

St. Louis Catholic Church



2021

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

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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 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:

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 17 – No Mass

Tuesday, May 18

9:00 AM † Shirley Hinsperger – Hinsperger Family

Wednesday, May 19

9:00 AM Intentions of Pat Nairn – Cecilia Beechey

Thursday, May 20

9:00 AM † John Brattman – Carla McLennan

Friday, May 21

9:00 AM Intentions of Joann Kochler – Cecilia Beechey

Saturday, May 22

Vigil of Pentecost

5:00 PM In Thanksgiving for Graces Received – Malton Family

Sunday, May 23 – Pentecost Sunday

9:30 AM Intentions of Laura Reilly's Family – Malton Family

† Deceased Members of the Gies Family – Hinsperger Family

11:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

Reflections on the First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Christians celebrate the Ascension of the Lord forty days after Easter. The number forty is symbolic, often representing a period of transition from one state to another. Luke recounts the event briefly in his Gospel (Luke 24:50-53), but the more detailed account is found in the Acts of the Apostle, also written by Luke. In today's reading, Luke begins by recalling what he wrote to Theophilus ("lover of God") in the prologue of his Gospel (Luke 1:1-4) about what Jesus said and did until the time he was taken up (Greek *analambano*, meaning "to take up, to raise, or to take to oneself"). The passive form of the verb suggests that God is the source or cause of the "taking up." Luke adds that the Apostles and others were witnesses to Jesus' Resurrection insofar as they were prior to his appearances, but he singles out the Apostles as the ones who received Jesus' instructions through the Holy Spirit. The "promise of the Father" recalls the ending of the Gospel (Luke 24:49) and refers to the sending of the Holy Spirit.

Luke uses language of the coming kingdom of God and the return of Christ at the end time to talk about what will happen in this age of the Spirit. We hear that the Apostles will be commissioned to be his witnesses in Jerusalem and even to the ends of the earth. Then suddenly Jesus is lifted up (Greek *eperthe*, meaning "taken up or exalted") and received or hidden by a cloud, as the Apostles looked on. The two men dressed in white are a reminder of the Resurrection story (Luke 24:4-9). Their message, that Jesus will return in the same way that he was taken up – on a cloud – is an allusion to the end-time return of Christ (Luke 21:27). Thus, the Ascension of Jesus becomes a precursor and promise of the Parousia, whenever it may come.

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

Stay at home order in effect till May 20, 2021.

Churches are closed for public Masses. Fr. Phil celebrates the Masses in private for the intentions requested.

Office is closed. Working from home. Checking email.

Check the website for up to date information.

Bulletins are published on-line only.

Anniversary Mass 2021 Registration - The Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021 has been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60, and 60-plus years of marriage on the Diocesan website at hamiltondiocese.com, simply click on the Anniversary Mass icon on the home page. We will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass. Questions?- contact familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.



(Excerpts from cruxnow.com on Recovering the importance and the lessons of the Ascension)

In the growing secularism of contemporary Western culture, Christian believers have to be very intentional in their faith. They have to know the meaning behind feast days and customs. In particular, they should seek to understand the high importance of Easter and the Ascension, which is celebrated today.

Believers have to work to realize and live the truths of faith, especially the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, which is the heart of the Christian faith. Summarizing St. Paul to the early body of believers: if Jesus is not risen from the dead, then Christians are the most pitiable of all people.

And so, the Resurrection matters. Easter has a depth that has to be known, cherished, and actualized by believers. The Christian knows that darkness and death have been destroyed and the assurance of eternal life gives a providential perspective to evil, suffering, and other tragedies in life. The Ascension of the Lord has a part in this perspective.

After rising from the dead, Jesus spent forty days with the community of disciples. In His time with His disciples, Jesus wanted to confirm the early church in the reality of his Resurrection and in His teachings on love, mercy, and reconciliation.

When Christ ascended into heaven, He did not leave His human nature behind. He brought that nature, our human nature, into heaven with Him. The Son of God did not leave us orphans. He still has His human nature, and still bears the wounds of his Passion in the kingdom of heaven.

By bringing His human nature into heaven, Jesus Christ opened paradise for the human family. With a glorified human body and a human soul, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity sits at the right hand of God the Father for all eternity. This incorporation of the human and the divine makes Him our presence in eternity and the mediator between God and humanity.

This is the pressing and inspiring lesson of the Ascension. It touches the core of the Christian faith, our own dignity as human beings, and the life available to us after death. It is a strong reminder to us of how greatly we are loved and how intensely God desires fellowship with us.



Before the Ascension, Jesus tells His Apostles not to leave Jerusalem to wait to pray for the Holy Spirit to show them God's will for their future. Where is the Holy Spirit leading you? If you feel God is calling you to priesthood, religious life or deaconate, call Most Rev. W. Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop and Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, 905-528-7988, or Fr. Raphael Ma, Congregation of Resurrection Vocation Director, at crvocations@gmail.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.

"The First Lady And Her Successors" is a feature-length documentary, written, produced and directed by Dr. Josephine Lombardi. The movie showcases nine dynamic women following in the footsteps of Mary of Nazareth. It will premiere on May 13th, at 7 p.m. on her website (josephinelombardi.com). See trailer on her website.



Sunday School & Liturgy of the Word (ages 3-10) – is a little different! Join Teacher Kelly every Sunday morning at 10:30 AM for on-line Sunday school session.

