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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.



Pastoral Team:

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Welcome new members - We would like to invite you to register. Registration forms can be found in the narthex (lobby). Please call the parish if you would like your home to be blessed.

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 - John Miller (john@johnbmiller.ca),

5:00 Choir - Peter DeSousa and Youth Music (peterdesousa730@gmail.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 attending members, please contact the parish office at least one year in advance of your date. A marriage preparation course is required.

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. Privacy-of-Information laws prohibit the parish from obtaining information about parishioners in the hospital.

Priesthood and Religious Life - Is God calling you to religious life, as a Brother, Deacon or Priest? If so, please contact Fr. Toby Collins, C.R., Vocation Director for the Congregation of the Resurrection, at 226-989-1057, crvocations@gmail.com or check www.resurrectionist.ca

Low gluten hosts are available upon prior request.

Parish Organizations and Contacts:

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St. Vincent De Paul

For food hamper or more information call 519-743-4101



First Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 30 - No Mass
Tuesday, December 1
 9:00 am † Raymond A.J. Bauer – Patricia A. Bauer
Wednesday, November 2
 9:00 am † Deceased Members of the Congregation of the Resurrection
 7:00 pm CWL Mass
Thursday, December 3
 9:00 am † Rita Turner – Fran Ruetz
Friday, December 4
 9:00 † Barbara Adamska – Malton Family
Saturday, December 5
Sunday liturgy – Second Sunday of Advent
 5:00 pm † John Kenny – Patrick & Joan Forde
 † Audrey Moser – Moser Family
 † Bill Whelan – Francis Ruetz
 † Mariette Peeters – Delattre Family
Sunday, December 6 – Second Sunday of Advent
 9:30 am † Kay Freiburger – Harold Freiburger & Family
 † Raymond A.J. Bauer – Bauer Family
 † Rita Turner – St. Louis St. Vincent de Paul
 † Simon Reinhart – Harold, Viola & Paul Moser
 11:30 am For People of St. Louis Parish

For First Sunday of Advent:

The new liturgical year begins as the last one ended, with visions of cosmic events that presage the end of time. The sobering nature of today's Gospel advances Advent's less recognized purpose – to expand our focus from Jesus' first coming as a child and remind us he will return on a cloud and will be clothed in glory. The two figures of Advent – the babe of Bethlehem and the Son of Man – are but one person: the eternal Christ who judges us and sends us to the eternal destiny we've chosen through the way we've lived our lives. The choices are "dissipation ... and worries of this life" or the Gospel.

This will not be anyone's favourite Advent reading. Neither should it be seen as incongruous text mistakenly placed within a season of joy and hope, because hope is at its centre. While the end can be terrifying, it need not be for those who have persevered in faith. They can "stand up and raise their heads" because what awaits them is "redemption." And it's the birth of redemption that we celebrate at Christmas. Christianity always holds opposing truths in tension, never compromising one for the sake of the other. Both must be acknowledged and honoured. In Advent we can hear both the lullabies of Bethlehem and the foreboding storm, that rages in this Gospel.

The reason we listen for the storm is that it will come unexpectedly. Even for the faithful the end times will be hard, hence we must pray for "strength" – not to endure, but to "escape" the hardships of that day. While pointing to that final time, Advent also reminds us that each day we greet the sun might be the last before we stand before the "Son of Man."

Upcoming Events

Monday, November 30
 4:00 pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Convent
 Levels I & II & III
 7:30 pm Faith Enrichment: *Symbolon (10/10)* L. Hall
Tuesday, December 1
 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting Convent
Wednesday, December 2
 7:00 pm CWL Mass & meeting Large Hall
 7:30 pm (11:30) Choir rehearsal Church
Thursday, December 3
 9:30 am Small Christian Community N.D. Hall
 7:30 pm RCIA Large Hall
 7:30 pm (9:30) Choir rehearsal Church
Friday, December 4
 7:30 pm Youth Group Meeting – High School Convent
Saturday, December 5
 11:00 am Baptismal Preparation Session Convent
 5:00 pm Parish Mission Talk # 1 – during Mass Church
Sunday, December 6
 9:30 pm Parish Mission Talk # 1 – during Mass Church
 11:30 pm Parish Mission Talk # 1 – during Mass Church
 5:00 pm OOTC Community Supper Gym
 7:00 pm Vespers and Mission Talk # 2 Church

