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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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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 Fr. Dan Lobsinger, C.R., 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:

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 11 – No Mass

Tuesday, May 12

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

Wednesday, May 13 – Our Lady of Fatima

9:00 AM † Laura Reilly – Malton Family

Thursday, May 14 - St. Matthias

9:00 AM Intentions of Pat Nairn – Cecilia Beechey

Friday, May 15

9:00 AM

Saturday, May 16

Vigil of Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:00 PM † Alex Sichewski – Joan Sichewski

† Jan MacNeil – Rosemary & Shaun MacNeil

Sunday, May 17 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:30 AM † David Kirby – Kirby Family

† Bob Byrne – Rosemary & Shaun MacNeil

11:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

Reflection on the Sunday Reading from Gospel of John 14:1-12

At His last supper with His disciples, Jesus prepared them for His impending passion through a long and intimate farewell discourse. Typical of farewell addresses to family and friends, such as that of the patriarch Jacob, Jesus uses this final opportunity to teach, comfort, warn and inspire His followers. Throughout His discourse, He reminds them of His earlier instruction and promises, gives them guidance for their future, and draws them ever more deeply into relationship with Him, with His Father, and with one another. Although they are understandably troubled, Jesus begins by advising them to move from troubled hearts to believing. The believing that Jesus desires in all His disciples is more than adherence to a creed or a set of truths, but is characterized by personal trust and fidelity, the kind of believing Jesus always showed to His Father. Jesus is telling His troubled disciples to trust that, even though He will leave, he is going to prepare a permanent dwelling for them and will come back so they will be together. He is encouraging their fidelity in the face of coming trials.

Even before this speech, Jesus had answered questions and corrected misunderstandings among His followers. Now, He responds similarly to the confusion of Thomas and to the request of Philip, both of whom speak not only for themselves, but for the group: “we do not know.... show us the Father.” To Thomas’ lament, “How can we know the way?” Jesus answers with an “I am” statement, as He had often done before, each one conveying Jesus’ identity in relationship with His disciples: I am the Bread of Life, Light of the World, Good Shepherd. Here the threefold “I am” again speaks of His relationship with them. He is the way – the path, the means, the source and the pattern - that leads to both truth and life. His disciples follow Jesus, “the way,” so closely that the term becomes synonymous with the Church (Acts 9:2).

Jesus is the way to the Father whom the disciples believe in, see, and know through Him. In

response to Philip’s asking to see the Father, Jesus reinforces the teaching about the close and abiding relationship he has with His Father. When Jesus again stresses believing, He includes those present with Him as well as all those who will believe in Him. They will also do the works that Jesus Himself has been doing.

From the *Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word*



Fatima Apparitions - In the spring and summer of 1916, nine-year-old Lúcia dos Santos and her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto were herding sheep at the Cova da Iria near their home village of Aljustrel in the parish of Fátima, Portugal. They later said they were visited three times by an apparition of an angel. They said the angel, who identified himself as the "Angel of Peace" and "Guardian Angel of Portugal", taught them prayers, to make sacrifices, and to spend time in adoration of the Lord.

Beginning in the spring of 1917, the children reported apparitions of an Angel, and starting in May 1917, apparitions of the Virgin Mary, whom the children described as "the Lady more brilliant than the Sun". The children reported a prophecy that prayer would lead to an end to the Great War, and that on 13 October that year the Lady would reveal her identity and perform a miracle "so that all may believe." Newspapers reported the prophecies, and many pilgrims began visiting the area. The children's accounts were deeply controversial, drawing intense criticism from both local secular and religious authorities. A provincial administrator briefly took the children into custody, believing the prophecies were politically motivated in opposition to the officially secular First Portuguese Republic established in 1910. The events of 13 October became known as the Miracle of the Sun.

On 13 May 1917, the children reported seeing a woman "brighter than the sun, shedding rays of light clearer and stronger than a crystal goblet filled with the most sparkling water and pierced by the burning rays of the sun." The woman wore a white mantle edged with gold and held a rosary in her hand. She asked them to devote themselves to the Holy Trinity

and to pray "the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and an end to the war".

