be closed. If anyone would be interested in helping out once a month please contact Kelly at the parish office.

St. Louis Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

As we move forward from the issues of the last two years, The St. Louis Society of St. Vincent de Paul is looking at how we, too, can move forward to help our friends in need. We have been active in "hands off" ways over the last two years, but are looking cautiously at how we can be involved again, what changes are needed, and what foundations will remain.

In order to move ahead, we will need volunteers. Some of our members have moved on, are in vulnerable situations themselves, or not comfortable or able to continue to volunteer. Before we can consider any kind of opening, we will need to replenish our volunteer base.

Are you able to help?

This would be a volunteer position, involving meeting with friends to distribute food hampers, stocking the pantry, conversations on the phone, and organization. All members need to be screened and have police checks. There is a great need in our community, and we hope we can start to fill that need here at our pantry once again.

Thank you for your consideration. If you are able to help us please send an email to: Debbie Delattre debbie@delattre.ca

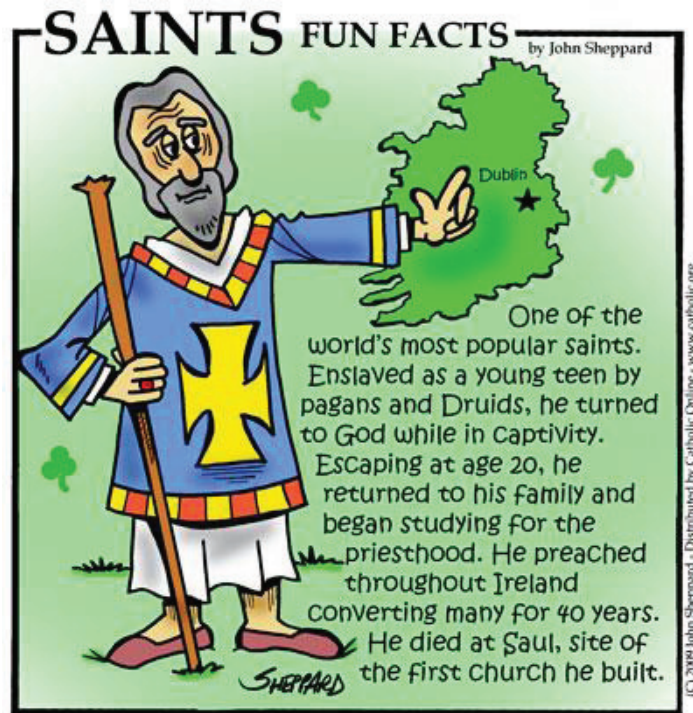


The Bible and the Church Fathers – video study program for Lent from St. Paul Centre for Biblical Theology. This program will be offered at our parish starting Sunday March 13th after both Masses in the Large Hall. It will consist of a 20 minute video followed by a brief discussion. Coffee/tea and refreshments will be offered. Come and check it out.

Grief Relief - Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? Are you wondering if your feelings are normal? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton will be offering an online grief program beginning in April. Find out more on the Diocesan website at hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/grief-support, or call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre is now open and accepting group and personal retreat bookings for 2022! With a large Chapel and acres of untouched green space Mount Mary is an ideal location for those seeking a retreat experience. Groups of all types are welcome for a day or for an overnight stay. For more information please visit: www.mountmary.ca.

3 Keys to Creating Your CatholicHOM (Household on Mission) is the third talk in our Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series - What does it take to create a happy, holy family life? Is that even possible these days? It is! Join us for a dynamic discussion of the three things every Catholic family can do to relate more lovingly, connect more meaningfully, and care for each other and the world more deeply. Discover simple, practical ways you can create a more joyful, peaceful family life, encounter Christ more meaningfully at home, and experience your faith as the source of warmth in your home. Join us on Tuesday, March 22nd from 7-8:30 p.m. as we welcome Dr. Greg and Lisa Popcak, creators of CatholicHOM (CatholicHOM.com) a dynamic online community, directors of CatholicCounselors.com, founders of The Peyton Institute for Domestic Church Life, as well as authors of over 20 popular books integrating the timeless wisdom of our Catholic faith with contemporary research in counselling psychology. Visit: <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com> for more information on the series and to register. For more information contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.



St. Patrick

On March 17th other saints are also commemorated:

Ambrose of Alexandria (before 212 – c. 250) was a friend of the Christian theologian Origen. Ambrose was attracted by Origen's fame as a teacher, and visited the Catechetical School of Alexandria in 212. At first a gnostic Valentinian and Marcionist, Ambrose, through Origen's teaching, eventually rejected this theology and became Origen's constant companion, and was ordained deacon. He plied Origen with questions, and urged him to write his Commentaries on the books of the Bible, and, as a wealthy nobleman and courtier, he provided his teacher with books for his studies and secretaries to lighten the labour of composition. He suffered during the persecution under the Roman emperor Maximinus Thrax in 235. He was later released and died a confessor. Origen often speaks of Ambrose affectionately as a man of education with excellent literary and scholarly tastes.

St. Gertrude of Nivelles (626-659) Benedictine abbess, the daughter of Blessed Pepin of Landen and Blessed Ita of Ida. Ita founded Nivelles Abbey and installed Gertrude as abbess in 639. Gertrude was a mystic, gifted with visions. She befriended the Irish saints Foillan and Ultan. Gertrude is a patroness of travelers and gardeners. One of the miracle attributed to St. Gertrude was calming of a storm and a sea monster.

Joseph of Arimathea was, according to all four canonical Gospels, the man who assumed responsibility for the burial of Jesus after his crucifixion. The historical location of Arimathea is uncertain, although it has been identified with several towns. A number of stories that developed during the Middle Ages connect him with Glastonbury, England and also with the Holy Grail legend.

St. Jan Sarkander (1576-1620) Martyred foe of the Hussites. He was born at Skotschau, in Austrian Silesia, and educated at Prague. He was ordained in 1607 and served in various parishes, defending the faith against the Hussites. In 1618, at the start of the Thirty Years' War, the Protestants seized the local government. Two years later, Jan was taken prisoner at Olmutz and was tried by the Hussites. He was racked and tortured and died on March 17. He was canonized in 1995 by Pope John Paul II. (Excerpts from Catholic Online catholic.org)



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