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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

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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 19 – No Mass

**Tuesday, October 20 – St. Margaret Mary
Alacoque, Virgin**

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

Wednesday, October 21

9:00 AM † Henry Prachar – Suzanne Perry

Thursday, October 22 – St. John Paul II, Pope

9:00 AM † Daniel Caron – Claire Armitage

Friday, October 23

9:00 AM † Manuel Henriques – Van Dam Family

Saturday, October 24

Vigil of The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM † Nick & Katie Gengler – Kathie Ruetz & Family

† Fred Gillard – Pat Thorpe & Rosemary Danayka

† Gordon Steve – Cecilia Beechey

† John Harder – Joan Powers

**Sunday, October 25 - The 30th Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

9:30 AM † Henry Prachar – Mary Liz Hearn

† Allen Stewart – Sprout Family

Intentions of Pat Nairn – Cecilia Beechey

11:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

Reflection on the First Reading from Isaiah 45:1,4-6

Second Isaiah reminds Israel that the Lord rules not only over them but over all nations and is the only God. These claims must have seemed absurd to His hearers because in their day a god's rank is reckoned by the nation-status of its people compared to others. That Israel is landless and living in exile in Babylon seems to prove that Babylon's god, Marduk, is more powerful than the Lord. And yet, the biblical Prophets insist that the Babylonians are merely the instrument the Lord uses to punish Israel for its infidelity. Now, Second Isaiah, preaching toward the end of the exile (c. 553 BC), announces that their sentence is complete. The Lord is calling Cyrus, an ascendant ruler in Persia, to conquer the Babylonians and allow the exiles to return home.

To engage Israel's attention, the Prophet uses a piece of propaganda that Cyrus circulates as his armies approach the city of Babylon. In it he claims that its patron god, Marduk, designates him "the ruler of the world." This politicking proclamation came to light in 1879 when archaeologists discovered the "Cyrus cylinder," a type of "printing press." The message was etched on a solid stone tube and printed when it was rolled over wet clay tablets, which were then dried and distributed.

Second Isaiah claims that the Lord, not Marduk, is behind Cyrus' success. Cyrus is the Lord's "anointed" (in Hebrew, *messiah*). The Lord "grasps his right hand," a gesture like one in a Babylonian ritual where the grasp of a god's hand (on a statue) validates and empowers a sovereign. The Lord also gives Cyrus a "title", probably "Shepherd" (see Isaiah 44:28), which is a common designation for rulers in the biblical world. All this is evidence that the Lord, as the Prophet repeats four times in the last verses, is the only God. (From the *Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word*.)



St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a French Roman Catholic Visitation nun and mystic, is greatly recognized for her devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

She was born in 1647 in France as the only daughter of Claude and Philiberte Lamyn Alacoque. Margaret has always shown an intense love for the Blessed Sacrament and preferred silence over typical childhood play. She began practicing severe corporal mortification after her first communion at 9-years-old.

She continued this until rheumatic fever confined her to her bed for four years. After making a vow to the Blessed Virgin Mary to consecrate herself to religious life, Margaret instantly returned to perfect health. In recognition of this favor, Margaret added the name Mary to her baptismal name.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque experienced visions of Jesus Christ for most of her life, but thought they were a normal part of life and continued to practice austerity.

After the death of her father, Margaret and her family were forced into poverty when a relative refused to hand over the family's assets. Margaret's only comfort in life was her frequent visits to pray before the Blessed Sacrament at a local church.

At 17-years-old, Margaret's family was able to regain control of their assets. Margaret's mother started encouraging her to become more social, in hopes she would find a suitable husband. One night, after attending a ball in an evening dress, Margaret had a vision of Christ, scourged and bloody. He accused Margaret of forgetting about him. He showed her that His heart was full of love for her because of the promise she made to His Blessed Mother as a child. After this vision, Margaret was determined to fulfill the vow she made years ago. She entered the Visitation Convent at Paray-le-Monial in May 1671 to become a nun. Although she was described as humble, simple, kind and patient, Margaret had to prove the authenticity of her vocation.

During her time in this monastery, Margaret received several private revelations of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. These visions showed her the "form of the devotion, the chief features being reception of Holy Communion on the first Friday of each month, Eucharistic adoration during a 'Holy hour' on Thursdays, and the celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart." The Lord Jesus requested His love be made evident through her.

In her vision, she was instructed to spend an hour every Thursday night meditating on Jesus' Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, a practice, known as "The Holy Hour," that later became widespread.

In December 1673, Jesus appeared to Margaret Mary again, and allowed her to rest her head on His heart. His human heart was to be the symbol of His divine-human love. He revealed to her the wonders of His love. He explained to her that he wished to make these wonders known to all the world, and that He chose her for His work.

