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Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

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Sunday Mass: 3:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses during Lent:

Monday- Friday 9:00 a.m.

Rosary: Monday to Friday before 9:00 a.m. Mass

Welcome new members

We would like to invite you to register. Registration forms can be found in the narthex (lobby). Please call the parish if you would like your home to be blessed.

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 - John Miller (john@johnbmiller.ca),

Peter DeSousa provides music for the 5 p.m. Mass (peterdesousa730@gmail.com)

Sunday programs for children

During the Sunday morning 9:30 am. 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

Church policy requires that the Sacraments be performed in the parish located closest to you geographically – unless you are registered and regularly attend elsewhere. At St. Louis, the sacraments of initiation are available to registered and regularly attending parishioners only.

Baptism: Celebrated once a month. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 4 - 4:30 p.m., or by appointment.

Marriage: Please contact the parish office at least one year in advance of your date. A marriage preparation course is required.

R.C.I.A: 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 Sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy Communion, or Sacrament of the Sick.

Pastoral Care to those in Hospital: Privacy-of-Information laws prohibit the parish from obtaining information about parishioners in the hospital. A family member is asked to contact the parish whenever a parishioner is in hospital and requests a pastoral visit.

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 or crvocations@gmail.com.



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 17 - St. Patrick

Tuesday, March 18

9:00 am † Dave Kirby – Kirby Family

9:00 am † Ethel Kehn- Beaton Family

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

9:00 am † John Lavigne Loretta Lavigne & Family

Thursday, March 20

9:00 am Deceased Members of the Congregation of the Resurrection

Friday, March 21

9:00 am † André Toussaint – Claire & Richard Armitage

Saturday, March 22

Sunday liturgy - Third Sunday in Lent

5:00 pm † Thomas Forde & Noelle Forde-Pat & Joan Forde

Sunday, March 23 - Third Sunday in Lent

9:30 am † Ray Bester–Jane Allensen

† Alex MacKinnon – Esther MacKinnon

† James Donkers - Rose Sutton

† Khampheng, Kasem & Johnny Xaysy – Xaysy

Family

11:30 am People of St. Louis

For the Second Sunday in Lent:

Israel's history begins when the 75-year-old Abram agrees to leave everything he knows and loves for a promised land he's never seen. Today, men of that age are considering "reverse-mortgages", but Abram's advanced age broadcasts an unmistakable message: only God could give this old man his new beginning. Abram need only to cooperate; God will make his name great. Abram's obedience blesses him and makes him a blessing for others, for all peoples will look at him and yearn for the special relationship with God that he enjoys.

"Join with me in suffering for the Gospel" is a hard saying. Some may not have gotten the memo that living the Gospel inevitably leads to suffering. Hard truths are sometimes the most valuable, but hard does not mean bad news. Certainly Paul doesn't see it that way. He's in prison, anticipating death, so he knows about suffering. And yet he echoes boldly the message of the First Reading: all the good in our lives comes at God's initiative; even the "power" to bear our suffering. How does one facing death approach it as philosophically as Paul? Because Christ has already "abolished death" and offered immortality to all who believe in Him!

A great truth of Christian spirituality declares that "life is not about you." It's a hard lesson to master and one even Peter learned only over time. The Transfiguration event is comprised of several steps— the ascent, the transfiguration, the appearance of Moses and Elijah, Peter's response, the cloud theophany, the Apostles' panic, Jesus's comforting gesture, and the descent. Though each step is significant, they all orbit the pivotal moment when Jesus is revealed in transcendent glory. The only appropriate response to such a manifestation is the second reaction of which we hear. The first is Peter's offer to set up camp and give Moses, Elijah, and Jesus their own tents.God interrupts

Upcoming Events

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7:00 pm CWL Executive Meeting Large Hall

Wednesday, March 19

6:30 pm First Communion Preparation Notre Dame Hall 7:30 pm (11:30) Choir rehearsal Church

Thursday, March 20

9:30 am Small Christian Community Notre Dame Hall 7:30 pm (9:30) Choir rehearsal Church

Friday, March 21

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross & reception Church
7:30 pm Youth Group Notre Dame Hall

Saturday, March 23

6:15 pm Catholicism Video Series with Fr. Michal L. Hall

Mass	Readers I	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Mar 22	1 Sharon Carey	1 Rosemary Thorpe
5:00 pm		2 Gerard Thorpe
	e 3 Trudy Allensen	
Sunday Mar 23	1 Mary Smith	1 Anne Marie Webster
9:30 am	2 Benita-A.Gallina	a 2 Jeff Dinner
	C Ed Ruppe	3 Annette Hulme
11:30 am	1 Ronald Whent	1 Aurora DiPasquale
	2 Dana Woito	2 Christiane Martin
	C Paul Butler	3 Anna Malton

LISTEN TO HIM!

Peter by silencing him with the thundering voice from the cloud. Peter is so absorbed in his idea of what will be an appropriate response that he neglects to make an appropriate response, which would be to fall on his face in awe. The three privileged disciples are given a unique opportunity to glimpse Jesus in his fullness and accompanied by icons of the two great pillars of the old covenant: Moses and Elijah, one representing Law and the other prophecy. The final line sounds a somber note, for Jesus echoes an earlier prediction of his Death and Resurrection that turns our gaze to another mountaintop—Calvary.

There are only a few more days left to register for the Austria-Czech Republic - Poland Pilgrimage with Fr. Michal, CR, June 13-22; \$2,390 + tax. If you would like to join us for this wonderful opportunity to deepen your faith as we visit Vienna, Melk, Prague, Brno, Wadowice, Krakow, Lagiewniki (Divine Mercy), Wieliczka, Auschwitz, Czestochowa ("Black Madonna") and Warsaw –Call Stan (Int. Heritage Tours 1-877-999-8868 X339 or Fr. Michal 519-743-4101.

