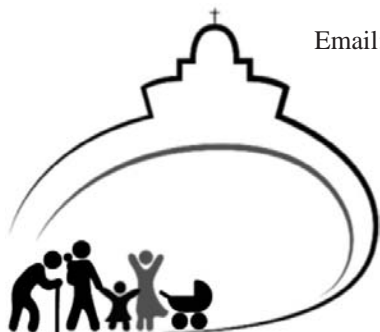


# St. Louis Catholic Church

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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:

### **Pastor**

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### **Coordinator of Youth and Children's Ministries**

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### **Parish Secretary**

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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),  
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**

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# THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

## MASS INTENTION

**Monday, March 28 – No Mass**

**Tuesday, March 29**

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

**Wednesday, March 30**

9:00 AM † Jean Willson – Cecilia Beechey

**Thursday, March 31**

9:00 AM † Debbie Spiegelberg – Cecilia Beechey

**Friday, April 1**

9:00 AM † Margaret Diana Granger – Amanda Ayoung-Chee

**Saturday, April 2 – First Saturday in April**

**Vigil of The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

5:00 PM People of St. Louis Parish

**Sunday, April 3 – The Fifth Sunday in Lent**

9:30 AM Intentions of Phyllis Ayoung-Chee – Amanda Ayoung-Chee

† Kent Cook – Gisela Della Croce

† Christina Villalba – Gisela Della Croce

† Jerome & Helen Dietrich – Paul & Carl Dietrich

11:30 AM † Bishop Basil Filevich – Caravaggio Family

† Loretta Potvin – Potvin Family

† Michael Robson & Jeremy Kuenemans – Margaret

Danard

† Frank Butler – Butler Family

### Reflection on the First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

The central theme of the readings for this Fourth Sunday of Lent is an invitation to celebrate the transition to a new state in life or a renewed relationship with God. This Sunday was traditionally known as Laetare Sunday, which got its name from the first line of its entrance antiphon, taken from Isaiah 66:10, "Rejoice with Jerusalem; and be glad for her, all you that delight in her: exult and sing for joy with her, all you that in sadness mourn for her..."

The first reading, from the Book of Joshua, recalls the story of the arrival of Joshua and the Israelites to the Promised Land. In the preceding chapters, we learned how God's people passed through the Jordan River as the water was held back by the priests who carried the Ark of the Covenant in front of them. We also learned of the rituals that were celebrated at Gilgal and the circumcisions that were performed at Gibeath-haaraloth, because none of those born during the Exodus journey had been circumcised. Circumcision is a sign of the covenant that God made with Abraham and his descendants, so it was fitting that the ritual would be performed before they celebrated their first Passover in the Promised Land.

But notice how the Lord associates circumcision with the removal of the "disgrace" (Hebrew *cherpah*, meaning "condition of shame or disgrace") of Egypt, presumably referring to the many times that the Israelites failed to trust in God's protection and benevolence during their wilderness journey. In essence, with this ritual, God reconsecrates the people of Israel. This is a new time for God's people.

The manna that they needed to survive in the wilderness had ceased, because now they could eat the Passover from the produce of their own land. The phrase "that year", which appears at the end of today's reading, refers to the fortieth year since the Exodus from Egypt. The number forty is a symbol of transition from one state to another: in this case, from slavery to freedom. (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 People and Planet First campaign (Share Lent – Solidarity Sunday is April 3) is about helping communities stand up to corporate power.

In Honduras, as in much of the Global South, corporations often threaten and criminalize activists who speak up against their abuses.

The Lenca Indigenous leader Victor Vásquez was imprisoned for fighting the corporate takeover of his people's ancestral territory. Development and Peace's partner, the Honduran Centre for the Promotion of Community Development (CEHPRODEC), helped free him from jail.

Another partner, Caritas Choluteca, trains and accompanies community leaders in advocating for policies that respect human rights and the environment. Recently, they got mayoral election candidates to undertake to declare the municipality of Orocuina a mining-free zone, if elected. Read more about these people's victories in our Mini-magazine at [devp.org/lent/resources](http://devp.org/lent/resources).

## PRAYERS FOR PEACE

**Interdenominational Prayer Service For Peace in Ukraine** – Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at St. Anthony Daniel R.C. Church in Kitchener (29 Midland Drive). Organized by Ukrainian Greek Catholic and Ukrainian Orthodox Churches in our area. Everyone is welcome.



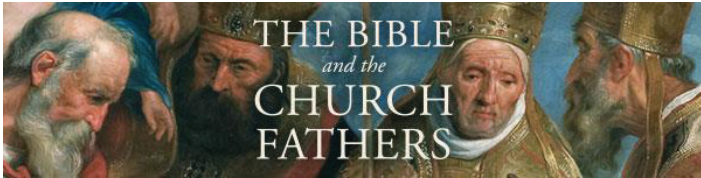
**Five First Saturdays Devotion** - Our Lady requested consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart on several occasions beginning in Fatima, Portugal in 1917. In addition, Our Lady also asked for Rosary prayers and reparations for sins against Her Immaculate Heart by observing the Five First Saturdays devotions for Peace in the world.

