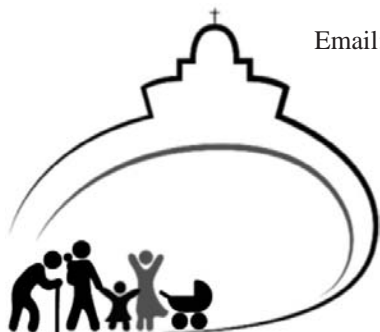


# St. Louis Catholic Church

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**Office hours:** Monday – Thursday 9 - 12 and 1- 4, Friday 9 - 12



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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.**



## Pastoral Team:

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**Custodian**  
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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 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

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# THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

## MASS INTENTION

**Monday, March 21 – No Mass**

**Tuesday, March 22**

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

**Wednesday, March 23**

9:00 AM † Eileen Fischer

**Thursday, March 24**

9:00 AM † Laura Dougherty – Cecilia Beechey

**Friday, March 25- The Annunciation of the Lord –  
Patronal Feast of Our Diocese**

9:00 AM Intentions of Phyllis Ayoung-Chee – Amanda Ayoung-Chee

**Saturday, March 26**

**Vigil of The Third Sunday in Lent**

5:00 PM † Walter & Kaye Hartman – Their Family

† Frank Stroud – Maggie & Peter Fioravanti

† Loretta Potvin – Potvin Family

† Joan Foel – Joan Sichewski

**Sunday, March 27 – The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

9:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

11:30 AM † Dana Woito

† Doug Farwell – Rosemary & Shaun MacNeil

### Reflection on the First Reading: Exodus 3: 1-8a, 13-15

The readings for this Third Sunday of Lent are a reminder that God is there for us in times of trouble, but they also serve as a warning that we should not be complacent. An attitude of repentance or conversion of heart is always appropriate before God and one another.

In the first reading, we hear the story of Moses' first encounter with the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Moses, a child of Hebrew slaves in Egypt, was raised in the house of the Pharaoh. He ran from Egypt to avoid punishment after he killed an Egyptian who was abusing a slave. Thus we find him in the wilderness of Midian near Mount Horeb, which is also called Sinai in some of the biblical traditions, tending sheep for his father-in-law. Mountaintops were traditionally understood to be places where God's presence could be felt. Likewise, fire was thought to represent the presence of God. When Moses steps closer to observe the bush that was not consumed by the fire, he might not have been surprised by the voice coming from the bush. Note his immediate response to God's call: "Here I am." Then the fear of direct encounter with the God of his ancestors overtook him, and he hid his face.

This will not be the only indicator of human frailty that we find in the Moses story. When God tells Moses that he has heard the cries of his people and has come down to rescue them, he sends Moses to deliver them from their slave holders \*(This part is left out of the lectionary reading for the sake of brevity.) Moses responds, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" Clearly, Moses thinks he is not up to the task! Picking up the lectionary reading: Moses expresses his hesitancy to take on this monumental task by asking God to tell him God's name, in case the people ask. God's answer is hard to discern. The translation here is "I am who I am," but some biblical scholars have suggested that it means something like "I will be with you" or "I am the one who creates." While we may never solve his dilemma, we know that the Hebrew word *hayah* is some form of the verb "to be." Perhaps we can think of God as Beingness itself.

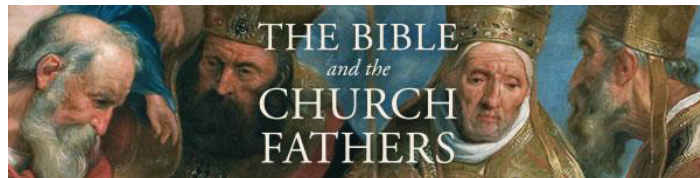
Two more times in Moses' first encounter with God, we see his frailty. The first is in Ex 4:1-9, when he expresses his fear that the people will not believe him. The second is in Ex 4:10-17, when Moses says that he is not an eloquent speaker and that someone else should be sent in his place. In response to this excuse, God give him Aaron, his kin, to speak on his behalf, but, be warned! God does not relent!

(From the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word.)

