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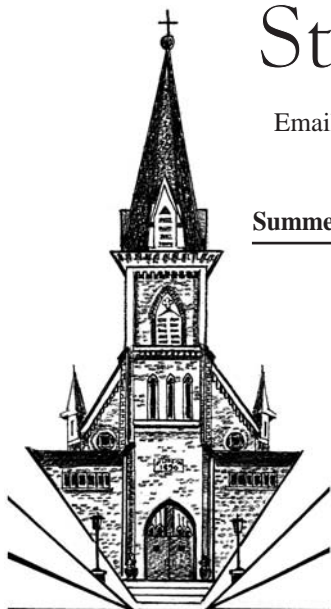
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Weekday Masses:

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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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:

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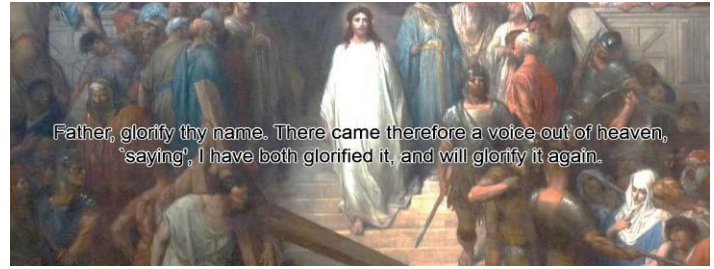
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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

Monday, March 18 – No Mass			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym	
9 AM – NOON	CWL History Meeting	L. Hall	
5:30 PM	Good Shepherd Catechesis	Nursery	
6:30 PM	11:30 Choir rehearsal	Church	
7:30 PM	Bible Study – Bible Timeline 8/12	L. Hall	
Tuesday, March 19 – St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of Canada			
9:00 AM	To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church		
9:30 AM	Book Group	L. Hall	
6:30 PM	CWL Exec. Meeting	L. Hall	
Wednesday, March 20			
9:00 AM	Intentions of Connie August – Krause Family		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym	
6:30 PM	CWL Anniversary Meeting	L. Hall	
Thursday, March 21			
9:00 AM			
7:00 PM	Lectio Divina	L. Hall	
Friday, March 22			
9:00 AM	† Rosemary Peterson – Peterson Family		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym	
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross under Bob Reinhart direction		
Saturday, March 23			
Vigil-The Palm Sunday of the Passion Sunday of the Lord			
5:00 PM	† Thomas Forde & Noelle Forde – Pat & Joan Forde		
	† Walter & Kaye Hartman – Children		
Sunday, March 24 – The Palm Sunday of the Passion Sunday of the Lord			
9:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish		
10:30 AM	Sunday Social	L. Hall	
10:40 AM	First Communion Class	Nursery	
11:30 AM	† Bobby Weigel – Larry Ertel		
	† Margaret Euphemia Dagenais – Rudnisky Family		
	† Beatrice Kreiner & David Reitzel – Audrey Reitzel & Family		
5:00 PM	OOTC Community Supper		Gym



Father, glorify thy name. There came therefore a voice out of heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

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LENTEN PRAYERS: Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent – On Friday, March 22nd at 7PM, there will be Musical Stations of the Cross under Bob Reinhart direction.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES IN KW AREA:
 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

HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT ST. LOUIS
HOLY THURSDAY: MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER AT 7:00PM
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES: 10 AM (FAMILY) & 3 PM
EASTER VIGIL: 8:30 PM
EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Reflection on the First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34++
 Today's first reading is a centrepiece of "Jeremiah's Book of Comfort" or "Little Book of Consolation," which consists of Jeremiah 30-33. Written amid Judah's downfall, Jerusalem's destruction, and the Babylonian exile, the Book of Jeremiah consists of repeated laments, predictions of destruction, and general expressions of woe. But this small portion conveys a hopeful message. In it, God extends a new promise to the chosen people. God will forge a new covenant with them, despite their having broken the previous covenant (Law (Torah) given at Sinai). This new covenant will consist of God's instruction (torah) written directly on people's hearts (and not stone tablets). By establishing this new covenant, God will re-forged the intimate relationship with the people that was ruptured by their prior disobedience. And God repeats "I will be their God, and they shall be My people." Yet this new covenant will not be one that perpetuates servitude to sin. Instead, God promises to forgive and forget the sins of the people. Of course this raises questions about God's justice. How can it be that God gave a just law and now would seemingly reject its terms in order to re-establish a relationship with a disloyal people? Recognizing God's profound love for the chosen people cannot negate God's justice; God's forgiveness of the people entails a cost on God's part. That cost comes into view in the reading from the Hebrews: Christ's Passion as the source and cost of our eternal salvation. (From Workbook for Lectors)



