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Office hours:

Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 4p.m.,

Friday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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.

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Welcome to St. Louis Parish - 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 – John Miller (john@johnbmiller.ca),

5:00 Mass – 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 attending members, please contact the parish office at least one year in advance of your date.

A marriage preparation course is required.

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. Privacy-of-Information laws prohibit the parish from obtaining information about parishioners in the hospital.

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, crvocations@gmail.com or check www.resurrectionist.ca

Parish Organizations and Contacts:

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 6

No Mass

Tuesday, March 7

9:00 am † Eleonora Baczewska – Malton Family

Wednesday, March 8

9:00 am † Krystyna Kowalska – Malton Family

7:00 pm † Anne Dorsch – St. Louis CWL

Thursday, March 9

9:00 am † Zygmunt Adamski – Joan Sichewski

Friday, March 10

9:00 am † Patrick Givlin – Harold & Viola Moser

Saturday, March 11

Sunday liturgy – Second Sunday In Lent

5:00 pm † Martha & Frank Hause – Estate (8/12)

† Dominic Yolkowskie – Jack & Marilyn
Yolkowskie

† mother of Sr. Marie Kateri, Sr. of Life –
Sisters of the Poor of Jesus Christ

Sunday, March 12 – Second Sunday In Lent

9:30 am People of St. Louis Parish

11:30 am † Ethel Kehn – Beaton Family

† Edward Hrycyk – Stella Hrycyk & Family

† Zygmunt Adamski – Bill & Marnie Wharnsby

Reflection on the First Reading: (Genesis Chapter 2)

At the beginning of Lent, the Scripture readings focus on the continuous human struggle to become the living image of God, as the Creator intended from the beginning. As is evident today, during Lent the Church also celebrates the complete fulfilment of God's purpose in Christ, the New Adam.

Today's First Reading belongs to the second account of the creation of human beings in the Book of Genesis. In the first story, the divine plan and purpose is clear: God formed humankind in the divine image. In the language of symbol and metaphor, the second narrative depicts the fundamental sin of the human race: not content to serve as the image of God, the human creature reaches beyond its limits to seize equality with God.

The well-known story of man and woman in the garden unfolds, but its full meaning is less familiar. In the preceding chapter, God entrusted cultivation and care of the garden to the human creature. The fruits of all the trees but one were freely available for food; the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. This limitation clearly served to protect humankind, for "in the day that you eat of it you shall die". In ancient Hebrew thought, sin and death were inextricably intertwined, for both brought separation from God. (The expectation of an afterlife did not emerge in Judaism until near the end of the Old Testament period.)

In this reading we can discern the symbolic meaning of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil – and the command to avoid it. Like some neighbouring peoples, Israel believed that only divine beings truly know what is good and bad. The tree thus symbolizes divine status. The narrative makes clear that the human creature is very aware of God's command and its purpose, for the woman repeats both to the cunning serpent.

The deceitful serpent replies with partial truth: if you reach out to grasp for yourself the knowledge of good and evil,

THIS WEEK EVENTS

Monday, March 6

4:00 pm Good Shepherd Catechesis I/II/III Nursery

6:30 pm St. Vincent de Paul meeting Nursery

7:30 pm *Eucharist* – Bishop Barron DVD program L. Hall
part 4/6

Tuesday, March 7

noon Lunch & Learn: *Does the Bible Really Say That?* (Chap.:45,46-last chapter) by Patrick Madrid Nursery

Wednesday, March 8

6:30 am First Communion preparation Nursery

7:30 pm CWL meeting Large Hall

Thursday, March 9

9:30 am Small Christian Community Large Hall

1:00 pm Bible Study: *Gospel of Matthew* Large Hall

6:00 pm Quilting Club meeting Nursery

7:30 pm (9:30) Choir rehearsal Church

Friday, March 10

6:00 pm Youth Music rehearsal Church

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (led by CWL) Church

7:00 pm Youth Group Meeting (Highschool) Large Hall

Olive wood Rosaries, Christmas & Easter Ornaments, Crosses, nativity scenes and last supper icons for purchase after all masses next week end. All items carved by local Christian Catholics in Jerusalem and Bethlehem. All profits go to assist Christians of Holy Land & Syrian Refugees.


Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Mar 11 5 pm	1. Jim Walsh 2. Fran Ruetz C. Betty Gross	1. Sharon Carey 2. Joan Sichewski 3. Daniel Delattre
Sun. Mar 12 9:30 am	1. Lauren Krause 2. Jessica Hill C. Cecilia Beechey	1. Frank Hulme 2. Annette Hulme 3. Mary Smith
Sun. Mar 5 11:30 am	1. Ben Beaton 2. Gord Beaton C. Carolyn Beaton	1. Anna Malton 2. Donna Herbsreit 3. Jeff Dinner

"you will be like God." The serpent's untruth appears in denying the further consequence: sin and death, which bring separation from God. The woman succumbs, and sin quickly spreads. She offers fruit to her husband, who repeats the disastrous choice, "and he ate it." Soon both experience the consequences of their choice: once completely free, open, and vulnerable to God, now they begin to hide themselves from the divine presence.

The author thus illustrates foundational human sin: resisting the divine plan and purpose: to become the living image of God on earth. Instead, human beings, male and female, strive to place themselves on the same level as God. Such overreach leads to humankind's estrangement from God and ultimately, to alienation from its divinely intended purpose.



