

St. Louis Catholic Church

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Served by the Congregation of the Resurrection since 1890.

Office hours: Monday – Thursday 9 - 12 and 1- 4 p.m.
Summer hours (Canada Day to Labour Day): Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. to 1 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 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)

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 resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com or www.resurrectionists.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
Terry Collins, 519-741-1534

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MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

Monday, May 20 - Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church - No Mass (Victoria Day - Office Closed)			
9 AM - NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
6:30 PM	Rosary in the Garden (or inside)		
Tuesday, May 21			
9:00 AM	To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church		
9:30 AM	Book Group		L. Hall
6:30 PM	CWL Exec Meeting		L. Hall
Wednesday, May 22			
9:00 AM	Intentions of Joanne Reid - Cecilia Beechey		
9 AM - NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
Thursday, May 23			
9:00 AM	† Montserrat Porqueras - Sheila Flores		
Friday, May 24			
9:00 AM	Intentions of Rita Boehm - Cecilia Beechey		
9 AM - NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
Saturday, May 25			
Vigil of The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity			
5:00 PM	In Thanksgiving for Graces Received by Annette & Frank Hulme on their 50th Wedding Anniversary - Hulme Family		
	† Paul Schnarr - Sharon & John Carey		
	† Denis Mulhall - Pat & Joan Forde		
	† Nancy Berg - Prayer Shawl Ministry		
Sunday, May 26 - The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity			
9:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish		
	10:30 AM	Sunday Social	L. Hall
11:30 AM	† Fred Gillard - Audrey Reitzel		
	† Samren, Khampheng, Kasem & Johnny Xaysy - Xaysy Family		



**Mondays in May at St. Louis Parish
Rosary at 6:30 PM**

For individual intentions and on May 20, Feast of Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church - For Our Families, including our Parish Family

If it is sunny, we will gather in the garden between the Church and the Rectory (bring your lawn chair). If it rains we will pray inside in the Church - enter through the elevator door.



Attention High School Graduating Students!

St. Louis CWL Christian Leadership Awards for two students who are: active members of St. Louis parish, active in their schools, exemplify Christian Gospel values, use well their God given talents, model Christian virtues, wish to continue education via University, College or Apprenticeship. Applicants to submit an essay where they share: what the Catholic Faith means to them, how they practice their faith, how they use their God given talents. (2 page max., Times New Roman, 12 pt. font.) Submit essay by May 26th, 2024 to St. Louis CWL at the Parish Office. Attention: Kitty Tsang.



How do I discern a vocation to Religious Life? If you're looking to understand God's plan for you, join us for the 'Come and See' day retreat on May 25th at St. Mary's Parish.

This retreat offers a chance to join community prayers, engage in discussions with three Resurrectionists, and meet other young people on a similar journey. For further details, please visit: resurrectionists.ca/vocations/come-see/

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - Holy Spirit, Spirit of Truth, guide my heart as I seek my vocation. Illuminate my path, grant me clarity, and fill me with courage. Help me recognize and use my gifts in service to God's will. Lead me to the path You have prepared, and give me the faith to follow. Amen. Fr. Pawel Szymanowski CR. Join us for the *Come and See* discernment day on May 25th!

Vacation Bible & Lego Robotics Camp 2024 - To Mars and Beyond - July 15-19. The camp will run all day. Campers have the choice of coming all day, or half a day. The morning will be focused on the space theme with faith intertwined through everything we do. The afternoon will be Lego Robotics, also with the space theme running throughout what they do. Ages for the all day camp is 7 to 11 years old. Children 5 to 6 years old are welcome to sign up for the mornings only. Registration is now open. Forms available from the Nursery, the back of the church, or contact Kelly Krause at the parish office.

Mini Emmaus 2024 - Join Kelly for an afternoon of fun. This will be a great afternoon and a wonderful opportunity to show other parishes the great spirit we have here at St. Louis parish! Let us be the largest group there! Calling all Altar Servers, Youth Groups, and Young People from grade 2 to 12! Join us on Saturday June 1st from 11:30 AM - 4 PM on the grounds of Holy Family Croatian Catholic Church (180 Schweitzer St., Kitchener) for our second annual "Mini Emmaus" - a Waterloo Deanery-wide afternoon of faith and fun! Represent your parish, compete against groups from other parishes, and discover what it means to be disciples! There is no cost for participants, and lunch and snacks will be provided. Scan this QR code to [register by May 26th](#), and we hope to see you at this great event!



Reflection on the First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Pentecost is called the birthday of the Church. The interaction between the resurrected Lord and the small band of early disciples was the focus of the Easter season. With Jesus' Ascension into heaven, the small band was deprived of His physical presence, but assured that they would receive the gift of His Spirit, a gift that would inaugurate the next phase in salvation history. It is the birth of that next phase and the role of the Spirit that Pentecost commemorates.

With Jesus's Ascension, and with the choice of Matthias to bring the number back up to twelve, all is ready for the birth of the Church. This reading sets the context by mentioning that "the day of Pentecost had come." Although Pentecost began as an agricultural festival fifty days after Passover, Jews of Luke's time understood it as a covenant renewal ceremony celebrating the giving of Torah at Sinai.

