

# St. Louis Catholic Church

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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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### **Pastoral Team:**

#### **Pastor**

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#### **Coordinator of Youth and Children's Ministries**

Kelly Krause  
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#### **Parish Secretary**

Anna Malton  
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#### **Custodian**

Doug Lichty

**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

### **Parish Organizations and Contacts:**

#### **Finance Council**

Terry Collins, 519-741-1534

#### **Maintenance Committee**

Bob Lorentz, 519-576-5556

#### **OOTC Community Suppers**

Keith & Sharon Schnarr 519-801-8687

#### **Parish Webmaster**

Daniel Delattre, daniel@uwaterloo.ca

#### **Altar Servers Coordinator**

Dave Pagett, 519-744-7705

#### **Catechesis Of The Good Shepherd, Youth Ministry**

Kelly Krause, 519-743-4101

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Donna Herbstreit, 519-884-9380

#### **Ministry to the Elderly & Homebound**

Cecilia Beechey, 519-572-5435

#### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Sandra Williams, 519-742-9239

#### **Prayer Chain**

Sharon Carey, 519-746-8073

#### **St. Vincent De Paul**

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



# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, November 30 – St. Andrew, Apostle, No Mass**

**Tuesday, December 1**

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

**Wednesday, December 2**

9:00 AM Blessings on the Congregation of the Resurrection

**Thursday, December 3 – St. Francis Xavier, Priest**

9:00 AM † Shirley Ellert –Family

**Friday, December 4**

9:00 AM † Barbara & Zygmunt Adamski – Malton Family

**Saturday, December 5**

**Vigil of Second Sunday of Advent**

5:00 PM † Walter & Kaye Hartman – Children

† Manolo Mercado – Sheila Flores

† Gerard Forde – Pat & Joan Forde

† John Kenny, Richard Mulhall & Terence Bayley – Pat &  
Joan Forde

**Sunday, December 6 – Second Sunday of Advent**

9:30 AM † Shirley Hinsperger – Rob Hinsperger

† Helen & Hanlon McDonald – Frayne Family

† Al & Maryellen Hill – Frayne Family

† Samren, Khamphens, Kasem & Johnny Xaysy – Xaysy  
Family

11:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

**Reflection on the First Reading : Isaiah 63:16b-17, 64:1, 3-8**

The new Liturgical year begins with a fervent prayer for restoration. Although originally uttered in the context of the Hebrew people's return from captivity in Babylon in the sixth century BC, the words of the Prophet Isaiah are just as powerful and poignant in our day. Great hope was certainly in the hearts of all of those called to journey back to the land of their ancestors. Yet their return was far from joyful. Instead they found their Temple in ruins and their lands pillaged and burned. Even with this devastation before them, they called out in confidence to God, knowing that he alone could make their return a source of blessing.

A basic key to grasping the covenantal relationship between God and his chosen people Israel is the cycle of exile and return. Sin leads to the people's punishment, but banishment from grace allows the nation the opportunity to repent. In turn, God sees their repentance and chooses them as His own once again. This theological cycle of redemption is the foundation of the Prophet's desire to summon the people as a whole back to Jerusalem despite its ravaged and forsaken condition. To "return" is to acknowledge the never-ending power of God to maintain and fortify the covenant, even in what appears to be a time of insurmountable misfortune.

Isaiah calls out to God with questions: "Why, O Lord, do you make us stray from your ways and harden our heart, so that we do not fear you?" Recall here the wanderings of the Israelites in the wilderness and God's hardening of Pharaoh's heart (Exodus 7:3) so that the Israelites would have to work that much harder for their freedom. God desires people who have to seek out His mercy and forgiveness. Pleading for God's awesome wonders on behalf of the people, Isaiah calls the nation to greater fidelity and a renewed hope that God will provide. (From the *Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word.*)

**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**

**Envelopes for Combined Special Collection next weekend** (*Share Lent, Pope's Pastoral Works, Holy Land (Good Friday), Cura Pastorum, Needs of Canadian Church and Mission Sunday*) were distributed last weekend. This collection will make up for any donations missed during shutdown.



At St. Louis Parish the One Heart One Soul fund raising campaign celebrated the Commitment Sunday mid November which completed the public portion of the campaign. Now what remains is the sending in and

collection of the last remaining pledges. So far we have received \$303,051.00 about 78% of our goal of \$390,000. This amount came from 143 gifts. **Thank You** to all who have contributed, or pledged so far. Please know that all of the money donated goes to St. Louis and to chaplaincy programs at the hospitals, universities, and prisons, as well as to some small country parishes who are struggling financially. Thank you for your generosity. **If you haven't sent yours in, it's not too late.** If you need more information please call the parish office.

**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 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](mailto:kkrause@hamiltondiocese.com)) to get the link to our virtual Sunday school. Join us to learn more about your faith!

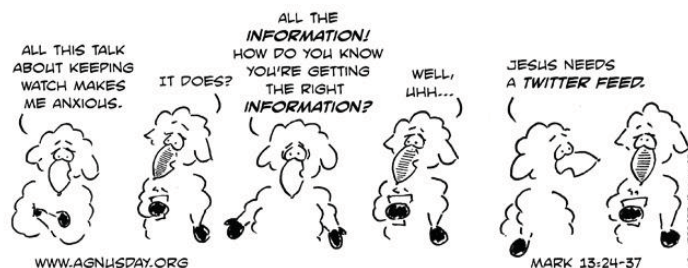


**St. Louis Youth Group** would like to invite everyone in gr. 6 - 12 who would like to join our group of very enthusiastic, fun youth who care about their faith. We are getting together every second Friday night from 7-9 PM via zoom meetings. We are playing games and having fun, learning more about 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 at the parish office to get the information needed to join us. We all look forward to meeting you.