Please join us on Sunday, April 14th for our 100th Anniversary Celebration! Following the 11:30 AM Mass concelebrated with Bishop Crosby, a catered, sit down, set menu lunch will be held in the gym. Our key note speaker will be Shari Guinta, CWL National President. ALL adults are welcome and tickets for the lunch are \$30. The last day to buy a ticket will be April 3rd at our General Meeting. No tickets at the door. Cash, cheque or e-transfer. Contact Patti Pagett @ (519) 744-7705 or dpac@golden.net regarding tickets. A cash wine bar will be available. We hope you will join us in this joyous celebration!

Waterloo Knights of Columbus Good Friday Fish Fry, March 29th
 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 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 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 26th 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.

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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.

Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and D & P **Reel Justice Film Festival Wednesday, March 27, 7 – 9 PM** for our special family screening of *Island of Lemurs, Madagascar*. Follow Dr. Patricia C. Wright's mission to help lemurs, the highly evolved creatures who arrived on Madagascar millions of years ago as castaways but are now highly endangered. Daytime screening for schools also available. The screening on-line via Zoom. Register at: reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com .

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 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.



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. 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. Our partner PAYOPAYO empowers village communities 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.

Saint Joseph's Story (March 19) - The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a "just" man. The quality meant a lot more than faithfulness in paying debts.



When the Bible speaks of God "justifying" someone, it means that God, the all-holy or "righteous" one, so transforms a person that the individual shares somehow in God's own holiness, and hence it is really "right" for God to love him or her. In other words, God is not playing games, acting as if we were lovable when we are not.

By saying Joseph was "just," the Bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God. The rest we can easily surmise. Think of the kind of love with which he wooed and won Mary, and the depth of the love they shared during their marriage.

It is no contradiction of Joseph's manly holiness that he decided to divorce Mary when she was found to be with child. The important words of the Bible are that he planned to do this "quietly" because he was "a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame".

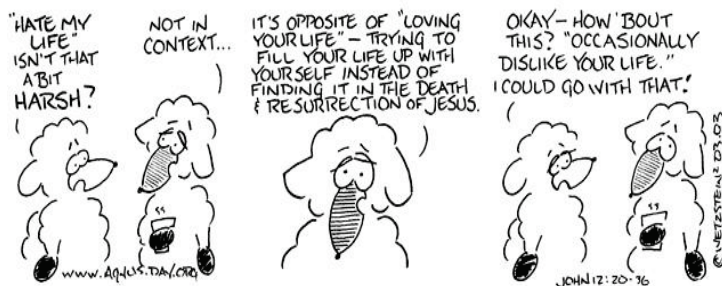
The just man was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God—in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, in the undetermined number of years of quiet faith and courage. Saint Joseph is the Patron Saint of: Belgium, Canada, Carpenters, China, Families & Fathers (*From franciscanmedia.org*)

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - The Paschal Mystery is not just a Christian metaphor for natural cycles of death and life, or psychological processes of crisis and resolution. The Paschal Mystery is a personal invitation from the Risen Lord to experience the power of His resurrection, no matter what your vocation – marriage, consecrated life, priesthood, single life in the world. To enter the mystery of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection as we find it in our daily life, and to be raised up to new life and share it with others. resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

FAITH ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

Book Group News: On March 12th started 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 on-line on the parish Welcome Page. Next session: Mar. 17 & 18.



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