

St. Louis Catholic Church

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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:

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33RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

Monday, November 20 – No Mass			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym	
6:30 PM	11:30 Choir Rehearsal	Church	
7:30 PM	Introduction to Psalms	L. Hall	
Tuesday, Nov. 21 -Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary			
9:00 AM	† Karen Miller – Ed & Trudy Allensen		
9:30 AM	Book Group Meeting	L. Hall	
Wednesday, November 22 - St. Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr			
9:00 AM	† Dana Woito – Krause Family		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym	
Thursday, November 23			
9:00 AM	† William & Erica Turk – Pat McNulty		
1 PM	Bible Study – Gospel of John	L. Hall	
Friday, Nov. 24 – St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs			
9:00 AM	† Rosemary Peterson – Peterson Family		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym	
Saturday, November 25			
9 AM – NOON	Karate	L. Hall	
Vigil of the Christ the King			
5:00 PM	† Lorne Glofcheski – Bob & Giselle		
	† Jean (John) Laroque – Cathy Potvin		
	† Norma Kirby – Kirby Family		
	† Ann L. Dechand – Janet & Grant Ertel		
6:00 PM	CWL Mission Bake Sale	Gym	
Sunday, November 26 – Christ the King			
9:30 AM	† Katie & Albert Ruetz – Ruetz Family		
	† Don Miller – Miller Family		
	† Moe Webster – Rosemary and Will Ringler		
	In Thanksgiving for Graces Received – Estrada Family		
10:30 AM	CWL Mission Bake Sale	Gym	
11:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish		
12:30 PM	CWL Mission Bake Sale	Gym	

Reflection on the First Reading: Proverbs 31

On this Sunday (two weeks before the new liturgical year) the readings bring us to thoughts about the fulfilment of the salvation story. We do not know when the time will come, whether it will be for ourselves individually or for God's creation in totality, but, if we have responded to the grace that is given us in life, we have nothing to fear from good and gracious God.

On the surface, at least, today's first reading from the book of Proverbs might be difficult for some modern readers to embrace, because of what we might call gender stereotyping. However, a deeper look might prove beneficial for everyone. First, the entire section is composed as an acrostic poem. Written in Hebrew, the first verse begins with the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, *alef*. The second verse begins with *bet*, the second letter of the Hebrew alphabet, and so on until it arrives at the last letter of the Hebrew alphabet, *tav*. Despite the patriarchy of the time in which this masterpiece was created, it outlines the skills and virtues of a strong woman. It also picks up much of the feminine imagery that appears elsewhere in this book, which has led some biblical scholars to describe this woman as the concrete and visible image of Lady Wisdom as she is described in Proverbs 1-9. The wisdom literature of the Bible portrays Lady Wisdom as the power of God who is ever-present and active in the world, a radiant light, the source of insight, the bringer of peace, the breath of God's might, and the pure emanation of God's glory. *(From the workbook for Lectors)*



Please join us on the weekend of November 25th and 26th after all Masses for our Annual Mission Bake Sale!

Back by popular demand is our Estate Sale and we will be gratefully accepting your gently used items with the exception of: furniture, books and electronics. China, crystal, home decor, jewellery, fine art and frames are appreciated. Please call Betty Gross at (519) 744-7290 for more info. We will also have a Silent Auction and are looking for items for this table. Please call Patti Pagett at: (519) 744-7705 if you have items you would like to donate. Finally, we are calling all bakers to please contribute to this popular table and to pre-wrap your items (if possible) and to label any items which contain nuts/peanut butter. For any questions, please call Donna Herbstreit: (519) 741-6390. We are also bringing back our Cozy Corner after each Mass which will offer hot dogs, pastries, tea and coffee for a free will offering. All donations can be brought to the gym on Friday, November 24th from noon to 7pm and on Saturday the 25th from 9:30 am until noon and before all Masses. Cash and cheques will be accepted. The money raised from this event will go to Catholic Missions in Canada and Development and Peace. See you there!



St. Louis SVDP will be teaming up with the Waterloo Knights of Columbus by hosting a **toy drive**, here at St. Louis church. We will collect new toys that will be distributed throughout the region this Christmas season to children in need.

A tree is located inside the front entrance of the church. On the tree are tags identifying a child by sex and age. Choose a tag, purchase the toy and return back to St. Louis. (PLEASE DO NOT WRAP THE TOY, SIMPLY ATTACH THE TAG). SVDP members will be collecting the new toys at the gym entrance (off the parking lot) on the weekend of November 18/19 before and after all Masses.

The Waterloo Knights of Columbus New Toys for Needy Kids Toy Drive is the largest Toy Drive in South-western Ontario and has collected and distributed more than \$6,000,000+ in toys and donations to date. To find out more about Waterloo Knights of Columbus Toy Drive: waterlooknightsofcolumbus.com/toy-drive/
St. Louis St. Vincent de Paul thanks you for your support of this project.

Separated / Divorced Support Group Waterloo - Life changes are never easy. After a separation or divorce, you may be feeling isolated or need of support and healing to adjust to your new life? Come together with others to realize there is a 'second act'. Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of every month - 7:30 - 8:30 PM – next two sessions are Nov. 21, and Dec. 19. Feel free to come early for 7 PM Mass. We will meet in the Parish Centre (basement) of St. Michael Church, Waterloo at 7:30 PM. To register: call 519-884-9311, or email: parish@stmichaelw.ca

The Annulment Process...the facts and myths – presentation on Thu., Nov. 23 at 7 PM at St. Michael Parish, 80 University Ave W, Waterloo - Parish Centre. Deacon Joseph Di Loreto, the Administrative Officer and Auditor of the Marriage Tribunal for the Hamilton Diocese will present an overview of the Annulment process. He will clarify the steps, dispel the myths, share facts and answer your questions. To reserve your spot, register via phone 519-884-9311 or email parish@stmichaelw.ca.