Lunch and Learn group on Tuesdays at noon is finishing reading and discussing the book by Patrick Madrid *Does the Bible Really Say That?* Starting on March 14th the new book read and discussed will be by Scott Hahn *The Lambs' Supper* which deals with three interconnected topics: The Mass, the end times and the book of Revelation. Everyone is welcome. Come when you can and bring bagged lunch if you wish. Coffee (and treats outside the season of Lent) provided.

 St. Louis Catholic Women's League next meeting, Wednesday March 8th - Mass 7pm - Guest speaker: Gerti Emslie, "Navigating the Health Care System" Brief meeting to follow. All women welcome.

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED: to a half-day retreat THIS Sat., March 11th (9 am - 12:30 pm) at St. Agnes Church. Theme: "The Gift of Confession" by Fr. Aleks Mazur. 9 am Mass, refreshments, 2 sessions (break in between), questions? This is a free event. (Sponsored by the 4 Waterloo CWL Councils: Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Agnes, St. Louis, St. Michael's).



Herb Wittich Centre - Can you spare some time to help out at the Herb Wittich Centre in support of Canadian Food for Children? Three times a year, St. Louis volunteers sort items at the Herb Wittich Centre (843 Guelph St., 519-578-9706) prior to sending them on to third world countries. Our next date is Mar 8th - 12:30 till 3:00 pm. Please call Fran Ruetz at 519-744-7993 if you have any questions.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of ON requires physicians to make an "effective referral" for assisted suicide and euthanasia. Many Catholic physicians and other caregivers are unable to do this in good conscience and are being forced to choose between their conscience and their careers. Given the introduction of Bill 84 on medical aid in dying at Queen's Park in December we have the opportunity to push for amendments to the Bill to include conscience protection for all health care workers. We are asking parishioners to contact their MPPs about this important issue. It is important for the Catholic voice in Ontario to be heard.

There is a suite of materials with step by step instructions that can be used to help you speak to your MPP about this topic. Here are the links to the materials and to a video which explains the situation, or you can visit: www.canadiansforconscience.ca, Resources: bit.ly/callforconscience

Video: <http://bit.ly/consciencevideo>

No other country in the world requires this kind of violation of conscience. Let's help make sure Ontario protects the conscience rights of all.

Lenten Retreat - "The Word Became Flesh, and Dwelt Among Us" Wed. March 8, led by St. Francis Pastoral Associate, Ms. Ruthann Fisher. This Lent, explore how you allow the Word of God to influence your life. Stations of the Cross at 7 pm, followed by retreat. Hosted by the CWL. Please bring your bible. Location: St. Francis of Assisi, 49 Blueridge Ave. Kit.



Vocation Seeds: Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, mking@hamiltondiocese.com.

Come and See Retreat: Men interested in the vocation to the priesthood are invited to the Come and See Retreat at St. Peter's Seminary in London on the weekend of March 24 - 27. This is a unique opportunity to spend time with those studying for the priesthood, hear their stories, and pray for your vocation. More details at www.HamiltonVocations.com.



Please bring your milk bags - Until March 12th - box provided at the back of St. Louis church. The bags will be woven into sleeping mats.

Caroline Noël and the St. Louis Youth Group thank the parishioners for generously supporting their project and donating \$1114.00 for the Malala Fund. Congratulations to Mary Lou Mateff for winning the Samsung tablet.



Stress in Your Marriage? - Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. For confidential info, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend **March 24**, contact: 905-664-5212, hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

Lectures in Catholic Experience at St. Jerome's University: Fri., March 10, Fr. Michael Patella, a Benedictine monk of Saint John's Abbey and University in Collegeville, Minnesota explores the meaning of the visual leitmotifs that run through the Bible, connecting one book and story to another. You will also have an opportunity to see three Heritage volumes of this beautiful sacred text. Fr. Patella was the chair of the Committee on Illumination and Text for The Saint John's Bible — the first handwritten and illuminated Bible in over 500 years. Vanstone Lecture Theatre, Academic Centre (SJ2 1004), SJU, 7:30pm. Free.

The **Sisters of the Carmel of St. Joseph** will pray for you during the **Novena to Saint Joseph, March 11th to 19th**. You can participate in the Novena to St. Joseph. Send your prayer intention slip with your name & address to Carmel of St. Joseph 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. # 1 St. Agatha, ON NOB 2L0.



Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sun., June 25th at 1:30 pm at the Cathedral in Hamilton for couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2017. Please refer to posters in the church for info on how to register for the celebration, or www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Listowel and District Right To Life Annual Fundraising Breakfast: Sat., March 11, at the Bethel Christian Reform Church, 345 Elizabeth Street East, Listowel. The breakfast runs from 8 am until 11 am. Cost is \$8 per person with children 5 and under free. The breakfast includes bacon, sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs, toast, jam, coffee, tea and juice.

St. Agatha Parish CWL St. Patrick's Day Card Party: Come out and bring a few friends! Door Prizes, Draws and a delicious Beef Stew Luncheon. Admission: \$10/person includes stew, rolls, beverage & dessert squares. St. Agatha RC Church Hall Sunday, March 12th at 2 pm. Cash Draw & Raffle Draws during Luncheon at 4:30pm. More info email: stagathacwl@gmail.com

Past Sunday Collection:

Sunday Envelopes	\$	3451.00
Maintenance Envelopes	\$	170.00
Loose Donations	\$	335.40
Pre Authorized donations for February: pro-rated per week	\$	1466.38



Thank you for your generosity & continuous support!

Pre-Authorized Giving available at St. Louis Church.

You can sign up at any time. Funds are transferred monthly on the 20th of each month. (This covers **only** the regular Sunday envelope donations). Registration forms at the back of the church.



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