

# St. Louis Catholic Church

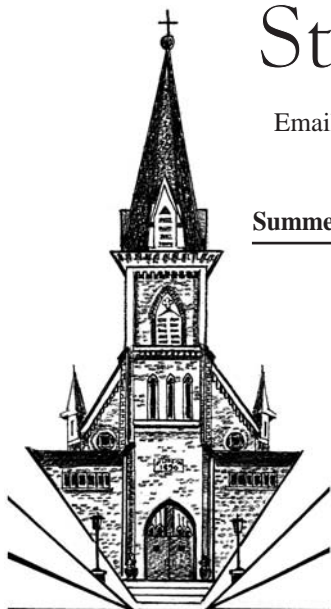
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**Office hours:** Monday – Thursday 9 - 12 and 1- 4 p.m.

**Summer hours** (Canada Day to Labour Day): Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



St Louis Catholic Church



**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:

### Pastor

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### Custodian

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](mailto:robertreinhart182@msn.com))

11:30 Choir - Donna McLellan ([donna-ipad@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com) or [www.resurrectionists.ca](http://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](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

## Parish Organizations and Contacts:

### Finance Council

Terry Collins, 519-741-1534

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### St. Vincent De Paul

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# THE PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

## MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

<b>Monday, March 25 – No Mass</b>			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
5:30 PM	Good Shepherd Catechesis		Nursery
6:30 PM	11:30 Choir rehearsal		Church
<b>Tuesday, March 26</b>			
9:00 AM	To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church		
9:30 AM	Book Group		L. Hall
1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Meeting		L. Hall
7:00 PM	Painting with Kelly		L. Hall
<b>Wednesday, March 27</b>			
9:00 AM	Doris Toussaint – Richard & Claire Armitage		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
<b>Thursday, March 28 - Thursday of the Lord Supper</b>			
7:00 PM	For Priestly Vocations		
<b>Friday, March 29 – Friday of the Passion of the Lord</b>			
10:00 AM	Good Friday Family Service –with Gospel dramatization		
3:00 PM	Good Friday Service		
<b>Saturday, March 30- Holy Saturday</b>			
<b>Vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord</b>			
8:30 PM	For People of St. Louis Parish		
<b>Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday</b>			
9:30 AM	For the Congregation of the Resurrection		
11:30 AM	For Those Baptized & Received into the Church this Easter in Our Diocese.		
5:00 PM	OOTC Community Supper		Gym



**Palm Sunday** is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified.

In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or palms, in front of Him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect. Palm branches are widely recognized symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday. The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war.

During Palm Sunday Mass, palms are distributed to parishioners who carry them in a ritual procession into church. The palms are blessed and kept for the year. Because the palms are blessed, they may not be discarded as trash. Instead, they are gathered at the church and burned to create the ashes for the next year's Ash Wednesday.



**Holy Thursday** is the commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ, when He established the sacrament of Holy Eucharist prior to His arrest and crucifixion. It also commemorates His institution of the priesthood. Jesus celebrated the supper as a Passover feast. Christ would fulfill His role as the victim of the Passover for all to be saved by His final sacrifice.

The central observance of Holy Thursday is the ritual re-enactment of the Last Supper at Mass. This event is celebrated at every Mass, as part of the Liturgy of the Eucharist, but it is specially commemorated on Holy Thursday. During the Mass, Catholics rightly believe, as an article of faith, that the unleavened bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through transubstantiation. He also establishes the special priesthood for his disciples, which is distinct from the "priesthood of all believers." Christ washed the feet of His disciples, who would become the first priests.

On the night of Holy Thursday, Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place where the faithful remain in the presence of the Eucharist just as the disciples kept a vigil with Christ.

No Mass will be celebrated again in the Church until the Easter Vigil proclaims the Resurrection.



**Good Friday** is the day for fasting and commemoration of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. According to the gospels, Jesus was betrayed by Judas on the night of the Last Supper. The morning following Christ's arrest, He was brought before Annas, a powerful Jewish cleric.

Annas condemned Jesus for blasphemy for refusing to repudiate Annas' words that He was the Son of God. From there, Jesus was sent to Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor of the province. Pontius Pilate questioned Jesus but found no reason to condemn Him. Instead, he suggested Jewish leaders deal with Jesus according to their own law. But under Roman law, they could not execute Jesus, so they appealed to Pilate to issue the order to kill Jesus.

Pilate appealed to King Herod, who found no guilt in Jesus and sent Him back to Pilate once again. Pilate declared Jesus to be innocent, and washed his hands to show that he wanted nothing to do with Jesus, but the crowds were enraged. To prevent a riot and to protect his station, Pilate reluctantly agreed to execute Jesus and sentenced Him to crucifixion. Jesus was convicted of proclaiming Himself to be the King of the Jews.