All women are invited to our annual **Lenten Retreat** hosted jointly by the <u>4 Catholic Women's Leagues of Waterloo</u> to be held on **Sat, April 5th at Our Lady of Lourdes Church beginning at 9 am with Mass (until noon).** Our Retreat theme: "**The Prodigal Daughter**" will be interpreted and dramatically performed by Elisa Lollino. There will be time for reflection and meditation. No admission fee to attend this retreat, but we will take up a free will offering to support Elisa, whose desire is to share the Gospel. <u>You must register by March 28th</u>. Please call Rosemary at 519 745-3032, or email Pat at dpac@golden.net to register.

The Ministry to the Elderly and Homebound and the Prayer Shawl Ministry are leading the "Stations of the Cross for the Sick" on Friday, Mar 21 at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome, especially the elderly, the sick and homebound, their families and caregivers. Light refreshments will be served in the Large Hall following the Stations.

Holy Hour - Experience prayer in a meditative, personal, and powerful way. March 19th at 7pm, the Serra Club will host Holy Hour for Vocations at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 49 Blueridge Ave. Kitchener, beginning with the Stations of the Cross. For information call 519-745-7301.

Free Your Spirit - End your struggle with fear, anger, sadness, rejection, guilt, shame or anxiety. Find hope and freedom. Attend upcoming "UNBOUND: our Freedom in Christ" Conference on Sat, Mar 22 at Blessed Trinity Catholic Second. School. Grimsby, ON \$25 includes a bag lunch. To register: www.thebreadoflife.ca, call 905-634-5433 the Bread of Life

Renewal Centre, or email info@thebreadoflife.ca

"One Human Family, Food for All". Development and Peace and its partners are making a difference in the lives of the poor. In Cambodia, D & P has helped to build pipelines and water storage ponds as a reserve in times of drought. One of its partners has run workshops showing how to grow organic rice. Now food is plentiful and constant. Please plan to give generously in the Share Lent collection.

Please join us for a morning of reflection in Lent: "A Spirituality of the Paschal Mystery". Facilitated by Paul Butler, M.Div., S.T.L. Sat, Mar 29, 9:30 am – 12:00 noon in Large Hall. Lunch at noon. To cover lunch cost suggested offering of \$10 per person. RSVP to Carol Sullivan (organizer) via parish email: saintlouisparish@golden.net

Lenten Parish Mission with Bishop Miehm at St. Aloysius Parish – March 22-26 – Check bulletin boards.

The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild invites everyone to attend the **Mini-Retreat & Grocery Shower** (No Meat) to be held Sat., April 5, 10:15 am - 2:00 pm at the Monastery. Included: Mass and Rosary. The Retreat Master is Rev. Ron Voisin.

Back by popular demand: the movie "Mary of Nazareth" on Sat. Mar 29th at 10 am at Landmark Cinema in Kitchener (Gateway Park Drive). Purchase tickets for \$12 online at www.go2branches.com.

Lent is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

> **Daily Masses during Lent** Monday – Friday 9 am

Stations of the Cross - Fridays at 7 pm

Reconciliation Services in Waterloo parishes: March 31 – April 3 and on March 19 at 1 pm at St. Francis of Assisi

Fr. Robert Barron "Catholicism" video series- shown by Fr. Michal each Saturday in Lent at 6:15 pm in Large Hall.

Saturday morning Lenten day of reflection on **Spirituality of the Pascal Mystery** – Mar 29

Week of Guided Prayer - April 6 - 12

Lighthouse Media Audio CDs on many inspiring topic – Kiosk in the Narthex

"Your Questions about Catholicism" – write a question, place in a box at Lighthouse CD's Kiosk. Watch for answers in the bulletins, or during homilies.

Share Lent campaign: "One Human Family, Food for All" – April 6th

A Lifeline for Marriage - Do you feel alone? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? This program has helped 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 21-23, in Niagara Falls please call 905-664-5212 or email: retrouvaille.hamilton@cogeco.ca

Week of Guided Prayer - a retreat in the midst of daily life. Daily meetings with a prayer companion from local Christian Life Communities & scriptural material. Requirement: approx. 1/2 hr of prayer per day & meeting each day with your prayer guide. Starts on Sun April 6th with an afternoon celebration, closes Sat April 12th with a morning celebration. A donation of \$10 - \$20 is suggested to photocopying cover and honoraria. Info: 519-579-8008.

Public Consultation on Prostitution-Related Offences in Canada. The Department of

Justice is seeking your input on the criminal law's response adult prostitution. Please visit http://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cons/curr-cours/prosconsconspros/index.html to learn more about the issue and to state your opinion. On the website you will find a "discussion paper" with some background information, followed by 6 easy consultation questions on the issue of prostitution in Canada. This is a follow up for those who watched **NEFARIOUS** in our parish (when we had a chance to sign 2 petitions to the Government) with regards to the preferred "Swedish Model" portrayed in the documentary (Abolition -"Nordic Model" in the survey). If you haven't seen the documentary I have two copies available for you to borrow. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to sign the petitions before I send them to Ottawa; and if would like to learn more about the issues of human trafficking, sex slavery and prostitution http://nefariousdocumentary.com/. The Government Survey is open only till March 17! This is a very concrete way for us Christians to put our Social Justice beliefs into action, and to stop the exploitation of women, children and men in our society. God bless you! Fr. Michal, CR

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