St. Louis Roman Catholic Church

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Sunday Masses: Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m. **Weekday Masses:**

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m.

Vietnamese Community:

Sunday Mass: 3:00 p.m.

Rosary: Tuesday to Friday before

9:00 a.m. Mass

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

Welcome new members

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.



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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 4

9:00 am † James Donkers – Rose Sutton

Wednesday, March 5 - Ash Wednesday

9:00 am For conversion and reconciliation

12:10 pm For blessings on our Lenten practices

7:00 pm For spiritual renewal

Thursday, March 6

9:00 am Beatification of Bogdan Janski, Founder of the

Congregation of the Resurrection

Friday, March 7

9:00 am † Doris Toussaint - Claire & Richard Armitage

Saturday, March 8

Sunday liturgy - First Sunday in Lent

5:00 pm † Audrey Moser – Her Family

† Eugene & Rita Eckensviller – Bob & Barb

Eckensviller

† Cletus Kroetsch – Catherine Ruetz

Sunday, March 9 - First Sunday in Lent

9:30 am People of St. Louis

11:30 am † William R. Aitken-Don & Lorraine Prior & Family

† Edward Hrycyk – Stella Hrycyk & Family

For blessings on Nancy & Jaime as they prepare

for their marriage

† Jean Bain & Dennis McCormish

For the Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time:

How is God present to us? Do we expect God to be present to us by actually believing that He cares for us, that He loves us and wants to be with us? Do we pray our prayers with our words, or do we pray our prayers personally with our hearts?

The big problem we face today is that our lives are filled with busyness, things and a lot of noise. Since that is so, where do we look for God... where do we expect to be aware of His presence with us and His love for us? Paying attention to God is not in favour these days and yet God is present to the souls He has created even though they don't realize it.

Today's scripture passages are all about the proposition that God loves us with a love beyond anything that we can comprehend. He loves us with an everlasting love that knows no limit, is deep beyond our understanding.

"How do we know that?" Let's take some time to gaze at a crucifix and we will have our answer. God is present to us in a Holy Communion that we will never fully comprehend.

Today's readings provoke another question: What kind of God is God? What do we expect God to do for us? As revealing as the answer may be, a related question arises: What does God expect of us? Often we don't want to even begin to answer that one. Nevertheless in moments when we do take time to reflect on life's bigger questions we ought to face it. Where do we place our trust -- in God or in material comforts and success? To what, or to whom do I give my heart? Jesus knows well the human heart and clearly warns us that where our treasure is, there we will know what is in our hearts.

Monday,	March 3			
7:00 pm	St. Vincent de Paul meeting	Notre Dame Hall		
Wednesday, March 5				
7:30 pm	(11:30) Choir rehearsal	Church		
Thursday, March 6				
9:30 am	Small Christian Community	Notre Dame Hall		
7:30 pm	(9:30) Choir rehearsal	Church		
Friday, March 7				

Upcoming Events

Church

Notre Dame Hall

7:30 pm Youth Group Saturday, March 8

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

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

Mass	Readers E	Cucharistic Ministers
Sat. Mar 8	1 Betty Gross	1 Mary Smith
5:00 pm	2 Sr. A.McCarville	2 Rosemary Thorpe
	C Debbie Delattre	3 Gerard Thorpe
Sunday Mar 9	1 Joan Sichewski	1 Mary Sehl
9:30 am	2 B. Hinschberger	· 2 Jack Sehl
	C Ed Ruppe	3 John Armatruda
11:30 am	1 Kelly Krause	1 Theresa Hause
	2 Lauren Krause	2 Pegg Leroux
	C Mark Modolo	3 Terry Sullivan

HEART SPEAKS TO

HEART!

If, however, we wish to have a relationship with God then we must address the fundamental questions in all human relationships: What do we look for in each other and what do we expect of each other?

