

# 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.**



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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)),

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 Fr. Dan Lobsinger, C.R., Vocation Director for the Congregation of the Resurrection, at [crvocations@gmail.com](mailto:crvocations@gmail.com) or [www.resurrectionist.ca](http://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](http://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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Sandra Williams, 519-742-9239

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

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# SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, March 9 – No Mass

7:30 PM Reconciliation service

### Tuesday, March 10

9:00 AM To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church – Monday  
Lunch & Learn Group

### Wednesday, March 11

9:00 AM Intentions of Maria Leung – Amanda Ayoung-Chee

### Thursday, March 12

9:00 AM † Amy Grominsky – Catholic Community Foundation of  
Waterloo Region

### Friday, March 13

9:00 AM † Ethel Kehn – Beaton Family

### Saturday, March 14

#### Vigil of Third Sunday In Lent

5:00 PM † Gerard Lorentz – Barbara Lorentz  
Intentions of Veronica Zettel – Joan Sichewski

### Sunday, March 15 – Third Sunday In Lent

9:30 AM † John Lavigne – Loretta & Family

† Monica Doyle – Hulme Family

† Rita Mroz - Mroz Family

† Frances Moyer - Gross Family

11:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

#### Reflection on the First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

The saga of Abram (whose name is changed to Abraham at Genesis 17) begins with the Lord's command and promises, followed by Abram's unquestioning obedience. Genesis tells his story in thirteen chapters in which his faith in God and the divine promises are tested over and over. Though Abram is the main human character in the story, it is God who takes the initiative, makes promises, acts decisively, and is always faithful.

Prior to the story of Abram's call, Genesis tells the story of widespread disobedience and its consequences. Because of repeated sin, God had pronounced curses, maledictions that carried harsh effects of loss and alienation. The opposite of a curse is a blessing, by which God imparts goodness, strength, and grace. Using the term "blessed" or "blessing" five times in the scene we read today, God announces a new bestowal of divine favour, a new stage in divine / human relationship.

To receive God's blessing, Abram must go forth from his land and from all that is familiar, prosperous, and secure, without knowing where God will lead him. Along with this life-changing command, God makes seemingly impossible promises to the seventy-five year old Abram, who had no heir. More than assuring a single heir, God promises to make of Abram a great nation, later telling him that his descendants will be as countless as the stars of the sky. Abram's belief in God's promise of blessing and his obedience even in the face of unimaginable testing present him as a model of faith. Receiving blessing not only for himself, Abram becomes a source of blessing for others. (Excerpt: Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word)

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## THIS WEEK EVENTS

### Monday, March 9

9 AM – NOON Pickleball Gym

11:30 AM Baptismal Preparation L. Hall

NOON – 1 PM Lunch & Learn – Book study: *Walking with God* by Tim Gray and Jeff Cavins Nursery

7:30 PM Reconciliation service Church

### Tuesday, March 10

6:00 PM First Communion Preparation Class Nursery

6:30 PM 11:30 AM Choir Practice Church

### Wednesday, March 11

9 AM – NOON Pickleball Gym

6:30 PM Lectio Divina (with dinner) L. Hall

### Thursday, March 12

9:30 AM Celebrating the Word – Reflections on upcoming Sunday Readings Large Hall

1:00 PM Bible study: *Jesus of Nazareth-movie P. 2/4* L. Hall

7:00 PM 9:30 AM Choir Practice Church

### Friday, March 13

9 AM – NOON Pickleball Gym

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross led by John Miller Church

### Saturday, March 14

9:00 AM St. Vincent de Paul Retreat Large Hall

### Sunday, March 15

10:30 AM Sunday Social Large Hall

5:00 PM OOTC Community Supper Gym

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Mar. 14	1 Jennifer McDonald	1 Daniel Delatree
5:00 PM	2 James Skidmore	2 Joan Sichewski
	C Sharon Carey	3 Grant Ertel
Sun. Mar. 15	1 Rose Mastnak	1 Frank Mensink
9:30 AM	2 Barry Hinsperger	2 Frank Hulme
	C Betty Gross	3 Joanne Bond
Sun. Mar. 15	1 Gord Beaton	1 Lois Peterson
11:30 AM	2 Donna Herbstreit	2 Terry Sullivan
	C Carol Sullivan	3 Donna Mackay



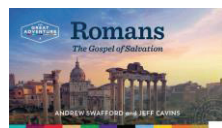
At the heart of Paul's letter to the Romans is the *gospel* (in Greek *evangelio*, which means to bring or announce good news), the good news of salvation. In Isaiah's writings the word *gospel* signifies God's return and enthronement not just over Israel, but over the whole world, resulting in conversion of the nations.

When Paul speaks about "faith", he uses the term "obedience of faith". It is more than just intellectual belief. Faith requires active obedience, making it more like *faithfulness* or *allegiance*. God's faithfulness is the source of our salvation, which is not a mere legal acquittal. God aims to heal and transform us as well. But from what?

There are two dimensions of sin: individual and sinfulness of the humanity rooted in our fallen nature (original sin) and our inclination to sin (concupiscence). To fully appreciate salvation, we need to fully realize our need for it. A first-century Jew would have readily agreed to Paul's assessment that the Gentiles are ensnared by idolatry and sexual immorality. But Paul turns the tables around noting that Jews are likewise trapped in the same predicament. We should ask "What is the matter of our ultimate concern? What are our gods?"