Before His execution, Jesus was flogged, which was a customary practice intended to weaken a victim before crucifixion. Crucifixion was an especially painful method of execution and was perfected by the Romans as such. It was reserved for the worst criminals, and generally Roman citizens, women, and soldiers were exempt in most cases.

During His flogging, the soldiers tormented Jesus, crowning Him with thorns and ridicule. Then, Jesus was compelled to carry His cross to the place of His execution, at Calvary. During His walk to the site of His execution, Jesus fell three times and the Roman guards randomly selected Simon, a Cyrene, to help Jesus.

At Calvary, Jesus was nailed to the cross and crucified between two thieves. One of the thieves repented of his sins and accepted Christ. A sign, was posted above Christ to indicate His supposed crime. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." It is commonly abbreviated in Latin as "INRI" (*Jesus Nazarenus, Rex Iudaeorum*).

During Christ's last few hours on the cross, darkness fell over the whole land. Jesus was given a sponge with sour wine mixed with gall, a weak, bitter painkiller often given to crucified victims.

Prior to death, Jesus spoke His last words, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" This line is the opening of Psalm 22, and it may have been common practice to recite lines of songs to deliver a greater message. Properly understood, the last words of Christ were triumphant. Guards then lanced Jesus' side to ensure He was dead.

At the moment of Christ's death, an earthquake occurred, powerful enough to open tombs. The long, thick curtain at the Temple was torn from top to bottom. The body of Christ was removed from the cross and laid in a donated tomb, buried according to custom.

The Veneration of the Cross: In the 7<sup>th</sup> century, the Church in Rome adopted the practice of Adoration of the Cross from the Church in Jerusalem, where a fragment of wood believed to be the Lord's cross had been venerated every year on Good Friday since the 4<sup>th</sup> century. According to tradition, a part of the Holy Cross was discovered by the mother of the emperor Constantine, St. Helen, on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem in AD 326. In veneration of an image, or representation of Christ's cross we are actually adoring what it represents. We are paying the highest honour to our Lord's actual Cross as the instrument of our salvation and because the Cross is inseparable from His sacrifice, in reverencing His Cross we are adoring Christ. *'We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee because by Thy Holy Cross Thou has Redeemed the World.'* (From Catholic Online catholic.org.)

**LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES IN KW AREA:**

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**



St. Louis Society of St. Vincent de Paul **Holy Thursday Food Drive:** It has been a tradition of St. Louis Parish to remember the Last Supper of Our Lord, with gifts of food. This year, we are asking for donations of peanut butter, jam, canned tuna or Kraft Dinner which will be delivered to the FoodBank of Waterloo Region. Please place donations in front of the Holy Family Altar at Holy Thursday Mass. Thank you and God bless.

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 .



Please join us on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> for our 100<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!



**Attention Ladies-** our next General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning with Mass at 7PM. The Mass Intention is for all deceased CWL Council Members. In lieu of a guest speaker, our CWL Historical Society will showcase photos, newspaper articles and other interesting documents from the past 100 years. We will have an extended time for socializing. Join us and bring a friend! All ladies 16 years of age and older are welcome to our General Meetings.

**Holy Land Collection on Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** – This year's theme is "He Came To Proclaim Peace!" Fr. Bob Mokry, OFM., the Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada, has written a letter encouraging Catholics to be especially generous this year. "We know, of course, that money cannot assure peace, but it can provide a measure of compassionate help for many Christians who wait in faith during these difficult times for the peace and justice that Christ proclaimed." Pope Saint Paul VI recognized these difficulties fifty years ago and inaugurated the annual Holy Land collection in dioceses and parishes throughout the world so that the pastoral, educational and social ministries of the Church in the Holy Land, and its care of the holy places would continue for the benefit of Christians everywhere. May this year's appeal show the generous support of our Canadian Church for our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land.



**Waterloo Knights of Columbus Good Friday Fish Fry, March 29<sup>th</sup>** Columbus Conference Centre,  
 145 Dearborn Pl., 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.



**Easter Egg Hunt for children age 10 and under, on Easter Sunday after both Masses.**

**The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** - Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 11years 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.

**FAITH ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS**

**Book Group News:** On March 12<sup>th</sup> 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. Remaining sessions this Spring: April 7 & 8, 21& 22, 28 & 29, May 5 & 6. We will pause this course till the Fall, once we covered the period of Royal Kingdom (King David and Solomon). The second half of this course will start again in September.

**Resurrectionist Vocation Minute** - Listening to Christ's passion, did a specific line resonate with you? Maybe the centurion's "Truly this man was God's Son!" or Jesus' "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Understanding Jesus' suffering and death as part of the Paschal Mystery involves viewing them in the context of His Resurrection. For Resurrectionists, the Paschal Mystery is at the heart of their message. Could it be that God is also calling you to spread this Good News with others? Fr. Paul Szymanowski CR, Leader of Vocation Team; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

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