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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),

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 Fr. Dan Lobsinger, C.R., 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:

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 16 – No Mass

Tuesday, March 17 – St. Patrick

9:00 AM † David Kirby – Klrb Family

Wednesday, March 18

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Thursday, March 19 – St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of Canada, Patron of Universal Church

9:00 AM † Shirley Hinsperger – Rob Hinsperger

Friday, March 20

9:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Graces Received by Gabriella Ganluri – Esther MacKinnon

Saturday, March 21

Vigil of Fourth Sunday in Lent

5:00 PM † Audrey & Gerald Moser – The Family

† Edna Ertel – Larry & Phyllis Ertel

† Thomas Forde & Noelle Forde – Pat & Joan Forde

Sunday, March 22 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:30 AM † Shirley Hinsperger – Rob Hinsperger

Intentions of Veronica Zettel – Alice McTavish

Intentions of Allison Boyd & Family – Sheridan Family

11:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

Reflection on the First Reading: Exodus 17: 3-7

Grumbling, questioning, quarrelling, and testing the Lord – Israel's repeated complaining against Moses shows lack of trust and rebellion against God. They doubted God and Moses, even though Israel had already experienced God coming to their rescue from Egypt, and feeding them with manna in the wilderness. Throughout their journey, Moses has been their leader and mediator; now he is the target of their complaint. Psalm 106 describes it well: "They grumbled in their tents, and did not obey the voice of the Lord".

The people's questions assign blame to Moses for bringing them into the wilderness, and even imply that his motive was to make them die of thirst. Moses' question to God expresses his own exasperation. Their grumbling put Moses' faith to the test and raised his fear that they might stone him. The series of questions is a literary means of drawing the audience into the story by eliciting their own questions and reflecting on their own answers.

Similar to other events in Israel's wilderness sojourn, this one recounts familiar human experiences that also have a symbolic meaning. Like physical hunger and thirst that is assuaged by food and water, so are spiritual and emotional hungers and thirsts assuaged by God's presence and attentiveness. Underlying the thirst for water is the people's thirst for God's saving presence.

Rather than punishing the ungrateful and rebellious people, the Lord directs Moses to take some of the elders and set out for Mount Horeb (also called Sinai), the mountain of God. The Lord promises to be standing in front of Moses at the rock in Horeb, subtly and symbolically fulfilling the people's unspoken thirst for God's presence. When Moses strikes with his authoritative staff, water will flow from it for the people to drink. Surprisingly, the place is named not for the wondrous water that flows from the rock, but for people's persistent complaining. Massah means "the pace of testing," and Meribah is "the place of quarrelling."

Psalm 95, uses this scene to remind later generations not to repeat their ancestor's testing and quarrelling against the Lord.

The reading ends with another question: "is the Lord among us?" The answer, based on what the Lord has just done, must be "Yes! Amen!" (Excerpt: *Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word*)



THIS WEEK EVENTS

Monday, March 16

9 AM – NOON Pickleball Gym

NOON – 1 PM Lunch & Learn – Book study: *Walking with God* by Tim Gray and Jeff Cavins – last Nursery

7:30 – 9 PM Faith Enrichment – *Letter to the Romans* – DVD study p. 2/4 L Hall

Tuesday, March 17

6:30 PM 11:30 AM Choir Practice Church

6:30 PM CWL Executive meeting Large Hall

Wednesday, March 18

9 AM – NOON Pickleball Gym

Thursday, March 19
9:30 AM *Celebrating the Word* – Reflections on upcoming Sunday Readings Large Hall

1:00 PM Bible study: *Jesus of Nazareth*-movie P. 3/4 L. Hall

7:00 PM 9:30 AM Choir Practice Church

Friday, March 20

9 AM – NOON Pickleball Gym

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross led by Thursday Bible Study Group Church

Saturday, March 21

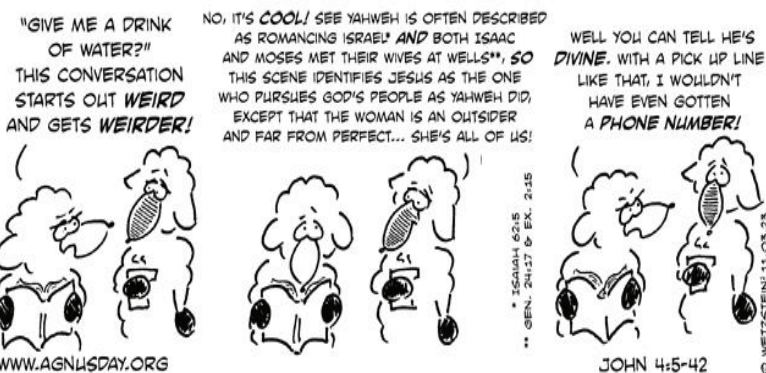
9:00 AM Cake baking for OOTC Large Hall Kitchen

Sunday, March 22

10:30 AM Sunday Social Large Hall

5:00 PM OOTC Community Supper Gym

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Mar. 21	1 Andy Zajchowski	1 Grant Ertel
5:00 PM	2 Debbie Delattre	2 Joan Sichewski
	C Maureen O'Grady	3 Guy Tremblay
Sun. Mar. 22	1 Linda Wanka	1 Rob Hinsperger
9:30 AM	2 Paul Beingessner	2 Mary Smith
	C Benita Ann Gallina	3 Cecilia Beechey
Sun. Mar. 22	1 Darlene Wilson	1 Al Kehn
11:30 AM	2 Paul Butler	2 Matthew Dopko
	C Shaun MacNeil	3 Christine Dopko

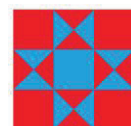


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MARCH BREAK

Jesus, Teacher and Lord, bless all the children, their families and teachers on their week long school break, guide their steps, strengthen their hearts, and grant them refreshment of mind and body.

