

St. Louis Catholic Church



2021

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

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Served by the Congregation of the Resurrection since 1890.

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:

Finance Council

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St. Vincent De Paul

For food hamper or more
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTION

Monday, November 29 – No Mass

Tuesday, November 30 – St. Andrew, Apostle

9:00 AM To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church

Wednesday, December 1

9:00 AM Deceased Benefactors & Members of the CR

9:00 AM † Carol Dubeau – CWL

Thursday, December 2

9:00 AM Intentions of Daniele Pilon – Cecilia Beechey

Friday, December 3 – St. Francis Xavier, Priest

9:00 AM † Robert Neighbours – Sheila Flores

Saturday, December 4

Vigil of Second Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM † John Kenny & Terence Bayley – Pat & Joan Forde

† Aida Neighbours – Sheila Flores

† Fran & Hugh Morrison – Maggie & Peter Fioravanti

Intentions of Mark Sichewski - Veronica

Sunday, December 5 – Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM † Frank & Kathleen Pendergast – John Pendergast

† Len Mulhall – Barbara Schmuck & Family

Intentions of Jonathan Eddyvean – Cecilia Beechey

Deceased Members of the Gies Family – Hinsperger

Family

11:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

Reflections on the First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

On this first Sunday of Advent, the first reading comes from the Book of Jeremiah, who was a Prophet during the siege of Jerusalem by the Babylonians in the latter part of the sixth century BC. In this extremely dark time in Judah's history, all seemed lost, and it appeared that God had turned away from the chosen people. Yet Jeremiah has a message of hope for all who await the coming reign of God, which will be manifested in the birth of a messiah from the line of David.

In this reading, the Prophet announces the emergence of a shoot or sprout from David's line. This allusion to an orchard or vineyard is a metaphor for kingship: this sprout will act with justice over the land. Justice or righteousness are attributes usually given to God; this sprout from David's line mirrors an essential characteristic of God. Those to whom we proclaim this reading might be reminded of the prophecy that Nathan made to David: from his line would come an everlasting king who would be like a son to God and to whom God would be like his father (2 Samuel 7:8-17). Notice, also, the assignment of a new name to Jerusalem: "The Lord is our righteousness." God's justice or righteousness consists of judgement against Judah's sins, of course, but also mercy, and the mercy of God is evident in today's reading.

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



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St. Louis Children's Babysitting during 9:30 AM Mass. We are looking for more volunteers for Babysitting. You would be committing to helping once a month. If you are able to help, please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office: 519-743-4101.

CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Fri.	December 24	Christmas Eve – 5 PM & 8 PM (No 9 AM Mass)
Sat.	December 25	Christmas Day – 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM (No 5 PM Sunday Vigil Mass)
Sun.	December 26	Holy Family – 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
Mon.	December 27	No Mass
Tue.	December 28	9 AM Mass
Wed.	December 29	9 AM Mass
Thu.	December 30	9 AM Mass
Fri.	December 31	NY Eve – Vigil of Mary, Mother of God – 5 PM
Sat.	January 1	NY Day – Mary, Mother of God – 9:30 AM only (No 11:30 AM or 5 PM Sunday Vigil Mass)
Sun.	January 2	Epiphany – 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
Mon.	January 3	No Mass
Tue.	January 4	9 AM Mass - Regular schedule resumes

Reservations are required for December 24th & 25th Masses.

Reservation requests are available from the church, or the office.

No on-line reservation. Tickets will be available for pickup from Dec. 11th.



St. Louis Youth Group (Grade 6 & up) - **Fruits on Fire** - Our next meeting will be on **Dec. 10th** from 7-9 PM in the Large Hall. We will continue with Teen Bible Timeline with Mark Hart.

All are welcome to come.