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Dec 5 5:00 pm	1 Fran Ruetz 2 Joan Sichewski C Betty Gross	1 Trudy Allensen 2 Guy Tremblay 3 Mary Smith
Sun. Dec 6 9:30 am	1 Jessica Hill 2 Cecilia Beechey C Frank Mensink	1 Jeff Dinner 2 Justine Krause 3 Frank Hulme
11:30 am	1 Mac Graham 2 Connie August C John Pendergast	1 Anna Malton 2 Terry Sullivan 3 Pegg Leroux

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ❖ **PARISH MISSION PREACHED BY FR. ADAM VOISIN – FROM DEC. 5 – DEC. 8 (SEE SCHEDULE ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE)**
- ❖ **SALE OF OLIVE WOOD ORNAMENTS & PRODUCTS TO SUPPORT CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND – DEC. 12 & 13 AFTER ALL MASSES.**
- ❖ **CLOSING BANQUET FOR 125TH ANNIVERSARY – JAN. 3RD, 2016 AFTER 10:30 AM MASS**

Closing Banquet for 125th Anniversary will take place on Jan 3, 2016 after 10:30 am Mass with Bishop Crosby. Tickets on sale after Saturday and Sunday Masses and during the week from the office. Adults: \$20, children under 10: \$7.50. Seating limited by the gym capacity. Get your ticket early!



All women are invited to the last **Catholic Women's League meeting in 2015** - this Wed., Dec. 2nd, beginning with Mass at 7 pm. Special guest speaker is Shari Guinta, CWL National Secretary/Treasurer, followed by special Christmas luncheon, a brief business meeting. Marg Danard, our auctioneer, will use her wit and charm to "part you from your money" to add to our Mission Sale proceeds. Ending with a short Christmas carol sing.

CWL annual membership dues (\$25) - Dec. 13th CWL blue envelope in your Church envelope box - (or use an ordinary envelope). Renewing or wishing to become members, **please enclose your dues and fill out your name, address, etc. on the envelope and place in the collection plate ** OR bring it to the Dec. 2nd meeting - these dues include 3 issues of The League Magazine. PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING our friendly and active group of women who work for God and Canada and our Parish Community!

Discernment Gathering - If you are interested in learning more about vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life join our monthly Discernment Gatherings: Mass, Holy Hour, Discussion, and Lunch. Sat. Dec. 5th at St. Michael's Church in Wat. (9 am - noon). More details at www.HamiltonVocations.com.



St. David Grade 8 Student & Parent Information Night, Thur., Dec. 3, 2015 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.



37th Annual Advent Novena: Preparation For Christmas - Strengthen Your Hearts, For The Coming Of The Lord Is Near - Nine

Daily Masses at St. Agnes Church in Wat. at 6:30 am from Friday, Dec. 4th till Sat. Dec. 12th. Breakfast to follow on Dec. 12th. Free will offering for St. Vincent de Paul Society. Mass on Sun., Dec. 6th, is at your own parish or at St. Agnes at 9 am or 11 am. For more info email Marg Weber marg.weber@sympatico.ca or call 519-747-5937.

Annual Carmelite Christmas Bazaar at the Carmel of St. Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd, St. Agatha. Nov. 29th to Dec. 23rd, 8 am to 8 pm. Homemade Jams, Jellies, Honey, Loaves, Christmas cards, crafts. All are welcome to visit our Chapel.