First Saturdays in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary include the following, performed with the intention of reparation for blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart, for at least five consecutive months:

- Confession (shortly before or after the First Saturday — so long as the person receives Holy Communion in a state of grace);
- Holy Communion received on the First Saturday of each month;
- Holy Rosary, five decades recited sometime during the day; and
- meditating for 15 min. on the Mysteries of the Rosary (one or more).

(For more see [marian.org/13th/firstsaturday.php](http://marian.org/13th/firstsaturday.php))

**St. Louis Bells** (Our bells, "St. Louis, Confessor King" and "St. Magdalena" are 115 years old!) are rung every night at 7 PM to call us to prayers wherever we are.



**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 second session:**

The Church Fathers provide a link back to the teaching of Christ and are vital witnesses to Tradition. They help us interpret Sacred Scripture as they were near contemporaries of Christ. They understood Jewish customs and Roman Laws and were members of the same culture. Some Church Fathers received their interpretation of the New Testament from the people who actually wrote it. They passed down to the next generation what the Apostles said and meant. That is what “tradition” means – literally, “handing down” across the generations.

The earliest Christians did not have New Testament as we know it. There were no printing presses and not even an official list of what should be included. For earliest Christians, the Gospel wasn't something written but something lived in the liturgy of the Church, in the prayers they prayed and homilies they heard from their bishops. And the Church grew at about 40% per decade. By mid fourth century there were 33 million Christians in 60 million Roman Empire. The Gospel spread through witness of Christians in a non-Christian world.

The first 8 centuries, Patristic Era, are further divided into four periods:

- 1) Apostolic Fathers - those who lived during and immediately after the times of the Apostles. They preached to a pagan empire and usually were martyred: Sts. Clement of Rome, Ignatius of Antioch and Polycarp of Smyrna.
- 2) Ante-Nicene Fathers – those who lived in the second and third centuries also under heavy persecution. They debated using Greek philosophy the pros and cons to teach the Gospel: Justin Martyr, Irenaeus of Lyons, Cyprian of Carthage and Clement of Alexandria. Persecution started under Cesar Nero in AD 64 and continued sporadically over the next 250 years until in AD 313 the Emperor Constantine through Edict of Milan allowed Christianity to be practiced.
- 3) Nicene Fathers – those who addressed controversies over doctrine about Christ at the Council of Nicaea in AD 325: Sts. Athanasius, Cyril of Jerusalem, Basil the Great, Gregory of Nazianzus, Gregory of Nyssa and Ambrose of Milan. St. Athanasius is known as “the Father of Orthodoxy” for his battle and eventual victory over Arian heresy which would not accept that Jesus Christ was God equal to God the Father.
- 4) Post-Nicene Fathers - those who lived during the decline of the Empire and the rise of some of the greatest Church theologians: Sts. Augustine, Jerome, John Chrysostom, Leo the Great, Gregory the Great and St. John of Damascus. This continued to be time of defining, clarifying and defending the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is no new public revelation after the time of the Apostles. Everything has been revealed and given to us in a deposit of faith. The Church gradually comes to understand the full significance of God's revelation over centuries (CCC 66). *(Excerpts from the participants' workbook)*

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Our next **CWL General Meeting** will take place on Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> beginning with Mass at 7pm with meeting to follow in the Large Hall. We warmly welcome all members and non-members to our General Meetings, so please feel free to bring a friend, sister or daughter with you! We look forward to seeing YOU for an enjoyable evening.



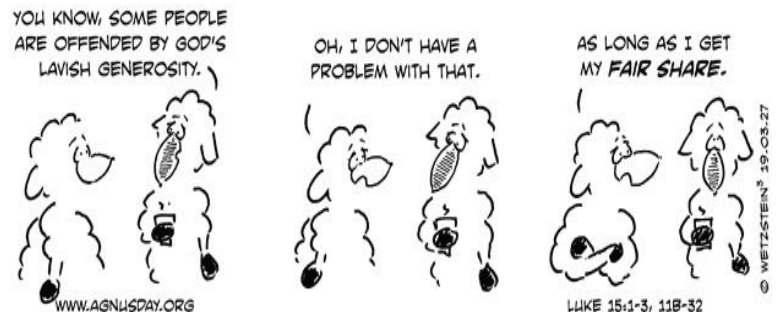
**Sunday school is back** – during the 9:30 AM Mass for ages 3 – 6 yrs. old. We begin with playing in the nursery, then Kelly calls all the older children to come to the Sunday school room. We talk about the Liturgical calendar and learn about Liturgical seasons. We listen to the Gospel story and work 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.



Like the forgiving father of Luke's Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? 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 [crvocations@gmail.com](mailto:crvocations@gmail.com), or Carmel of St. Joseph, St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.

**Heartache to Healing – St. Michael Parish Grief Support Group** (St. Michael Parish, 80 University Ave. W., Waterloo) – Our 6 week grief support group will be offered this Spring. The program is designed to assist people after the death of a loved one, or a significant loss. This program follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. The sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm (April 20 to May 25). Everyone is welcome. There is no fee, but you must register by April 13th. Visit our website for more information at [www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support](http://www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support). To register, or for more information, please contact the St. Michael parish office 519-884-9311, or email [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca).

**Prayer Vigil** - Thursday, March 3, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (Note time!) 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, please contact Cathy at: [kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com](mailto:kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com)



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