We explore our church calendar, sing songs and read the Gospel together where we take away a few important points from the reading. Kelly has a link for a children's bulletin that is full of fun information and activities. Email Kelly (kkrause@hamiltondiocese.com) to get the link to our virtual Sunday school. Join us to learn more about your faith!

St. Louis Youth Group (Gr. 6 – 12) is meeting on-line twice a month on Friday nights. Contact Kelly for more information.

Covid 19 social gathering restrictions have placed many constraints on all communities. Until we can meet in person, you are invited to tap into some excellent online resources focused on personal spirituality, family, marriage, and our Catholic faith.

A few resources to get you started....

Crafty Catholic Moms (craftycatholicmoms.com) – They are a Catholic moms group in San Antonio, TX, the C.A.L.M (Catholic and Loving Motherhood) moms of St. Luke's Catholic Church. Their group strives to connect other mothers in order to encourage faith and friendship among women and their families, and promote Catholic parenting through regular meetings and events. They are hoping to share some of what they do online via blog of various activities and crafts. Stay tuned for more resources each week....

Upcoming zoom workshops presented by Anne Racine (Trained Facilitator of Workshops and Retreats and a Certified Spiritual Director from Mount Carmel Retreat Centre in Niagara Falls):

THE IMPACT OF COVID 19: Are you experiencing stress caused by COVID-19? You are not alone! People around the world have felt overwhelmed and helpless as a result of experiencing Coronavirus Anxiety. Adjusting to new realities has caused fear and worry. This workshop will explore coping strategies and practical skills to deal with the impact that COVID-19 has had on our lives. Sat., June 19, 10 AM to 3 PM. Held Virtually On Zoom Platform. Cost: \$40.00

LEARNING TO FORGIVE: FORGIVENESS: What is it and how do you do it? This workshop identifies the stumbling blocks to forgiveness and provides practical methods to work through the anger, blame and resentment. Forgiveness is about letting go of the past, and understanding it in order to move on. Forgiveness is one of the greatest gifts you can give yourself. Sat., May 29, 10 AM to 3 PM. Held Virtually On Zoom Platform. Cost: \$40.00

REGISTER AT: annaracine.org@gmail.com or (905) 351-8367.

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Unpacking Patris Corde – With a Father's Heart - that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as "the son of Joseph". This opening line from Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, Patris Corde, released on Dec. 8, 2020 to mark the opening of a Year of St. Joseph, sets the tone for the entire letter. In Patris Corde, we hear that, "St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation." You are invited to join us on Tuesday, May 25th at 7 PM for a 90 minute zoom webinar (by phone or internet) to discover more about the Patron Saint of both the

Catholic Church and Canada. Presented by Monsignor Murray J. Kroetsch (PH, VG) and Mrs. Teresa Hartnett (M.R.E.). Registration is required to receive the zoom link and can be found at hamiltondiocese.com (on the home page go to Upcoming Events). For further information, contact Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

Pope Francis has launched a **Marathon of Prayer for the month of May**. "Guided by Shrines around the world during this month of May, we recite the Rosary to invoke an end to the pandemic and the resumption of social and work-related activities." Father Ian Duffy, Rector of our own Diocesan Shrine, the Basilica of Our Lady in Guelph, is joining the Pope's prayer marathon by praying the Rosary at noon each day. You are invited to participate.

Rosary (From rosarycentre.org)

In recent times the Mother of God has appeared in various parts of the world and asked for the recitation of the Rosary, the prayer she gave to the world centuries ago. It is her favorite prayer, for it is essentially a meditation on the life of her Divine Son. The Rosary is a combination of vocal prayer (the Our Fathers & Hail Marys) and of mental prayer, namely, reflection on important events in the life of Christ and His Mother.

The purpose of the Rosary is to help keep in memory certain principal events in the history of our salvation. There are twenty mysteries reflected upon in the Rosary, and these are divided into the five Joyful Mysteries (said on Monday and Saturday), the five Luminous Mysteries (said on Thursday), the five Sorrowful Mysteries (said on Tuesday and Friday), and the five Glorious Mysteries (said on Wednesday and Sunday). As an exception, the Joyful Mysteries may be said on Sundays during Advent and Christmas, while the Sorrowful Mysteries may be said on the Sundays of Lent.

The mysteries of the Rosary are based on the incidents in the life of Our Lord and His Mother that are celebrated in the Liturgy. There is a parallel between the main feasts honouring Jesus and Mary in the liturgical year, and the twenty mysteries of the Rosary. That is why some of the Popes have referred to the Rosary as a compendium of the Gospel. One cannot change the mysteries of the Rosary without losing the indulgences that the Church grants for the recitation of the Rosary.

2021 is the Year of St. Joseph.

We are taking a look at representations of St. Joseph in art taken from imaginemdei.blogspot.com. (Continued from previous bulletin).

*Fra Filippo Lippi, Adoration of the Shepherds
Italian, c. 1455, Florence, Galleria degli Uffizi.*



By the later middle ages changes took place. While still shown as an old man, Joseph began to take a more active role in the scenes of Jesus' life. He is brought into the same space as Mary and Jesus. He begins to help at the birth, join Mary in adoration of the Child, welcome the Magi, take part in the Presentation in the Temple and to work.

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