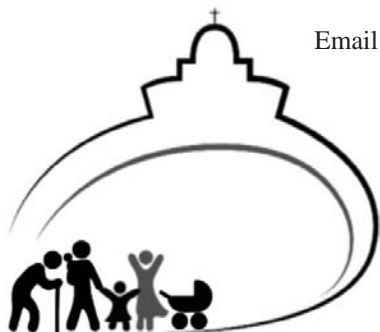


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Year 2021 - 2022

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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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 the Vocation Director for the Congregation of the Resurrection, at crvocations@gmail.com or www.resurrectionist.ca

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THE 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

Monday, October 31 – No Mass

9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball Gym

Tuesday, November 1 – All Saints

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

9:30 AM With St. George on the Porch book group – “Reveal the Gift: Living the Feminine Genius” by Lisa Cotter L. Hall

4:30 PM Good Shepherd Catechesis Nursery

6:30 PM 11:30 Choir Rehearsal Church

7:00 PM Painting with Kelly L. Hall

Wednesday, November 2 – All Souls

9:00 AM † Bob Ruetz – Fran Ruetz

9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball Gym

7:00 PM Memorial Mass for all the Dead

Thursday, November 3

9:00 AM Thanksgiving for Graces Received – Estrada Family

Friday, October 28 – St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles

9:00 AM † Rita Sutton – Donna Donkers

9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball Gym

Saturday, November 4 – St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

9AM-4PM Crafts and Quilting Nursery

7 PM Family Fun Night (Music & Games) L. Hall/Gym

Vigil of The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM † Edna & Phyllis Ertel – Larry Ertel

† Nick & Katie Gengler – Ruetz Family

† Catherine & Robert McNulty – Family

† Ellen, Vicky, Lori and Lisa Voll – Voll Family

Sunday, November 5 – The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

9:30 AM Sunday School & Babysitting Nursery

10:30 AM Sunday Social L. Hall

10:30 AM Confirmation preparation session Nursery

11:30 AM † Rosemary Peterson – Peterson Family

† David Kirby – Kirby Family

† Terry Lichty – Jim & Bonnie Rudnisky

† Loretta Potvin – Daughters

12:30 PM Genesis to Jesus - Bible study L. Hall

Reflection on the First Reading: Wisdom 11:22- 12:2

This passage focuses on the relationship between the Lord's power and mercy. It first reminds us that, compared to the Lord, we have a very shallow knowledge of creation. We see only a small section of the universe and stand in awe before the power of its natural phenomena. To the Lord, however, the entire cosmos is like a spec that tips the scales or a single drop of morning dew come down upon the earth.

Even more awesome than the Lord's power, however, is His loving mercy that the Lord extends to all creation. The author says of the Lord, “you love all things that exist”. Lest we miss his point that the Lord cares for every person and thing, the author elaborates: you “detest none of the things that you have made, for you would not have made anything if you had hated it.”

In short, every person exists because the Lord created them and keeps them alive. The Lord fashioned all people with the unique personality and traits that they would need to play their role in the divine plan for the cosmos. The Lord's imperishable spirit, which is in all things, moves creation along this divine plan.

Though humans constantly fall short of the role they are given, the merciful Lord loves them too much to give up on them. Here, the

author defines mercy as the Lord's “overlooking” human failings to allow time for people to repent and change. “Little by little,” the Lord opens their eyes to their shortcomings in the hope that they will abandon their wickedness and cooperate with the Lord's spirit at work in their life and in the world around them. (*Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, & Proclaimers of the Word.*)



Memorial Mass to be held on All Souls Day Nov. 2, at 7 PM. If you would like to have your loved one remembered at this Mass, please let Kelly Krause

know at the parish office and she will have a candle with a name card prepared. If you would like to also have a picture of your loved one present with the candle, please provide a copy of a picture to Kelly as well. When you come to the Memorial Mass, we will ask you to come to the front and light the candle for your loved one, before the Mass begins. Kelly will be there to direct and help you.



St. Louis CWL invites everyone to **Family Fun Night** on Sat., Nov. 5th beginning at 7PM in the Gym and Large Hall. Live music, provided by the St. Louis Blues Band, will begin at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$10 per person and children 12 and under are free. We will have a cash bar and games for all ages (an arm's length of tickets is \$10) and children's games are free. Coffee, tea, water and pre-packaged snacks will be provided at no charge. Please come and support your C.W.L. and have a fun night with your fellow St. Louis parishioners.



Our next CWL General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 9th beginning with Mass at 7PM with our meeting to follow in the Large Hall. Our guest speaker will be: Ann Cameron who teaches dances from around the world. Her presentation a few years ago was a big hit, so be sure to join us and bring a friend. Members and Non-Members are always welcome to our General Meetings. Also, annual dues (now \$45) can be handed in to Patti Pagett at this meeting.