The danger to our hearts and to our eternal life with God in heaven lies in our ensnarement in the values of this world –power, wealth, fame, pleasures, and the glitter of this world's treasures. Setting our hearts on them means that we are not setting our hearts on what is truly lasting and of great value and we give scant attention to God's love for us, "Can a mother forget her infant, or a child of her womb? Even if she should forget, I will never forget you."

Jesus speaks of God's love for us and of His desire to free us from all that holds us captive and keeps us apart from Him. God is always present to us waiting for us to be with Him. How have we in turn been present to Him?

We can spend some quality time alone with God reflecting on what has happened in our lives and where we have experienced His love. Times of just being with Him are times of deep, intimate prayer: Adoration - quiet time alone with God in the Blessed Sacrament; Reading, absorbing sacred scripture and enjoying God's presence and giving Him our presence in return.

When we give someone a gift, we call it a present. Why? Because we are close to that person. Our presence is contained within our present. Why not give God a present some day soon... quality time alone with Him? After all, hearts speak to hearts. (More homilies by Fr. Charles Irvin on CatholicWeb.com)

You are invited to the <u>World</u> <u>Day of Prayer</u>, a global and ecumenical prayer service, this **Friday, March 7**th, **1 pm at St. Michael's Church.** The theme, "Streams in the Desert" is written by women of Egypt.

St. Louis Catholic Women's League meeting will be on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12th (exactly 90 years since our first meeting was held on March 12th, 1924!) We will celebrate, remember and praise God. More information to follow.

The Catholic Women's League will host a reception after all Masses March 8/9 weekend to thank our parishioners who have always been very supportive of our endeavours!

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

Do you feel alone? - Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples at all levels marital difficulty. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on Mar 21-23, call 905-664-5212 or email: retrouvaille.hamilton@cogeco.ca.

Prayer Vigil - Thu, Mar 6th from 9:00 am to 10:00 am in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park.

Any queries, contact Cathy at:

kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

Ash Wednesday on March 5th marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

Ash Wednesday Masses at 9am, 12:10 (noon) and 7pm

Daily Masses during Lent Monday – Friday 9 am

Preaching Retreat: First Sunday in Lent (March 8/9) Fr. Alex Mazur S.A.C. will be preaching during all Masses. He will also celebrate Masses and preach on Mar 10 & 11

Stations of the Cross – Fridays at 7 pm

Adoration and Benediction – second Friday of each month at 6:30 pm. (Mar 14 & Apr 11)

Reconciliation Services in Waterloo parishes: March 31 – April 3.

A Benefactor has purchased 500 copies of a book "Rediscover Catholicism: A Spiritual Guide to Living with Passion and Purpose" by Matthew Kelly. It will be available on Ash Wednesday. Please take one, read it for Lent and pass it on. If you wish to make a donation for the book please place it in the Poor Book in the Narthex.

Fr. Robert Barron "**Catholicism**" video seriesshown by Fr. Michal each Saturday in Lent at 6:15 pm in Large Hall. (On Mar 8th—at 6:30pm)

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

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

Fridays are days of <u>abstinence from meat</u>, but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence from meat.

Lenten Retreat Evening at St. Francis of Assisi (sponsored by St. Francis CWL) Wed. Mar 12th at 7 pm. Stations of the Cross followed by retreat facilitated by Fr. Charlie Fedy, C.R.

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

You are invited to participate in a Week of guided Prayer – a retreat in the midst of daily life through which you will have the opportunity to centre on God though prayer and give deeper attention to God's activity in your life. Daily meetings with a prayer companion from local Christian Life Communities and daily scriptural material will assist you in becoming more attentive to God's workings in both your prayer and life. The only requirement is your commitments to pray for approx. ½ hr per day and meet each day with your prayer guide. The week opens Sun April 6th with an afternoon celebration, continues through the week with daily meetings and closes Sat April 12th with a morning celebration. A donation of \$10 - \$20 is suggested cover photocopying and honoraria. For info:519-579-8008.

St. Louis Parish Talent Show: Sat, Apr 26th after 5pm Mass. If you can sing, play an instrument, know some magic tricks please contact Kelly Krause.



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