Three physical phenomena describe the event: the *sound* of a driving wind, the *appearance* of tongues as of fire (seen only by those in the house), and the *experience* of spoken language. The parallels with the Sinai event (Ex 19:16-19) when God gave the Law are striking: God's theophany (appearance) in Exodus was marked by thunder, lightning/fire, clouds, a loud voice (noise), and wind and smoke. God's message was embodied in the voice and the fire. Thus in this "new Sinai" event at Pentecost, the disciples experience a theophany as they are filled with the Holy Spirit. The theophany is experienced also by the ingathering of Jews from all the nations speaking different languages, through the noise, but especially through the transformation of the disciples. The crowd does not need to see the flames, because they experience the Spirit infused disciples and their message, each in his own language. Jesus' earlier promise of the Spirit is fulfilled as the disciples speak of "God's deeds of power," and the Spirit gives birth to the Church. (From *Workbook for Lectors*)



Parish Picnic - June 9th
One Mass only at 10:30 AM.

At 11:30 AM Picnic lunch in the Gym: Hamburgers, hot dog, buns, condiments and drinks provided.

Please bring potluck of salads, or desserts and your own plates, cups, cutlery and lawn chair.

Activities to follow outside: bouncy castle, water slide, scavenger hunt, variety of games for rain or shine and musical entertainment.

If interested in helping? – please contact parish office.

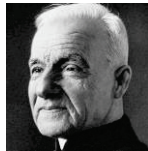


Are you planning to upgrade your BBQ?
Donate your older one to St. Louis!

The Baby Bottle Campaign for Marillac Place from Mother's Day to Father's Day! By filling baby bottles with your spare change and donations, you provide vital support to Marillac Place's programs, offering housing, education, counseling, and more to those in need. Baby bottles are still available this weekend OR you can mail a cheque directly to Marillac Place at 109 Young St., Kitchener N2H 4Z2. For more info. on Marillac Place, please call 519-571-0722x2, or email admin@marillacplace.ca, or go to website: marillacplace.ca Thank you!

Relics of St. Br. Andre Bessette Visit Hamilton Diocese. See the diocesan website, *Saint Brother André in the Diocese of Hamilton*

(hamiltondiocese.com) for dates and times. On May 23 the relics will be in Kitchener at St. Anthony Daniel Parish: 6 PM: Exposition of the Relics & Talk on St. André Bessette; 6:30 PM: Eucharistic Adoration; 7 PM: Holy Mass; 7:45 PM: Veneration of the Relics and Blessing with the Oil of St. Joseph. This is a wonderful opportunity to invoke the intercession of one of our Canadian Saints.



Reel Justice Film Festival - May 23, 7 - 9 PM the screening of *The Biggest Little Farm*. The film chronicles the eight-year quest of John and Molly Chester as they trade city living for 200 acres of barren farmland and a dream to develop a sustainable farm in harmony with nature. Screening & discussion via Zoom. Register at: reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com.

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THE SEVEN GIFTS of the Holy Spirit

- Wisdom
- Understanding
- Counsel (*Right Judgement*)
- Fortitude (*Courage*)
- Knowledge
- Piety (*Reverence*)
- Fear of the Lord (*Wonder & Awe*)



The Advocate – The Holy Spirit bears many titles. For example, our Lord calls Him ‘the Advocate’. Another translation has “Counsellor”. Still others, “Consoler” or “Comforter”... In one of those happy but rare occasions, they are all acceptable translations...

As Advocate or Counselor, He pleads our case before the Judge. The ancient Greek word means a legal attorney or counsel. Yet unlike an advocate or counsellor in this world, the Holy Spirit does not stand beside us to defend our case. Rather, He dwells within us, as the soul of our souls. From within us He appeals to God. The Holy Spirit pleads our case in response to the devil, *the persecutor* who night and day accuses us before God (Rev. 12:10). The evil one tries to win our condemnation on the evidence of our sins. In response, the Holy Spirit stands as our Advocate. He wins our acquittal on the power of Christ's sacrifice, by which we have been redeemed and made children of God. He instructs us in the truth so that we can faithfully witness to Christ. He commands us what to say and, just as importantly, what not to....

Our Lord describes Christian witness in just this way: *it is not you who will be speaking; the Spirit of your Father will be speaking in you* (Mt 10:20). Most of all, the Holy Spirit is our Advocate in prayer. He prays from within us, bringing our prayers to our heavenly Father in His own voice. *The Spirit Himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God.* (Rom 8:16). *He comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit Himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words* (Rom 8:26)...

The Holy Spirit is also *the Spirit of truth* (John 16:13). His comfort is greater than anything in this world because it is rooted in the truth. He does not bring a false mercy with being God's children. His words *I will not leave you desolate* (Jn 14:18) can be translated *I will not leave you orphans*. In the midst of the world's trials, the greatest comfort we have is that we are God's children. (By Fr. Paul Scalia from magnificat.net)

The Serra Club of Kitchener-Waterloo is hosting a meeting on Wed. May 29th at St. Teresa of Avila Church (44 Leonard St. Kit.) to revitalize and increase membership. This event will include a prayer beginning at 6:30 PM and Mass at 7 PM. Refreshments and a speakers' panel from Serra Canada Council will inform us about what the Serra Club does around the world and in our local communities. For more info. contact: Bill Zister at 519-578-2019 or ma_zister@hotmail.com. We hope that with the encouragement of pastors there will be parishioners from every parish in attendance.

Save a date - Kitchener-Waterloo Walk for Life – Saturday, May 25th, 2024 – For route and more info please contact Jane Richards at 519-746-5433 or jane@kwrtl.com

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