"A Not So Jolly Christmas." - Mon., Dec. 14th, from 1 pm to 2:30 pm at St. Francis Church, 49 Blueridge Ave. Kit., we will come together to find ways to survive the season. Dr. Bill Webster's video will be used along with other materials from our Bereavement Support Program. For info. call Barbara Diemert, 519-744-8955 or bdiemert@rogers.com.

St. Jerome's University Lecture — Fri., Dec. 4th 7:30 pm "Breaking the Cycle of Violence and Creating Deeply Caring Communities." Barbara Coloroso, will explore the social conditions of violence, the role of reconciliatory justice and the power of forgiveness to create compassionate communities. Siegfried Hall, St. Jerome's University.

St. Joseph's Parish Sharing Fair: Sat. Dec. 5th 4-6:30 pm & Sun. Dec. 6th 10 am - 1 pm.

Apostles of the Resurrection - the Lay Associates Programme of the Congregation of the Resurrection - invites you to our first Commitment Ceremony which will take place on Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Tue., Dec. 8, at 7 pm in St. Francis Church (49 Blueridge Ave, Kitchener). Our first Apostles will make their promises during Festive Mass presided by V. Rev. Murray McDermott, CR, and then celebrate with a reception in the Parish Hall. Come and support your fellow parishioners, and to learn more about the Programme. Please RSVP by Dec. 6: fr.michal.cr@gmail.com or 905 379 8299. See you there!



Friday Fish & Sing Song - Featuring: Our Lady of Lourdes Choir, led by Bruce Cameron on Dec. 4th. Tickets available at Hall. Limited Seating. Waterloo K of C Hall 145 Dearborn St. Wat. 1 pc Fish Dinner, \$10, 2 pc Fish Dinner \$12.50. Dinner & Show start at 6 pm. Call Martin 519-884-2060 for bookings.

**ST. LOUIS PARISH PREACHED MISSION
DECEMBER 5 - 8, 2015**

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

PRESENTED BY FR. ADAM VOISIN
SCHEDULE OF TALKS & SERVICES:

SAT	DEC. 5	5 PM	MASS & TALK #1
SUN	DEC. 6	9:30 AM	MASS & TALK #1
SUN	DEC. 6	11:30 AM	MASS & TALK #1
SUN	DEC. 6	7 PM	VESPERS & TALK #2
MON	DEC. 7	7 PM	MASS & TALK #3
TUE	DEC. 8	7 PM	RECONCILIATION SERVICE & TALK # 4

A Christmas Dinner & Concert, hosted by the World Youth Day Pilgrims, at St. Teresa of Avila Church, 19 Flamingo Dr., Elmira Sat., Dec. 5th at 6:30 pm followed by a Christmas Concert. Tickets from St. Teresa Parish Office till Dec. 3rd (519-669-3387). Adults \$16; children 6-12 years \$8 & children 5 & under free.

The Waterloo K of C invite you to "Christmas Joy" - NoteWorthy Singers in concert to support the

toy drive. Thur., Dec. 10, 1:30 pm at Waterloo Pentecostal Church, 395 King St. Wat. Admission: a new unwrapped child's toy or cash/cheque donation. (Payable to New Toys for Needy Kids).

Handel's Messiah – Sat. Dec. 12th, 7:30 pm Centre in the Square, Kit. Soloists include Jennifer Enns Modolo. KW Symphony, Grand Philharmonic Choir, Mark Vuorinen, conductor. Tickets \$25 to \$75 / \$14 for students & under-30s / \$5 high school & younger. 519-578-1570 or www.centreinthesquare.com.

Blessing and Opening of the Door of Mercy: As the extraordinary Holy Year of Mercy begins join Bishop Crosby and parishioners from across the Diocese for the celebration of the blessing and opening of the Door of Mercy at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton on Sun., Dec. 13th at 7 pm. The celebration will begin in McNally Hall (basement of the Cathedral Basilica) and then move to the doors for the blessing and opening, and then into the Cathedral for the rest of the celebration of the Word.

Collection: November 21 & 22, 2015

Sunday envelopes:	\$	5968.00
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