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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

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ALL SAINTS

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 2 – All Souls - No Mass

Tuesday, November 3

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

Wednesday, November 4 – St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

9:00 AM Blessings on the Congregation of the Resurrection

7:00 PM † Alexandra Stockie - CWL

Thursday, November 5

9:00 AM † Shirley Ellert – Family

Friday, November 6

9:00 AM † Sandra DiCrescy – Sharon and Rod Seiling

Saturday, November 7

Vigil of Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 PM For deceased priests, deacons & bishops of the Hamilton Diocese – Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI

Sunday, November 8 – Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

9:30 AM † Samren, Khamphens, Kasem & Johnny Xaysy – Xaysy Family

† Shirley Hinsperger – Rob Hinsperger

11:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

Reflection on the First Reading from Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

The aim of the book of Revelation is to give hope to Christians who are suffering persecution for their belief in the Lamb, the Risen Christ. In this reading, the arrival of an Angel who is holding “the seal of the living God,” interrupts the opening of the seven seals. These seals symbolically describe events that will signal the “great ordeal” that will precede the full manifestation of the Lamb’s victory at the end of time. The seal that the Angel holds is a signet ring or a small cylinder, which rulers used to sign documents and to mark their possessions. For example, archaeologists have found several stamps or inscriptions of *lemelek* (Hebrew for “*belonging to the king*”) imprinted by such seals on the handles of clay storage jars.

In Revelation, the Angel with God’s seal commands four other Angels, who have been given power to start wreaking the final havoc, to do nothing until the foreheads of “the servants of our God” bear the stamp that identifies them as God’s property and protects them from the coming trial. The symbolic number of those sealed, 144,000 represents the remnant of the twelve tribes of Israel who acknowledge the Lamb. The verses that are omitted from the reading list these tribes.

The next vision is of another group of people that is not limited to Israelites; they come from every community on earth. Before the throne of God and the Lamb, this multitude stands – a posture of praise in early Christian liturgies. They carry palms that people waved in the biblical world to celebrate the return of victorious armies. Here, the countless multitude welcomes the Lamb’s return at the end of time.

The members of this crowd wear robes that are washed white in the Lamb’s blood. Some of these are the martyrs of the author’s day. But, since the final tribulation is yet to come, their number could also include the baptized of every generation. Being washed in the Lamb’s blood is not something that just happens to them; they are scrubbed clean as they actively unite themselves to the Lamb’s death by laying down their life for others. What a sight this standing, palm-holding, white-robed assembly makes as they wildly praise God because they experience fully his long-promised salvation. (From the *Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word*.)

The Feast of All Saints and the Feast of All Souls

The exact origins of the Feast of All Saints celebration are uncertain, although, after the legalization of Christianity in 313, a common

commemoration of Saints, especially the martyrs, appeared in

various areas throughout the Church. For instance, in the East, the city of Edessa celebrated this feast on May 13; the Syrians, on the Friday after Easter; and the city of Antioch, on the first Sunday after Pentecost. Both St. Ephrem (d. 373) and St. John Chrysostom (d. 407) attest to this feast day in their preaching. In the West, a commemoration for all the saints also was celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost. The primary reason for establishing a common feast day was because of the desire to honour the great number of martyrs, especially during the persecution of Emperor Diocletian (284-305), the worst and most extensive of the persecutions. There were not enough days of the year for a feast day for each martyr and many of them died in groups. A common feast day for all saints, therefore seemed most appropriate.

The designation of Nov. 1 as the Feast of All Saints occurred over time. Pope Gregory III (731-741) dedicated an oratory in the original St. Peter’s Basilica in honour of all the saints on Nov. 1, and this date then became the official date for the celebration of the Feast of All Saints in Rome. St Bede (d. 735) recorded the celebration of All Saints Day on Nov. 1 in England. Sacramentaries of the 9th and 10th centuries also placed the Feast of All Saints on the liturgical calendar on Nov. 1. According to an early Church historian, John Belet, Pope Gregory IV (827-844) officially declared Nov. 1 the Feast of All Saints.

Along with the Feast of All Saints developed the Feast of All Souls. The Church has consistently encouraged the offering of prayers and Mass for the souls of the faithful departed in Purgatory. At the time of their death, these souls are not perfectly cleansed of venial sin or have not atoned for past transgressions, and thereby are deprived of the Beatific Vision. The faithful on earth can assist these souls in Purgatory in attaining the Beatific Vision through their prayers, good works and the offering of Mass.

In the early days of the Church, the names of the faithful departed were posted in Church so that the community would remember them in prayer. In the 6th century, the Benedictine monasteries held a solemn commemoration of deceased members at Whitsuntide, the days following Pentecost. St. Odilo, the Abbot of Cluny (d. 1048), decreed for all of the Cluniac monasteries that special prayers be offered and the Office of the Dead sung for all of the souls in Purgatory on Nov. 2, the day after All Saints. The Benedictines and Carthusians adopted that same devotion, and soon Nov. 2 was adopted as the Feast of All Souls for the whole Church.

Other customs have arisen over time. The Dominicans in the 15th century instituted a custom of each priest offering three Masses on the Feast of All Souls. Pope Benedict XIV in 1748 approved this practice, and it rapidly spread throughout Spain, Portugal and Latin America. During World War I, Pope Benedict XV, recognizing the number of war dead and the numerous Masses that could not be fulfilled because of destroyed Churches, granted all priests the privilege of offering three Masses on All Souls Day. (From *catholiceducation.org*)



To add names of your recently deceased loved ones to the Book of Remembrance please contact the parish office. Those in the Book already will also be included in all November Mass intentions.

