

# St. Louis Catholic Church

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

**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.**



St Louis Catholic Church

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### **Pastor**

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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

## Parish Organizations and Contacts:

### **Finance Council**

Terry Collins, 519-741-1534

### **Maintenance Committee**

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### **OOTC Community Suppers**

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### **St. Vincent De Paul**

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# FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

## MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

<b>Monday, March 27 – No Mass</b>			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
7:30 PM	Lenten Bible Study (5/5)		L. Hall
<b>Tuesday, March 28</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
4:30 PM	Good Shepherd Catechesis		Nursery
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal for 11:30 AM Mass		Church
<b>Wednesday, March 29</b>			
9:00 AM	Intentions of Donna Mallard		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
6:00 PM	First Reconciliation		Church
7:00 PM	† Mary Reick – CWL Mass		
7:30 PM	CWL Meeting		L. Hall
<b>Thursday, March 30</b>			
9:00 AM	† André Duval – Catherine Duval-Russell		
9:30 AM	Lenten Bible Study (5/5)		L. Hall
<b>Friday, March 31</b>			
9:00 AM	† Mary Reick – Cecilia Beechey		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross – led by Bob Reinhart & Choir		
<b>Saturday, April 1</b>			
<b>Vigil of Palm Sunday or the Passion of the Lord</b>			
5:00 PM	† Phyllis Ertel – Larry Ertel		
	† Carol Schneider – Ron Schneider		
	† Michael Robson & Jeremy Kueneman – Marg Danard		
	† Eileen Fischer		
<b>Sunday, April 2 – Palm Sunday or the Passion of the Lord</b>			
9:30 AM	† Moe Webster – Sharon & John Carey		
	† Joseph Troesch – A. & F. Hulme & James Doyle		
	† Geraldine Smith – Elizabeth		
	Intentions of the Moser Family – Moser Family		
11:30 AM	People of St. Louis Church		
10:30 AM	Sunday Social		L. Hall
5:00 PM	OOTC Community Supper		Gym
	2:45 PM – 8 PM Set-up to Clean-up		
12:30 PM	Practice for G. F. Dramatization.		Church

### First Reading from Ezekiel 37:12-14

Today's first reading is from the Book of Ezekiel, which contains the visions and oracles of the Prophet Ezekiel as he ministered to the exiles of Judah during the Babylonian Exile. The Babylonian empire had already taken control of Judah in 605 BC, but Johoiakim, who was retained as its vassal king, made a mistake in considering Babylon's weakened state, after a failed invasion of Egypt, and refused to pay tribute to King Nebuchadnezzar. Babylon's armies responded in 598/7 BC by sacking Jerusalem and exiling its leading citizens. Biblical scholars think that Ezekiel was taken to Babylon with this first round of exiles. Not long afterward, Johoiakim's brother, Zedekiah, was installed by Nebuchadnezzar to oversee Judah. He, too, attempted to rebel against Babylonians, whose armies returned in 589 and by 586 BC they had decimated much of Judah, destroyed the Jerusalem Temple, and taken more of Judah's population into exile in Babylon.

Needless to say, this was a terrible time for the people of Judah, whether they were in exile in Babylon or left behind in devastated Judah and Jerusalem. Like Prophets before him, Ezekiel sees Judah's political troubles as God's punishment for their unfaithfulness to God's covenant, but he also holds out the possibility that the people will repent and that God would restore them, because God's covenant is eternal and

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



Fr. James Martin, S.J., gives his tips for being kinder and more grateful, even when you don't feel like it.

More kindness: Being kind, looks simple, but is surprisingly difficult. It's something we should all try to practice every day, but focus on especially during Lent. Here are the three components that Fr. Martin uses to put kindness into practice in his everyday life:

1. "Don't be a jerk," Fr. Martin says. "That is, even if you're tired or sick or angry or frustrated or overworked, there's no need to pass along your misery to the next person. You can choose not to be a jerk."
2. "Honour the absent. Stop talking about people behind their backs. Nothing is as damaging to the social fabric. It will make people feel bad when they find out about it. And they usually do."
3. And lastly, "Give the benefit of the doubt. If you're not sure how someone means something," he says, "ask. Always assume good motives too. These may seem like small things, and being kind may seem obvious, but it's at the heart of the Christian life."