Kelly's Crafty Corner – come and learn to paint with Kelly. No talent required. Kelly will walk you through painting two Christmas ornaments. Come and have some fun and learn to paint. The ornaments will make great Christmas gifts. There will be two classes offered, beginning Wed., Dec. 1st from 10-11:30 AM and 7- 8:30 PM. The classes will run for 3 weeks: Dec. 1, 8 & 15. Cost: \$20 for supplies. Register with Kelly at the parish office in order to have enough supplies needed for everyone. For ages 12 years old to adult. Location: Large Hall.



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is collecting items for hygiene bundles for agencies throughout the region. A box is set up at the back of the church for collection. Assembly of the hygiene bundles will be on Sun. Nov. 28 in the gym after the 11:30 AM Mass. All health measures will be in place. If you would like to help, please contact Debbie Delattre: debbie@delattre.ca, or 519-747-5637. Items for Hygiene Bags (packaged and unopened): tooth paste, tooth brushes, dental floss, soap, body wash, body lotion, shampoo, conditioner, wash cloths, towels, menstrual hygiene products, deodorant, band aids, hair brushes and combs, baby wipes, diapers, shaving cream, socks.



Many young people lose their faith by the time they leave high school. NET (National Evangelization Team) sends teams of young adults to share their faith in schools and churches so youth are transformed and re-engaged in their Catholic faith. To join NET in their mission, please visit www.netcanada.ca/donate.

If you know a young person who has a heart for working with youth, please encourage them to explore a year with NET. Applications are now being accepted for the 21/22 mission year.

Please see the message from one of our parishioners, Colin Frayne:

Hello, my name is Colin Frayne and I am currently serving for a second year with NET Canada on a high school team in Vancouver, BC. If you feel called in any way to support me in NET's mission of evangelization, please feel free to go to my fundraising page: www.netcanada.ca/support-a-missionary/2-pages/546-colin-frayne If you are unable to aid financially, please in your kindness, keep myself and team in your prayers, and be assured that you are in mine. May God reward you! – Colin



Your St. Louis C.W.L. sincerely thanks everyone who supported last week's Bake Sale and Raffle. We are grateful to those who helped with the set up and take down of our event, donated baked goods and raffle items, sold baked goods and tickets and worked at the various stations. Your generous support enables us to continue supporting people in need in our community, across Canada, and abroad. Thank YOU!



Our next C.W.L. General Meeting will take place on Wed., Dec. 1st at 7 PM. We will begin with Mass with the intention for Carol Dubeau. In lieu of a meeting, we will remain in the church for carol singing. As a special treat, take home Christmas goody bags will be given to each lady. We warmly welcome you to join us for a memorable evening. All covid protocols will be followed. See you there!

John Miller & Friends Concert – Songs of Advent and the Birth of Christ - Friday, Dec. 3rd at 7 PM at St. Louis Church. \$10 donation appreciated.



43rd Advent Novenna at St. Agnes' Church (75 Bluevale St. N. Waterloo) starts on Fri. Dec. 3rd at 7 AM. Mass times: Mon., Tue., Wed., Sat. at 9AM; Th. – Fri. at 7 AM; Sunday at your own church.



WE ARE OPEN: (Waterloo Knights of Columbus) Friday Knight Fish Fry Dine in: please contact Martin at 519-884-2060 to reserve your place. To order take-out, call Derek at 226-748-8378 by 4 PM on Friday. PICK UP TIMES: 4:30 - 6 PM; 1 PC \$15, 2 PC \$18 - Tax incl.

Wednesday Knight Take-Out of Spaghetti & Meatballs or Lasagna dinner with Garlic bread (Tax Incl.) for \$13.25 per person. Call Martin at 519-884-2060 to order up to 4 PM. Pickup times 4:30 – 6 PM.



A major focus of **Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's People and Planet First** campaign is advocating for a law that compels Canadian companies to respect the human and environmental rights of local populations in their overseas operations. This fall, acting in solidarity with their brothers and sisters in the Global South, thousands of Canadians signed a petition asking the government to enact such a law. The petition can be signed on-line at devp.org/en.