"The law was given that grace may be sought; grace given that the law may be fulfilled". - St. Augustine

(Based on Workbook for the study of the Letter to the Romans)



**Dramatization of the Gospel for Good Friday Family service at 10am** - we are in need of people of all ages to help us portray the Gospel story. Parents, grandparents, teens, young people of all ages are welcome to join us. Anyone 5yrs and under are welcome with an adult participating with them. Practices will take place on March 29 & April 5 right after the 11:30am Mass. 12:30pm we will meet in the large hall to eat a lunch provided by us. I will be happy to accommodate any allergies if I am made aware. We will then proceed up into the church for the practice. Sign up sheets will be in the nursery or you can call Kelly Krause at the parish office.



Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our life. If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com), 905-528-7988, or Fr. Dan Lobsinger, CR, Vocation Director, at [crvocations@gmail.com](mailto:crvocations@gmail.com), or Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.

**Young Adult Lenten Meet-ups** - Beginning Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 - 9 pm. St. Mary's Parish is launching a weekly meet-up for Young Adults (ages 18-35) in the parish hall, 56 Duke Street West. We will continue every Thursday during Lent. Through guest speakers and group discussions, we will explore topics such as: the origins of Lent, prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and reconciliation. Snacks will be provided! We hope to see you there!

**The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a FISH FRY** on Friday, March 20, at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. There will be continuous seating from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Take out will be at 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. Please bring your own take out containers as we are trying to save the environment. Advanced tickets are available until March 18th. Purchase your tickets at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. or call 519-669-3387. Tickets are on sale after Masses. Cost is Adults \$16.00; Children (12 & under) \$8.00; and Take out is \$16.00. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charities.

**Defending the Faith Conference:** July 24-26, 2020 at Franciscan University, Steubenville, Ohio. Once again Blessed Sacrament Parish in Kitchener is organizing a trip to this conference. For more info. contact Mary Anne Kearns at 519-578-6218 or [mackearns@hotmail.com](mailto:mackearns@hotmail.com)

**Marriage Encounter Weekend Retreat** – Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the Weekend. It is based around Catholic values, but couples of all faiths are welcome. For more info. or to register contact Gerard & Marge at 905-792-1925 or [gerard.marge@rogers.com](mailto:gerard.marge@rogers.com). Upcoming weekend April 24-26, at Four Points by Sheraton in Mississauga (2501 Argentia Rd, Mississauga).

**Dynamic Women of Faith** – Catholic Women's Conference on Sat. March 28 in Mississauga (Le Tréport Banquet Hall at 1075 Queensway E.) with speakers Kimberley Hahn and Colleen Carroll Campbell. Mass celebrated by Fr. Edward Curtis, Pastor of St. Michael's Cathedral. Also special evening for mothers and daughters on Fri., Mar. 27 from 7 – 10 pm. Check website: [dynamicwomenfaith.com](http://dynamicwomenfaith.com) for topics & registration.

**Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Stoney Creek is hosting a Lenten Retreat** with Rwandan Genocide Survivor's message of FORGIVENESS, HEALING & HOPE. Immaculee will share her powerful journey through remarkable personal testimony. Witness the life-saving power of faith and the Rosary, as she huddled with seven other women in a cramped bathroom for 91 days while killers lurked just outside the door. **FRI., MARCH 13, 4 – 9 PM & SAT., MARCH 14, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM. Registration at [www.immaculee.com](http://www.immaculee.com).**

**Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** June 14, 2020 - 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 the year 2020? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sun., June 14, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60+ years may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster in the church for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

**WCDSB is accepting applications** for: Occasional Teachers and Registered Early Childhood Educators – (Permanent & Supply). Please visit their website for job details and application criteria: [www.wcdsb.ca](http://www.wcdsb.ca)

**Past Donations:**

Date	Sunday	Maintenance	Loose	Pre-Authorized
Mar. 1	\$ 3456.50	\$ 55.00	\$ 343.30	2551.77

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**EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE**

- Do I place God as top priority?
- Do I set time aside to be conscious of the presence of God in my life?
- Do I actively seek spiritual growth by prayer and good works?
- Have I allowed the Gospel to influence my life?
- Do I show respect for God's name?
- Do I use language appropriately?
- Do I worship God? By going to Mass, praying, spiritual reading?
- Do I respect those in authority over me? Parents, teachers, bosses
- Have I been violent in word or deed? Bullied, shouted, pushed.
- Have I held grudges, or been resentful?
- Do I take care of my health? Eat, drink and sleep appropriately.

- Have I been respectful of God's gift of sexuality to me?
- Do I read, or watch, or think about inappropriate things?
- Do I respect others' property? Have I stolen? Vandalized?
- Have I been generous, or selfish?
- Do I contribute according to my gifts & talents?
- Am I a good steward of God's gifts to me?
- Do I tell the truth? Am I honest with God and with myself?
- Do I pass on rumours, spread gossip?
- Am I satisfied & thankful for God's gifts to me?
- Am I envious or jealous of others?
- Do I pray for my enemies?
- Have I taken any action to redress a wrong or an injustice?
- Have I been thankful to God? For strengths and weaknesses?

**Reconciliation Services in KW**

- Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**
- 7:30 pm** St. Louis, Waterloo
- Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**
- 7:30 pm** St. Agnes, Waterloo  
*(following Mass at 7:00 pm)*
- Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**
- 7:30 pm** Our Lady of Lourdes, Waterloo  
*(following Mass at 7:00 pm)*
- Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> 7:15 pm**  
*(following Parish Mission at 6:30 pm)* St. Clement, St. Clements
- Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**
- 8 am – 8 pm**
- St. Michael, Waterloo

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