As a part of our ongoing work in *Forward Together in Christ*, the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis is happy to welcome **Mr. David Wells** for a **presentation** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Tue., Nov. 8, at 7 PM. David is a tremendous educator, catechist and disciple who speaks with great love for our Holy Church. The topic will be, “*Is This Seat Taken? The Church's Call to Radical Hospitality in a Post-Pandemic Church*”. David will be sharing from the heart about the importance of hospitality in our communities of faith, and how essential this ministry is as we rebuild our communities after COVID. This event will be hosted in person and streamed live on the Cathedral Basilica's YouTube page. Although registration is not necessary, you are encouraged to sign up for an event reminder on the diocesan website.



Can I risk sharing the goodness God has given me? Can I care for the needs of my brothers and sisters? Can I respond to God as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, 905-528-7988, 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!

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Lecture Series In November at The Holy Rosary Guelph Community Room (175 Emma St. in Guelph), 7 - 8 PM on Wednesdays

- Nov. 9 - Greg Kennedy - *Topic: The Future: Why Aren't We Scared of Death?*
- Nov. 16 – Fr. Eric Jensen - *Topic: Jesus' Special Friends: Martha, Mary, and Lazarus.*
- Nov. 23 - Emily Orlando - *Topic: Living the Mystery of God with Trust and Joy*
- Nov. 30 - Mrs. Teresa Hartnett - *Topic: God's Design for Us: Who are we Called to Be? Who are we Capable of Being?*



Why do we offer Mass for the repose of souls?

The practice of offering the Holy Mass for the repose of the soul of the deceased originates in the early church. The catechism teaches (#1032), “*From the beginning the church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God*”.

Praying for the repose of the souls of the deceased is rooted in the Old Testament. Judas Maccabees offered prayers and sacrifices for the Jewish soldiers who had died wearing pagan amulets, which were forbidden by the Torah. II Maccabees reads, “*Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out*” (12:43). Continuing, “*(Judas Maccabees) took up a collection among all his soldiers, ... which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice. In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus, he made atonement for the dead that they might be freed from sin*” (12:46).

In light of the saving work of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we believe that when a person dies, he faces his particular judgment and must render an account of his life. If that person has died fundamentally believing in God and in a state of grace, but with venial sins and the hurt caused by sin, then God in His divine love and mercy will first purify the soul. After this purification has been completed, the soul will have the holiness and purity needed to share in the beatific vision in heaven.

The faithful here on earth can help those souls undergoing purification. The Vatican Council II affirmed: “*This sacred council accepts loyally the venerable faith of our ancestors in the living communion which exists between us and our brothers who are in the glory of heaven or who are yet being purified after their death.*” (“Dogmatic Constitution on the Church,” No. 51). Therefore, just as we

pray for each other and share each other's burdens now, the faithful on earth can offer prayers and sacrifices to help the departed souls undergoing purification, and no better prayer could be offered than that of the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical “*Mirae Caritatis*” (1902) beautifully elaborated this point and emphasized the connection between the communion of saints with the Mass: “*The grace of mutual love among the living, strengthened and increased by the sacrament of the Eucharist, flows, especially by virtue of the sacrifice (of the Mass), to all who belong to the communion of saints. For the communion of saints is simply ... the mutual sharing of help, atonement, prayers and benefits among the faithful, those already in the heavenly fatherland, those consigned to the purifying fire, and those still making their pilgrim way here on earth. These all form one city, whose head is Christ, and whose vital principle is love. Faith teaches that although the august sacrifice can be offered to God alone, it can nevertheless be celebrated in honour of the saints now reigning in heaven with God, who has crowned them, to obtain their intercession for us, and also, according to apostolic tradition, to wash away the stains of those brethren who died in the Lord but without yet being wholly purified.*” Therefore, the offering of Mass and other prayers or sacrifices for the intentions of the faithful departed are truly good and holy acts.

Please note that this belief not only has its origins in our OT roots but also in the early history of the church. Inscriptions uncovered on tombs in the Roman catacombs of the second century evidence this practice. For example, the epitaph on the tomb of Abercius, bishop of Hieropolis in Phrygia (d. 180), begs for prayers for the repose of his soul. Tertullian in 211 attested to observing the anniversary of death of the faithful departed with prayers. Moreover, the Canons of Hippolytus (c. 235), one of the earliest missals, explicitly mentions the offering of prayers for the dead during the Mass. The testimony of many of the church fathers also beautifully supports this belief: For example, St. Cyril of Jerusalem (d. 386), in one of his many catechetical discourses, explained how at Mass both the living and dead are remembered, and how the eucharistic sacrifice of Our Lord is of benefit to sinners, living and dead; and St. Ambrose (d. 397) preached, “*We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord.*”

When we face the death of someone, even a person who is not Catholic, to have a Mass offered for the repose of his soul and to offer our prayers are more beneficial and comforting than any other sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. Most importantly, we always should remember our own dearly departed loved ones in the Holy Mass and through our own prayers and sacrifices to help in their gaining eternal rest. Let us keep in our prayers all of our faithful departed, especially during the month of November. (*From catholicstraightanswers.com*)

Most Rev. Bishop Douglas Crosby, O.M.I. was consecrated as a Bishop on Jan. 2, 1998.

In Thanksgiving for his life of service and with my best wishes for him I commit myself to pray _____ Rosaries between now and end of 2022 for the intention of Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI for his 25th Anniversary.

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