Kindness comes easier to us when we establish another spiritual practice, one that we'd do well to keep going long after Lent is over.

Less complaining: "Stop complaining." Often it leads to despair. Of course, it's important to share your frustrations and struggles with your family and friends and with God in prayer, but you don't need to be so constantly negative around everyone you know."

The benefit? Fr. Martin says "I'm not the source of complaints as much, so I don't bring everyone else down, and I don't regret the things I say." Of course, the life does tend to get in the way of this particular practice. "Life is always throwing some unforeseen roadblocks in your way. So complaining is easy. But the key is knowing that you don't have to complain. You have a choice." "When you're around Christians who are constant complainers, you start to wonder if they really believe that Christ is risen, that nothing is impossible with God, and that the Holy Spirit is powerfully among us," But the Resurrection, the final chapter in the story of Lent, is Good News!" (From *Aleteia.org* (2017))

because God will never abandon his people. This is the back drop to the vision of the dry bones and the interpretation of the vision, which is our first reading for today.

Ezekiel tells us that in his vision, he was led out by the spirit of the Lord into a broad valley filled with dry bones. When asked whether the bones could come back to life, Ezekiel answers, "O Lord God, you know". God tells Ezekiel to prophesy over the bones with these words: "I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live". The Hebrew words for "breath" is *ruach*, also meaning "wind or spirit", but remember that this is God's breath! Soon Ezekiel hears a loud clattering noise and the bones come together, muscles and tendons grow on them, and skin covers them. Then God tells Ezekiel to prophesy to the breath with these words: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live". Finally, Ezekiel is told that the dry bones now come to life are the people of Israel.

This is where our first reading begins. God tells Ezekiel to prophesy to the people in these words: "I am going to open your graves... I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own soil." Thus, to the exiles in Babylon, who feel as good as dead, the Prophet is saying that God has not abandoned them and that God will one day restore them to their land. And why will God do this? It is not because the people have earned forgiveness. No, it is so that the people will know that God is all-sovereign and that God's word can be trusted, because it is in the nature of God to care for God's people. (From *the Workbook for Lectors & Proclaimers of the Word*)



**This Lent, let's stand for the land** - Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's **Create Hope: Stand for the land** campaign calls you to support our sisters and brothers in the Global South, especially in Colombia and Honduras in defending their land and territory. In Colombia D & P's partner, the *Asociación Campesina de Antioquia* supports peasant communities affected by armed conflict in defending their lives and territories and in building a culture of peace through filmmaking and art. In Honduras D & P supports *Equipo de Reflexión, Investigación y Comunicación* an organization that helps communities in their struggle for land and territory and investigates human rights abuses.



Our next CWL General Meeting will take place Wed., March 29<sup>th</sup> (a week earlier than usual due to Holy Week). Mass will begin at 7PM with a short meeting and refreshments to follow. Our guest speakers will be the chefs from the Culinary Studio who were a big hit a few years ago! Please join us and bring a friend. All ladies 16 years of age and older are welcome and you do not need to be a CWL member to attend our General Meetings. Come out for an enjoyable evening!

**(Almost) Everything About The Mass Lenten Workshop On The Eucharist** facilitated by Fr. Pawel Jamroz on Thu., Mar. 30, 7 PM at Parish Hall St. Michael Church, 80 University Ave. The goal - to grow in faith & to gain a deeper understanding of the Mass. For more info. contact 519-884-9311 or parish@stmichaelw.ca

**2023 Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** – celebrated by Bp. Crosby on Sun., April 16, at 1:30 PM at the Cathedral. The Mass is for couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 60+ year of marriage in the year 2023. Last call to register (by March 31<sup>st</sup>) at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com), or call Sarah at 905-528-7988 X 2249.