On behalf of all those who struggle to preserve their land, lives, livelihoods and lifestyles, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for your commitment and mobilization. Together, we act in solidarity with the protectors of the Earth. Together, we have the power to change lives.

To continue supporting the petition and to keep up the campaign momentum, visit <https://devp.org/en>



The 2021 – 2023 Synod of Bishops brings an invitation from Pope Francis to embark on a journey together. How can you get involved? Offer your thoughts on how we can deepen our communion in the Lord and how all members of the Church can participate more fully in its mission. Visit: hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about or use a link in our parish website.

If you have no access to internet, please contact the office for a physical copy. You might like to fill it out and mail directly to the Diocese. Answers to this questionnaire are accepted until March 31, 2022.

Date	Sunday	Maint.	Loose	Pre Auth.
Nov. 21	\$ 2090.00	\$910.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 2515.77

Last weeks' donations – Thank you!

Year of St. Joseph and Year of the Family

Three parenting tips from St. Joseph - The Year of St. Joseph inspires a parent to look closely at the earthly father of Jesus. *Excerpt from Matt Paoletti's article from Oct. 27/21 in uscatholic.org (Continued from previous week)*



Stay humble - Perhaps the fact that St. Joseph never speaks in the Bible is no accident. It might be an intentional reminder of his incredible humility and the quiet perseverance by which he lived his saintly life. In a world that promotes instant gratification and an ultimately fruitless quest for wealth and fame, St. Joseph's modest life is radically countercultural.

Humility is the tool by which you can more easily trust in God and live out your vocation. If left unchecked, the omnipresent temptation of selfishness can slowly erode the bliss of family life, leading to resentment and regret.

When I'm reminded that every blessing in my life flows from God and nothing I accomplish is done on my own, I can put myself in the humble and grateful state of mind that inspires the self-sacrificial love St. Joseph modeled so purely in his devotion to Mary and Jesus.

St. Joseph, pray that we will allow ourselves to decrease and God to increase in all of our interactions, relationships, and experiences.

I'm so grateful that the Year of St. Joseph inspired me to look closer at this silent saint who perfectly models what I strive for as a husband and father. As patron saint of the universal church and the earthly father of our Saviour, he is ready to intercede for the needs of all families.



St. Andrew the Apostle was the older brother to St. Peter. He was born in the village of Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee during the early first century. He was a fisherman.

In the Gospel of Matthew, it is said Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee and saw Andrew and Simon Peter fishing. It is then that he asked the two to become disciples and "fishers of men."

However, the Gospel of John tells a separate story, stating Andrew was a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John the Baptist stated, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" It is then that Andrew, and another, made the decision to follow Jesus.

Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels. It was he who told Jesus about the boy with the loaves and fishes. When Philip wanted to speak to Jesus about Greeks seeking him, he spoke to Andrew first. Andrew was also present at the last supper.

Per Christian tradition, Andrew went on to preach the Good News around the shores of the Black Sea and throughout what is now Greece and Turkey. Andrew was martyred by crucifixion in Patras. He was bound, rather than nailed, to a cross, as is described in the Acts of Andrew. He was crucified on an X-shaped cross, now known as "St. Andrew's Cross."

Andrew's remains were originally preserved at Patras. However, some believe St. Regulus, who was a monk at Patras, received a vision telling him to hide some of Andrew's bones. Shortly after Regulus' dream, many of Andrew's relics were transferred to Constantinople by order of Roman emperor Constantius II around 357. Regulus later received orders in a second dream telling him to take the bones "to the ends of the earth." He was to build a shrine for them wherever he shipwrecked. He landed on the coast of Fife, Scotland.

In 1964 Pope Paul VI had all of St. Andrew's relics that ended up in Vatican City sent back to Patras to St. Andrew's church.

St. Andrew is the patron saint of fishermen and singers. *(From Catholic.org)*



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