## Stations of the Cross on Fridays in Lent at 7 PM



The spirit of Lent is summed up in one word, repentance, which is sought by observing three traditional practices: almsgiving (charity), prayer and penance (fasting). With a more intense focus during the 40 days of Lent these practices can help us grow in holiness and remove the wounds of our sins. These Lenten practices can help to heal us and encourage our growth in Christ. (From Catholicstarherald.org)



**The Bible and the Church Fathers** – video study program for Lent from St. Paul Centre for Biblical Theology. This program started on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> after both Masses in the Large Hall. It consists of a 20 minute video followed by a brief discussion. Coffee/tea and refreshments offered. Come and check it out.

### Synopsis of the first session:

The Fathers of the Church are a select group of early Christian teachers, around a hundred in number. The Catholic Church has long revered them and given them a privileged place of doctrinal authority. Many of them are revered by the Eastern and Orthodox Churches. The Fathers met four criteria (established by St. Vincent of Lerins in the 5<sup>th</sup> century): 1) Sound doctrine, 2) Holiness of life, 3) Church approval, 4) Antiquity.

The age of the Fathers (Patristic Era) was from middle of the first to middle of the eight centuries. Some of the earliest Fathers were disciples of the Apostles and they are called Apostolic Fathers. Patristic Era is considered a time of extraordinary graces for the expression and development of Christian doctrine. These teachers took care to demonstrate that their teaching was not their own, but rather stretched back to the beginning. St. Clement of Rome (~ 100s AD) showed that his pedigree came from not one, but two Apostles: Sts. Peter and Paul. Papias of Hierapolis (~ 110s AD) was a "hearer" of Apostle John. St. Irenaeus (~ 170s AD) explained that he had learned the faith from St. Polycarp of Smyrna, who in turn had learned from St. John the Apostle.

Church Fathers saw the unity of the Church as an enduring sign of the unity of Christ's divine and human natures, and of the unity of the Persons of the Blessed Trinity. As the Church revered martyrdom, so it mourned and reviled infidelity in the form of heresy, apostasy and schism.

The Fathers are witnesses to the unbroken continuity of Catholic teaching. "They do not say, 'This is true because we see it in Scripture' – about which there might be different judgement – but 'this is true because in matter of fact it is held, and has ever been held, by all churches down to our times, without interruption, ever since the Apostles'". – St. John Henry Newman.

Throughout the course, we'll encounter great teachers and cranky old men, hotheads and pacifists, as well as monks and poets. We're going to read some of their writings and hear some of their stories. We're even going to meet some of the heretics and heresies the Fathers battled in the preservation of the Truth entrusted to them.

(Excerpts from "The Fathers of the Church" by Mike Aquilina and participants workbook)

Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, during the Celebration of Penance which he will preside at, at 5 PM in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, Pope Francis will consecrate to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Russia and Ukraine. The same act, on the same day, will be performed in Fatima by His Eminence Cardinal Krajewski, Almoner of His Holiness, as envoy of the Holy Father.

Our Lady requested consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart on several occasions beginning in Fatima, Portugal in 1917. In addition, Our Lady also asked for Rosary prayers and reparations for sins against Her Immaculate Heart by observing the Five First Friday devotions for Peace in the world. (For more see [marian.org/13th/firstaturday.php](http://marian.org/13th/firstaturday.php))

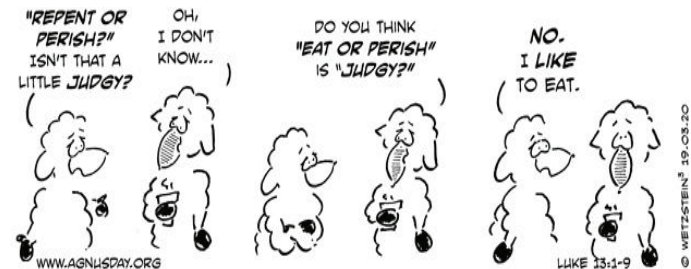


**Sunday school is back** – during the 9:30 AM Mass for ages 3 – 6 yrs. old. We begin with playing in the nursery, then Kelly calls all the older children to come to the Sunday school room. We talk about the Liturgical calendar and learn about Liturgical seasons. We listen to the Gospel story and work on a craft that reflects some message heard in the Gospel. If there is more time, the children play some more until parents pick them up. No registration is required, just drop in and see what we are up to. We need two more volunteers to provide babysitting for one Sunday of each month. Until then, 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.