Our Lady appeared to the children between May and October, usually on the 13th of the month (unless they were detained by authorities) and asked them "to pray a lot, a lot for the sinners and sacrifice a lot, as many souls perish in hell because nobody is praying or making sacrifices for them."



Lúcia dos Santos (left) with her cousins Francisco and Jacinta Marto, 1917 (From Wikipedia)

Our Lady of Fatima was one of many Marian Apparitions during which Our Lady asked for the Rosary to be prayed.

What are the origins of the Rosary?

The knotted prayer ropes were in use by the Desert Fathers in the 3rd and 4th centuries. The practice of meditation during verbal prayer was known in the 15th century (Dominic of Prussia), or even earlier in the 13th century (*Vita Christi Rosary*). Whether, or not, the Rosary prayer was given to St. Dominic in a vision, or developed more gradually, the request and recommendation of the recitation of the Rosary comes from many sources over the last few centuries:

"There is no surer means of calling down God's blessings upon the family... than the daily recitation of the Rosary" – Pope Pius XII

"Among the devotions approved by the Church none has been favoured by so many miracles as the devotion of the Most Holy Rosary" – Pope Pius IX

"Therefore we are sure that all our Children and all their brethren throughout the world will turn the Rosary into a school of learning true perfection, as, with a deep spirit of recollection they contemplate the teachings that shine forth from the life Christ and of the Mary Most Holy" – Pope John XXIII

"To recite the rosary is nothing other than to contemplate with Mary the face of Christ." – Pope John Paul II

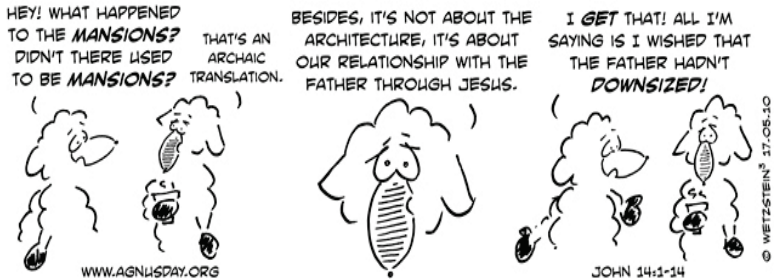
"Love the Madonna and pray the rosary, for her rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today.

...The person who meditates and turns his mind to God, who is the mirror of his soul, seeks to know his faults, tries to correct them, moderates his impulses, and puts his conscience in order." – St. Padre Pio

"The rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christocentric prayer. In the sobriety of its elements, it has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a compendium." - Pope John Paul II

"Focus, respect, reverence, and purity of intention" are essential in praying the rosary. It is not the length of a prayer that matters, but the fervor, purity, and respect with which it is said – Saint Louis de Montfort

May is the month of Our Lady, Mary. As followers of Our Lady of Good Counsel, The St. Louis CWL would like to follow the Counsel of Mary: *"I wish you to pray the Rosary every day."* We would like to take up this invitation and invite you to join with us praying the Rosary on Wednesday evenings in May in a virtual manner using Zoom on your computer or by calling in on your phone. **On remaining Wednesdays in May, (13th, 20th and 27th) we will join together at 7:00 p.m. to Pray the Rosary.** If you would like to join us, you are welcome. If you are not interested in getting on ZOOM to join us, you certainly can join us by saying the Rosary yourself. This invitation is for all CWL members and for all members and friends of St. Louis parish. If you would like to join in with zoom or phone, please contact Debbie at debbie@delattre.ca She will send you information and instructions on joining in.



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Due to the COVID 19 coronavirus outbreak all Masses are celebrated privately by the priest.
Public Masses, meetings and programs are cancelled.
Bulletin is posted on-line only.

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Sunday	Easter	Maintenance	Pre-Authorized
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