Saint Charles Borromeo's Story

(Oct. 2, 1538 –

Nov. 3, 1584;

Feastday: Nov. 4) –

The name of Charles Borromeo is associated with reform. He lived during the time of the Protestant Reformation, and had a hand in the reform of the whole Church during the final years of the Council of Trent.



Although he belonged to the Milanese nobility and was related to the powerful Medici family, Charles desired to devote himself to the Church. In 1559, when his uncle, Cardinal de Medici was elected Pope Pius IV, he made Charles cardinal-deacon and administrator of the Archdiocese of Milan. At the time Charles was still a layman and a young student. Because of his intellectual qualities Charles was entrusted with several important offices connected with the Vatican, and later appointed secretary of state with responsibility for the papal states. The untimely death of his elder brother brought Charles to a definite decision to be ordained a priest, despite his relatives' insistence that he marry. Soon after being ordained a priest at age 25, Borromeo was consecrated bishop of Milan.

Working behind the scenes, Saint Charles deserves the credit for keeping the Council of Trent in session when at several points it was on the verge of breaking up. Borromeo encouraged the pope to renew the Council in 1562, after it had been suspended for 10 years. He took upon himself the task of the entire correspondence during the final phase. Because of his work at the Council, Borromeo was unable to take up residence in Milan until the Council concluded.

Eventually, Borromeo was allowed to devote his time to the Archdiocese of Milan, where the religious and moral picture was far from bright. The reform needed in every phase of Catholic life among both clergy and laity was initiated at a provincial council of all the bishops under him. Specific regulations were drawn up for bishops and other clergy: If the people were to be converted to a better life, Borromeo had to be the first to give a good example and renew their apostolic spirit.

Charles took the initiative in giving a good example. He allotted most of his income to charity, forbade himself all luxury, and imposed severe penances upon himself. He sacrificed wealth, high honours, esteem, and influence to become poor. During the plague and famine of 1576, Borromeo tried to feed 60,000 to 70,000 people daily. To do this he borrowed large sums of money that required years to repay. Whereas the civil authorities fled at the height of the plague, he stayed in the city and ministered to the sick and the dying.

Work and the heavy burdens of his high office began to affect Archbishop Borromeo's health, leading to his death at the age of 46.

Saint Charles Borromeo is the Patron Saint of: Catechists, Catechumens and Seminarians. (From franciscanmedia.org)



Sunday School & Liturgy of the Word (ages 3-10)

– is a little different this Fall! Join Teacher Kelly every Sunday morning at 10:30am for a 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. I have a link for a children's bulletin that is full of fun information and ongoing activities. Would like to get involved? 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 would like to invite everyone in gr. 6 - 12 who would like to join our group of very enthusiastic, fun youth who care about their faith. We are getting together every second Friday night, beginning Oct. 2nd, from 7-9pm. Due to the covid restrictions, these will be zoom meetings. We'll be playing games and having fun, learning more about our faith and exploring questions that we might have. There are 12 youth who have been meeting on a regular basis through zoom from the spring, and were instrumental in helping Kelly to make St. Louis Virtual Summer Camp a great success. If this sounds like a group you would like to join, email Kelly Krause at the parish office to get the information needed to join us. We all look forward to meeting you.



"The greatest among you will be your servant." Have you ever considered a life of service as a priest? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha at 519-884-6700, or Fr. Dan Lobsinger, CR, Vocation Director, crvocations@gmail.com

THE WATERLOO K of C PATIO IS NOW OPEN. CALL 519-884-2060 TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE. FISH FRY PICK UP IS ALSO AVAILABLE. From 4:30 to 6:30 P.M. EVERY FRIDAY at 145 DEARBORN PL., (1 P.C. \$14.00, 2 P.C. \$16.00) PLEASE CALL DEREK BEFORE 4:15 PM AT 226-748-8378 TO ORDER PICK-UP. **NEW!!! Wednesday Spaghetti Dinner program - Dinner for two for a total of \$18.50 Tax incl, Call Martin at 519-884-2060 to place TAKE OUT ORDER only at this time. PICK UP TIMES: 4:30 - 6:00 P.M.**

BILL C-7 - An Act to amend the Criminal Code Expansion of eligibility criteria for physician-assisted dying

Worrisome! Because:

- People may have recourse to medical assistance in dying even when natural death is not reasonably foreseeable
- A person may waive their final consent when natural death is reasonably foreseeable, putting them in a vulnerable position

Disturbing! Because:

- A questionable, biased and rushed online survey underlies this Bill
- It shows a systematic discarding of different points of view

Let us Affirm!

- The inalienable right to life which cannot be taken away by others
- The importance of compassion for the sick and dying
- Our responsibility to protect the most vulnerable among us
- The possibility of relieving pain without resorting to murder

Let us Demand!

- A public, transparent process open to a wide variety of voices
- A taking into account of inviolable moral and ethical principles
- To be heard!

Let us Act!

- Be sure your member of parliament (MP) hears your opinion!
- Send an e-mail, letter, or use the electronic form here:

<https://www.canadiansforconscience.ca/>

We must act now to protect all, including future generations from Bill C-7. More information is available on Diocesan website. Follow the link on the Welcome page of St. Louis website.

The bulletins are posted on-line only.

Office is open by appointment only.

Mon. – Thu.: 9 AM - 12 PM & 1PM - 4 PM & Fri.: 9 AM - 12 PM

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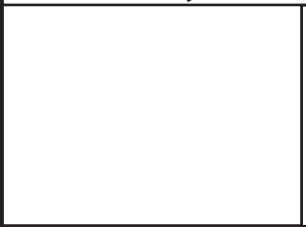
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