Margaret Mary convinced her superior, Mother de Saumaise, her visions were authentic. However, she struggled with convincing others of the validity of her apparitions, even those in her own

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community. A group of theologians declared her visions delusions and suggested she eat better. She eventually gained the support from the community's confessor, St. Claude de la Colombiere, who declared her visions were genuine. Finally, all opposition from the community ended in 1683, and Margaret Mary became the assistant to the Superior and later Novice Mistress. She led the monastery in observing the Feast of the Sacred Heart privately, and inspired the construction of a chapel built to honor the Sacred Heart.

Margaret Mary died at the age of 43, on October 17, 1690, while being anointed. She spoke the words, "I need nothing but God, and to lose myself in the heart of Jesus."

After her death, the devotion to the Sacred Heart was adopted by the Jesuits but remained controversial within the Church. The practice did not become officially recognized until 75 years later.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was officially canonized on May 13, 1920 by Pope Benedict XV. (From catholic.org)

October – month of the Rosary and St. John Paul II feast day

7 ways John Paul II revolutionized the Rosary

(From the book and article by Tom Hoopes in alateia.org)



1: St. John Paul made the Rosary new and exciting again. He didn't just urge people to pray the Rosary — he added five new mysteries and created a Year of the Rosary to insure the whole Church joined in.

2: John Paul connected the Rosary to the big issues that were on everybody's minds. In the wake of the September 11 tragedy, Pope John Paul II urged Catholics to pray the Rosary for peace in the face of terrorist attacks. The following year, he urged Rosaries for another institution under harsh attack: the family. His faith in the Rosary was contagious. "I look to all of you, brothers and sisters of every state of life," he urged, "confidently take up the Rosary once again. ... May this appeal of mine not go unheard!"

3: He made the Rosary easier to pray. St. John Paul made various practical suggestions for praying the Rosary. One of them is: Instead of the Creed, he suggested opening the Rosary with a simple invocation from Ps. 70: "O God, come to my aid; O Lord make haste to help me."

4: His method deepens the experience of the Rosary. - He suggested using sacred art, praying for a specific fruit with each mystery, and adding a clause after "Jesus" in the Hail Mary. For example, in the First Luminous Mystery - The Baptism of Jesus - a fruit ("to be faithful to my baptismal vows") and words to add to the Hail Mary ("... blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus, baptized by John.") John Paul also urged that the Rosary be accompanied by Scripture.

5: He promoted Rosary saints. - St. John Paul II brought others to public attention. He beatified Blessed Bartolo Longo, who survived the occult through the Rosary; canonized Padre Pio, who called the Rosary "the weapon." He constantly promoted St. Louis de Montfort, author of *The Secret of the Rosary*. And then, of course, he beatified the Fatima children, Blessed Jacinta and Francisco.

6: He connected the Fatima message with the Church's future. - John Paul was a huge believer in Our Lady of Fatima. He credited his life to Our Lady after an attempt on his life failed on the apparition's anniversary. Fatima's message, a plea for conversion and daily Rosaries, "must be taken up by generation after generation," he said. "It must ever be taken up anew."

7: But he promoted it most of all simply by praying it. - Before he became pope, Francis wrote about the power of St. John Paul II's example. "One evening I went to recite the Holy Rosary that was being led by the Holy Father. He was in front of everybody, on his knees," he wrote. He was so moved that "from that time on I recited the 15 mysteries of the Rosary every day," he said.



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.



"Give ... to God the things that are God's." That includes you! God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at vocations@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988, or Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha at 519-884-6700, or Fr. Dan Lobsinger, CR, Vocation Director, crvocations@gmail.com

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40 Days for Life is a Campaign of prayer, fasting and prayerful witness from Sep. 23rd to Nov. 1st. Daily hours are from 7 am till 7 pm across from Freeport Hospital. Prayerfully consider signing up for one hour per week or as you are able at 40daysforlife.com/kitchener or call Patrick at 519-748-5548 for more info. Thank you for your support of the unborn.

A Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre (7020 Stanley Ave. – Niagara Falls – 905-356-4113 – www.carmelniagara.com) presents Workshops on **Understanding Grief** on Sat., Oct. 24 – 9:30 am-3:30 pm. (Grief is a natural response to loss. Understanding the Grief you are feeling is the first step to healing.) and on

Forgiveness on Sat., Nov 7 – 9:30 am-3:30 pm. (This interactive workshop identifies the stumbling blocks to forgiveness, and then provides positive, practical methods through the anger, blame and resentment.) Cost: \$65 (lunch incl.) each. Presenter: Anna Racine.

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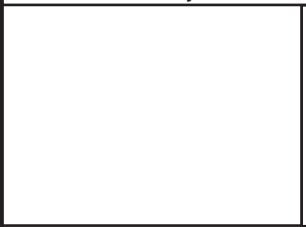
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