The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, or [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com), or Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha at 519-884-6700, or CR Vocation Director, [crvocations@gmail.com](mailto:crvocations@gmail.com)

**Prayer Vigil – Thur., Dec. 3, from 9 to 10 AM** in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: [kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com](mailto:kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com) Note: We will all observe 2 meters distancing.



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**First Week of Advent**

*In a special way, as we now enter this new season of Advent, let us quiet ourselves so that we can attentively listen for that one Word that is the fulfillment of all things. In history, that one Word became flesh. In our lives now, let's make room for that Word to be incarnate anew in us. In doing so, we prepare ourselves to have the fulfillment of all our most heartfelt longings. (From "And the Word was God" by Henri J. M. Nouwen)*

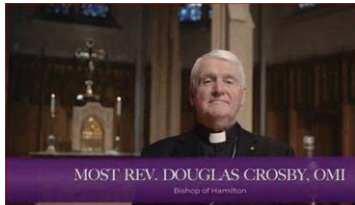


**Christmas Masses this year will be different.** Singing is still strongly discouraged, and we have limitations in the number who can attend. Our schedule will be **5:00 PM and 8:00 PM on Christmas Eve, and 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM on Christmas Day.** (Please pray for more priestly vocations).

A Reservation system will be in place. A maximum of around 100 people will be allowed at each Mass. Please fill the reservation card and return it to the parish office.

Due to COVID-19 the ever popular K-W ADVENT NOVENA which has been attended by hundreds over the past 40+ years will NOT take place this year at St. Agnes Parish. God willing we will be able to resume this tradition in 2021. Blessings of peace, love and good health to all who have been a part of this beautiful preparation for Christmas in the past.

**Coping with the Holidays** - Christmas is an especially difficult season for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. For many, this will be complicated even further when the loss occurred during the COVID-19 shut down. Have you lost a love one and find yourself struggling with the thought of the upcoming Christmas season? Join us on Mon., Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M. for a one-hour session on Zoom offering reflection and practical strategies for coping at Christmas. To register please call Lena at 905-528-7988 X 2249, or register on line at hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/grief-support/coping-with-the-holidays. We will send a zoom invite by e-mail to all those who have registered the day before the session so you can join by video or phone.



**Journey through Advent** – video series created by CCCB as an introduction to the season of Advent with reflections on the Gospel readings for each of the four Sundays. The Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., Bishop of Hamilton and the Most Reverend Pierre Goudreault, Bishop of Saint-Anne-de-la-Pocatière, provide spiritual and pastoral guidance on the readings that illustrate the true meaning of Christmas. The short videos will be available on the CCCB website each Monday in advance of the upcoming Sunday celebration (November 23 and 30, December 7 and 14). Video link: [ccc.ca/liturgy-sacraments/resources-in-english/liturgical-calendar/video-reflections/](http://ccc.ca/liturgy-sacraments/resources-in-english/liturgical-calendar/video-reflections/)

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**Novena of Masses for the Immaculate Conception** - In its capacity as our Diocese's Shrine to the Blessed Mother the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph will be hosting a Novena of Masses leading up to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This Novena will be seeking the intercession and protection of the Mother of God, and Mother of the

Church, on our Diocese in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. **Novena Masses will be held at 7 pm from Nov. 29 to Dec. 7 inclusive.** His Excellency, Bishop Crosby will celebrate **Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at 7 pm on Tue., Dec. 8.** All the faithful of the Diocese are welcome to take part in this Novena. Please note that all Diocesan covid protocols must be observed while at the Basilica. Even if you cannot come to the Basilica of Our Lady in person please join this Novena in prayer from your home.

*Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception, Pray for Us.*

**The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during The Novena to Infant Jesus, December 16<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020.** Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to Infant Jesus. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to: *Carmel of Saint Joseph*  
1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1  
St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0

**Message from St. Jerome's University** - Are you a student looking at university or a parent wanting to help guide your student to choose a university that lives the values of the gospel? St. Jerome's University (SJU) is a small, Catholic, liberal arts university federated with the University of Waterloo (UW) and located right at its heart. We are a "neighbourhood within a city" –just a few steps from main campus UW! Explore our campus, programs, and community by connecting with us live and virtually at [www.sju.ca/connect-with-us](http://www.sju.ca/connect-with-us)



**Fish Fry: At Waterloo K of C. Please call Derek before 4:15 PM at 226-748-8378 to order Pick –Up. From 4:30 to 6:30 PM EVERY FRIDAY at 145 Dearborn PL., (1 P.C. \$14; 2 P.C. \$16).**

**Wednesday Spaghetti Dinner program: At Waterloo K of C. - Call Martin at 519-884-2060 before noon to place TAKE OUT ORDER. Dinner for two for a total of \$18.50 Tax incl. 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. 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.  
**Let us Act:** Be sure your member of parliament (MP) hears your opinion! Send a letter, phone, or use the electronic form: [www.canadiansforconscience.ca](http://www.canadiansforconscience.ca). **We must act now to protect all, including future generations from Bill C-7. For more info follow the link on St. Louis website Welcome page to the Diocesan website.**

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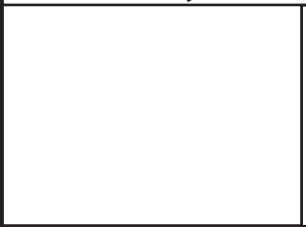
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