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute – Real discernment involves sorting through your fears. Some "fears", like the gift of the Holy Spirit we call the fear of the Lord – as we heard in our first reading – are actually a source of tremendous good. Other fears – like the distorted impression the third slave has of his master – can paralyze us and ironically result in the very things we were afraid of. Have you ever talked had an honest conversation with God about the things you are afraid of? Read more at www.resurrectionists.ca



What will you say when you meet God face to face? Better still, what will God say to you? Will you be able to answer that you served faithfully? Can you answer that now? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/, or Fr. Raphael Ma, Congregation of the Resurrection Vocation Director, at crvocations@gmail.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph, St. Agatha, at 519-884-6700. Pray for vocations!

XXXVIII World Youth Day 2023: "Rejoicing in Hope"

The Church celebrates World Youth Day on Feast of Christ the King each year. This year's theme is "Rejoicing in Hope" (Rom 12:12). In today's difficult times, the Church wishes to rekindle hope in the world. To do this, she relies especially on young people, who are the leading figures of history and "missionaries of joy". In the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Christus Vivit*, Pope Francis wrote that Christ is "our hope and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world". Pope Francis invites young people to deepen their understanding of Christian hope and to witness joyfully that Christ is alive. Let us celebrate the hope the young people bring to our communities!

Young Adults Night – December 2nd – Durham

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (7:00pm-8:00pm), Social with Food (8:00pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:30pm-9:30pm), and Compline (9:30pm) on Saturday, December 2nd at St. Peter and the Missions Church (850 Garafraxa Street North, Durham, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Coping with the Holidays...When you have Lost a Loved One

Join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies on coping at Christmas. The session will be facilitated by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry. The gathering will be held at the Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King St. West in Hamilton, on Sunday, December 3rd, 2023 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm. You are welcome to join the session in person or by zoom. The event is FREE of charge. Please call Sarah to reserve a seat, or to receive the zoom link: 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or register online at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/family-ministry/healing-and-or-counselling/coping-with-the-holidays/> (You must register to join by zoom; in person you can also walk in the day of the event.)



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Nov. 12	\$3009.00	\$ 317.75	\$0.00	\$ 585.00	\$2401.98

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Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

As with Mary's birth, we read of Mary's presentation in the temple only in apocryphal literature. In what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the *Protoevangelium of James* tells us that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was 3 years old. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless.

Though it cannot be proven historically, Mary's presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and of the birth of Mary. It emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond.

This feast was celebrated in Jerusalem in the 6th century and in the universal church from the 16th century. (From franciscanmedia.org)

Saint Cecilia's Story (d. 230?)

Although Cecilia is one of the most famous of the Roman martyrs, the familiar stories about her are apparently not founded on authentic material. A fragmentary inscription of the late fourth century refers to a church named after her, and her feast was celebrated at least in 545.



According to legend, Cecilia was a young Christian of high rank betrothed to a Roman named Valerian. Through her influence, Valerian was converted, and was martyred along with his brother. The legend about Cecilia's death says that after being struck three times on the neck with a sword, she lived for three days, and asked the pope to convert her home into a church. (From franciscanmedia.org)

Saint Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions (1791 – Dec. 21, 1839; Companions d. 1820 – 1862)

Andrew Dung-Lac, a Catholic convert ordained to the priesthood, was one of 117 people martyred in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862. Members of the companions group gave their lives for Christ in the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries, were beatified on four occasions between 1900 and 1951. All were canonized by Pope John Paul II.

Christianity came to Vietnam through the Portuguese. Jesuits opened the first permanent mission at Da Nang in 1615. They ministered to Japanese Catholics who had been driven from Japan.

Severe persecutions were launched at least three times in the 19th century. During 1820 - 1880, between 100,000 and 300,000 Catholics were killed or subjected to great hardship. Paris Mission Society priests, Spanish Dominican priests and tertiaries were martyred.

In 1832, Emperor Minh-Mang banned all foreign missionaries, and tried to make all Vietnamese deny their faith by trampling on a crucifix.

Persecution broke out again in 1847, when the emperor suspected foreign missionaries and Vietnamese Christians of sympathizing with a rebellion led by one of his sons.

The last of the martyrs were 17 laypersons, one of them a 9-year-old, executed in 1862. That year a treaty with France guaranteed religious freedom to Catholics, but it did not stop all persecution.

By 1954, there were over a million Catholics—about seven percent of the population—in the north. Buddhists represented about 60 percent. Persistent persecution forced some 670,000 Catholics to abandon lands, homes and possessions and flee to the south. In 1964, there were still 833,000 Catholics in the north, but many were in prison. In the south, Catholics were enjoying the first decade of religious freedom in centuries, their numbers swelled by refugees.

During the Vietnamese war, Catholics again suffered in the north, and again moved to the south in great numbers. Now reunited, the entire country is under Communist rule. (From franciscanmedia.org)

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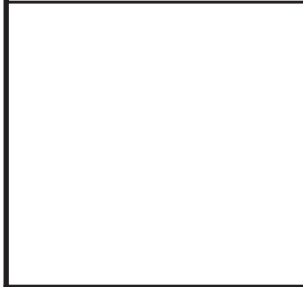
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