If interested to come and sew or quilt during March Break (Tuesday – Saturday) in the Nursery – call the office to find out more details.





Dramatization of the Gospel for Good Friday Family service at 10am - we are in need of people of all ages to help us portray the Gospel story. Parents, grandparents, teens, young people of all ages are welcome to join us. Anyone 5yrs and under are welcome with an adult participating with them. Practices will take place on March 29 & April 5 right after the 11:30am Mass. 12:30pm we will meet in the large hall to eat a lunch provided by us. I will be happy to accommodate any allergies if I am made aware. We will then proceed up into the church for the practice. Sign up sheets will be in the nursery or you can call Kelly Krause at the parish office.



CWL Lenten Retreat – Sat. March 28th 9 am – 12:30 pm at St. Michael's Parish (80 University Ave.). The four Waterloo parishes are coming together for a shared Lenten retreat.

All CWL members are encouraged to join us this morning for Faith and Fellowship. This is a great way to prepare during the Season of Lent as well as to visit with our League Sisters from other parishes. The morning will begin with Mass at 9 am. Our speaker is Fr. Freitas, Pastor of St. Michael. The theme is "Faltering, Fumbling, but Faithful": We are called to be holy, but it's a long journey! We are sinners who strive to be saints. The heart of the Lenten message is "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." How does faith help us do that. (The Accessible Entrance is located off Hemlock Street together with a small parking lot.)

Rescheduled! CWL Regional Meeting – Sat. March 21st. St. Mark's CWL is hosting the regional meeting day beginning with Mass at 9 am. Socialize with your CWL Sisters from the Hamilton Diocese and meet the executive team. Find out about upcoming events for our 100th Anniversary celebration. We will not see another celebration like this for a long time. Looking forward to seeing you on this important day.



"But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty." Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? If God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, 905-528-7988, or Fr. Dan Lobsinger, CR, Vocation Director, at crvocations@gmail.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.

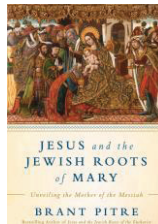
The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 FISH FRY on Friday, March 20, at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Dr., Elmira. There will be continuous seating from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Take out will be at 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. Please bring your own take out containers as we are trying to save the environment. Advanced tickets are available until March 18th. Purchase your tickets at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. or call 519-669-3387. Tickets: Adults \$16; Children (12 & under) \$8; and Take out is \$16. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charities.

Defending the Faith Conference: July 24-26, 2020 at Franciscan University, Steubenville, Ohio. Once again Blessed Sacrament Parish in Kitchener is organizing a trip to this conference. For more info. contact Mary Anne Kearns at 519-578-6218 or mackearns@hotmail.com

Marriage Encounter Weekend Retreat – Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the Weekend. It is based around Catholic values, but couples of all faiths are welcome. For more info. or to register contact Gerard & Marge at 905-792-1925 or gerard.marge@rogers.com. Upcoming weekend April 24-26, at Four Points by Sheraton in Mississauga (2501 Argentia Rd, Mississauga).

Dynamic Women of Faith – Catholic Women's Conference on Sat. March 28 in Mississauga (Le Tréport Banquet Hall at 1075 Queensway E.) with speakers Kimberley Hahn and Colleen Carroll Campbell. Mass celebrated by Fr. Edward Curtis, Pastor of St. Michael's Cathedral. Also special evening for mothers and daughters on Fri., Mar. 27 from 7 – 10 pm. Check website: dynamicwomenfaith.com for topics & registration.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass June 14, 2020 - Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2020? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sun., June 14, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60+ years may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster in the church for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.



On Monday, March 23rd (just before the Feast of Annunciation on March 25th) the Lunch and Learn Study Group will begin a new book by Brant Pitre "**Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary – Unveiling the Mother of the Messiah**". In this book Dr. Pitre takes readers step-by-step from the Garden of Eden to the Book of Revelation to reveal how deeply biblical Catholic beliefs about Mary really are. Dr. Pitre uses

the Old Testament and Ancient Judaism to unlock how the Bible itself teaches that Mary is in fact the new Eve, the Mother of God, the Queen of Heaven and Earth, and the new Ark of the Covenant. Come and join us on this marvellous journey. From 12 to 1 pm in the Nursery. Bring your lunch, if you wish. Coffee and treats provided.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH FOR ONE'S FAMILY

(This prayer was taken from the booklet "Devotions to Saint Joseph" by Brian Moore, S.J., published by the Society of St. Paul.)



St. Joseph, strengthen in our family every bond of love which unites us –the marriage bond, the love of parent and child, the bonds of mutual love between all.

St. Joseph, protect our family from every danger from without and from every threat to peace, unity and harmony within.

St. Joseph, teach us to be kind and loving towards one another, careful for one another, tolerant of one another, forgiving towards one another.

St. Joseph, may contentment with our lot and joy in each other abound in our house, as we seek faithfully to serve and greatly to love God.

St. Joseph, be you yourself a father towards the family of ours, and pray Mary be a mother to us. Amen.

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Date	Sunday	Maintenance	Loose	Pre-Authorized
Mar. 8	\$ 3399.50	\$ 30.00	\$ 278.25	2551.77

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Sun., March 15th at noon - St. Jerome UCC, Waterloo

Extra Confession Times

Fridays 6:00 – 6:45 pm at St. Aloysius, Kitchener

Fridays 4:30 – 6:30 pm at St. John/Our Lady of Guadalupe, Kitchener

Saturdays 3:00 – 4:30 pm at St. John/Our Lady of Guadalupe, Kitchener

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