**3 Keys to Creating Your CatholicHOM** (Household on Mission) is the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7-8:30 PM talk by Dr. Greg and Lisa Popcak, creators of CatholicHOM (CatholicHOM.com), directors of CatholicCounselors.com, founders of The Peyton Institute for Domestic Church Life and authors of over 20 books integrating the wisdom of our Catholic faith with contemporary research in counselling psychology. Visit [amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com](http://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com) for more info. on the series and to register, or contact Teresa Hartnett at [thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com), or 905-528-7988 X 2250.



The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name. Consider service in the priesthood or consecrated life. If God is calling you contact Most Rev. W. Lobsinger, Aux. Bp. & Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988, [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com), or Fr. Raphael Ma, Congregation of the Resurrection Vocation Director, at [rvocations@gmail.com](mailto:rvocations@gmail.com), or Carmel of St. Joseph, St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.



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The Patronal Feast of Our Diocese is the Feast of Annunciation on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Fra Angelico,  
Annunciation  
Italian, ca. 1426  
Madrid, Museo Nacional del Prado

**History of the beginnings of Hamilton Diocese and the dedication of our Diocese to Our Lady of the Annunciation**

In 1826 Pope Leo XII, erected Upper Canada diocese with the Rt. Rev. Dr. McDonnell as the first Bishop and Kingston as the Episcopal See. Before 1826 the few Catholic settlers in Hamilton district, already a flourishing centre in 1813, were visited by missionaries from Kingston, Niagara and Toronto. There was no church in Hamilton but Mass was celebrated at times in the building which stood on King William street adjacent to the Fire Hall.

Because of the scarcity of priests, it was only twelve years later that Hamilton received its first resident priest, the Rev. William MacDonald. In 1838, Father MacDonald erected a small frame, roughcast church on the site where the Cathedral Lyceum now stands.

Already in 1841 the vast diocese of Upper Canada, was subdivided and the diocese of Toronto was formed with the Rt. Rev. Michael Power as the first Bishop. Rev. Edward Gordon was given charge of Hamilton and became pastor of St. Mary's in 1846. In the next year, 1847, he found it necessary to enlarge the church of St. Mary's by building two extensive wings.

In 1854 Hamilton was visited by a dreadful cholera plague, and Fathers Gordon and Carayon made St. Mary's a centre of relief and spiritual administrations to the sufferers.

The prelates at the Council of Quebec, 1854, urged the petition for the formation of the new diocese, and a Bull, dated February 17<sup>th</sup>, 1856, was issued establishing the See of Hamilton with the Rt. Rev. John Farrell, of Peterborough, as its first Bishop. On May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1856, the new Bishop made his entrance into his episcopal city. For St. Mary's church, that day, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1856, was a memorable one; for then St. Mary's church was elevated to St. Mary's Cathedral.

One of the first acts of the new Bishop was to consecrate his diocese to the "Ever glorious and Blessed Virgin in the mystery of the Annunciation". What joy must have been his that his Cathedral church bore the name of Our Blessed Mother - for it was dedicated to "Mary, Our Lady of the Immaculate-Conception", but termed "St. Mary's" for more convenient use.

The second event was a sad one, for the frame church of St. Mary's was destroyed by fire in August, 1859. This was a terrible loss, for the insurance on the building had expired some days before the fire! To meet the situation required a great effort which was promptly made by the Bishop and his people, and the result was the building of the largest, most handsome and most expensive church in the city at the time.

When the Basilica of Christ the King was opened in 1933 and became the episcopal cathedral church, St. Mary's was henceforth to be known as St. Mary's pro-Cathedral, but tradition dies hard and this beautiful church is still affectionately referred to as "the Cathedral".

Excerpts from "St. Mary's Church, Hamilton -The Old Cathedral Church and its Parish" by Victoria Mueller Carson, M.A., Ph.D. (1943)

Today St. Mary's Church in Hamilton is home to a Portuguese parish.



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