**Young Adults Night** – Sat., April 1<sup>st</sup> – Guelph, Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk St.) - Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival & Holy Hour (6:30 PM - 7:30 PM), Social with Food (7:30 PM - 8:30 PM), Praise Night & Vocation Testimony (8 - 9 PM), Compline (9 PM). For more info., contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

**Extreme Way of the Cross (EWC)** – ([edk.org.pl/en/about](http://edk.org.pl/en/about)) - Part pilgrimage, part physical and spiritual workout, part personal challenge, this initiative involves walking a 40 kilometres or more route, at night, accompanied only by prayer and meditations on the fourteen stations of Jesus' passion and crucifixion. Kitchener route starts on Mar. 31 with Mass in the evening at Sacred Heart Church and ends at Blessed Sacrament Church via New Hamburg. Check [edk.org.pl/en/route-details?routeld=8696](http://edk.org.pl/en/route-details?routeld=8696) for details, or contact Sacred Heart parish at 519-742-5831.



The Waterloo Knights of Columbus is gearing up for another Good Friday Fish Fry at the Columbus Conference Centre, with inside seating starting at 1 PM through to the last seating at 6 PM. Therefore the seatings are on the hour. 1 Piece Dinner \$15, 2 piece Dinner \$20, and includes fries, a roll and slaw. Address: 145 Dearborn Place in Waterloo, YOU must call Martin at 519-884-2060 to reserve your seating time and also call regarding your Take Out order.



"Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" If God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, 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. Pray for vocations!



**ADDITIONAL LENTEN SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION TIMES:**  
 Tue. March 28 at 6 PM at Our Lady of Lourdes  
 Tue. March 28 at 7 PM at St. Joseph's Ch. & at St. Mary's Ch.  
 Wed. March 29 at 7 PM at St. Aloysius' Church  
 Thu. March 30 at 7 PM at Blessed Sacrament Church  
 Sat. April 1 at 4 PM at St. Teresa of Avila (Kitchener) Church  
 Wed. April 5 from 8 AM to 9 PM at St. Michael's Church

**PRAYERS STRAIGHT FROM THE BIBLE - PSALMS:**



*Benedictus*, or the Cantic of Zechariah, (part of the Morning Prayer), is the song of thanksgiving uttered by Zechariah on the occasion of the circumcision of his son, John the Baptist. (*Lk 1:68-79*)

The whole cantic falls into two parts. The first (v. 68–75) is a song of thanksgiving for the realization of the Messianic hopes of the Jewish nation with a characteristically Christian tone. The second part of the cantic is an address by Zechariah to his own son, who was to take so important a part in the scheme of the Redemption; for he was to be a prophet, and to preach the remission of sins before the coming of the Redeemer from on high. The prophecy in Isaiah 40:3 foretold that he (John) was to "go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways". (*From Wikipedia*)

*Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel! He has visited his people and redeemed them. He has raised up for us a mighty saviour in the house of David his servant, as he promised by the lips of holy men, those who were his prophets from of old. A saviour who would free us from our foes, from the hands of all who hate us. So his love for our fathers is fulfilled and his holy covenant remembered.*

*He swore to Abraham our father to grant us, that free from fear, and saved from the hands of our foes, we might serve him in holiness and justice all the days of our life in his presence.*

*As for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High. You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways before him.*

*To make known to his people their salvation through forgiveness of all their sins, the loving-kindness of the heart of our God who visits us like the dawn from on high. He will give light to those in darkness, those who dwell in the shadow of death, and guide us into the way of peace.*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*



**Resurrectionist Vocation Minute** - At the end of the day, a vocation is not "doing something for God" as much as it is the story our friendship with God. Can we choose to live in such a way as to become the kind of friend Jesus will weep for when it comes time for our death? And yet the most beautiful thing is that our friendship with Jesus is stronger than death. He will raise us, his friends, to life again on the last day, to live with him forever. Read more at [www.resurrectionists.ca](http://www.resurrectionists.ca)

**Mini Lenten Retreats** - The Apostles of the Resurrection invite you to spend 15 minutes in prayer each Sunday this Lent, using their mini Lenten Retreat videos. (Based on the Sunday Gospel with Lectio Divina format & personal reflections). New video every Sunday on [www.resurrectionists.ca](http://www.resurrectionists.ca). The focus for the Fifth Sunday of Lent is *Paschal Mystery: New Life & Reconciliation*.

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