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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

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

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 5 – No Mass

Tuesday, October 6

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

Wednesday, October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00 AM Intentions of Kathy Box – Cecilia Beechey

Thursday, October 8

9:00 AM † Shirley Ellert – Family

Friday, October 9

9:00 AM † Sharon Kraemer – Cecilia Beechey

Saturday, October 10

Vigil of The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 AM For all those who died in the Diocese during the shutdown

5:00 PM † Glen Prior – Prior Family

† Bob Ruetz – Fran & Family

† Sadie Kenny – Pat & Joan Forde

† Edna Ertel – Larry & Phyllis Ertel

Sunday, October 11 -The 28th Sunday In Ordinary Time

9:30 AM † Loretta Lavigne – Senior & Risen Choir

† Christa Xavier-Pantin – Amanda Ayoung-Chee

† Krispin Strabel – Malton Family

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

11:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

Reflection on the First Reading from Isaiah 5:1-7

In the biblical world, grapes are an annual wonder. Their sweetness breaks the monotony of daily fare and their wine adds a festive note to special celebrations. Isaiah's song about a vintner (the Lord) and a cherished vine (Judah) announces the destruction of the southern kingdom. And yet, the passage conveys far more than an oracle of judgement. The Prophet's description of the vine grower's efforts – a detailing that draws readers to feel deeply both His eager anticipation of a good crop and His intense disappointment at finding a rotten one – engenders empathy for the Lord's enthusiastic efforts and hopes for His people.

Readers imagine the vintner spading the soil and removing heavy stones. He uses these to construct a wall to enclose the vineyard and protect it from foraging animals. If His plot sits on a hillside, which is likely, He could haul soil up from the valley floor to provide richer bed for His vines. He then plants the choicest vine that He can find. Not yet done, He builds a watchtower to guard the crop because grapes ripen at the end of the annual five-to-six-month-long drought. Thieves and passers-by cannot resist their thirst-quenching fruit. Finally, without a jackhammer or dynamite, the vine grower chisels out a winepress in bedrock. Another passage in Isaiah expresses the vintner's loving care for His project: "A pleasant vineyard, sing about it! I, the Lord, am its keeper: every moment I water it. I guard it night and day so that no one can harm it" (Isaiah 27:2-3).

When at harvest time He finds only "wild" (or "stinking" or "worthless") grapes, He asks, "What more was there to do for my vineyard?" Not a thing. And so, He decides to destroy it. The instrument that the Lord will use for this destruction is the Babylonians. The breaking down of the stone enclosure around the vineyard alludes to the typical way that an invading army devastates the agricultural economy of a land. They break down the walls of the terraced hillside so that the soil erodes into the valley below. Weeds and thistles take over the once-precious plot.

The last verse identifies the good grapes as the fruits of justice that the Lord seeks from His people. For Isaiah, righteousness is the evidence that God is present and acting on earth. The Prophet uses puns and the Hebrew *hinneh*, a demonstrative particle which points to something unexpected, to express the Lord's disappointment. "He looked for judgement or righteousness (*mishpat*) but see! (*hinneh*) bloodshed (*mispach*), for justice (*tsedaqah*) but hark! (*hinneh*) the outcry (*tse'aqah*)." The Lord did everything possible to cultivate a people whose lives display the profound joy that comes from choosing to do the right thing in every situation. But, instead of justice, he found bloodshed (a biblical metaphor for injustice), and the outcries of the oppressed. (From the *Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word*.)



October is traditionally a month dedicated to the Rosary. In his Apostolic Letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae, St. John Paul II writes "the Church has always attributed particular efficacy to this prayer, entrusting to the Rosary...the most difficult problems."

The development of the rosary has a long history. First a practice developed of praying 150 *Our Fathers* in imitation of the 150 Psalms. Then there was a parallel practice of praying 150 *Hail Marys*. Soon a mystery of Jesus' life was attached to each *Hail Mary*. Though Mary's giving of the rosary to Saint Dominic is recognized as a legend, the development of this prayer owes much to his followers. In the 16th century, the rosary was developed to its present form—with the 15 mysteries: joyful, sorrowful and glorious. In 2002, Pope John Paul II added five Mysteries of Light to this devotion.

On October 7, the Roman Catholic Church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Known for several centuries by the title of "Our Lady of Victory," the feast day takes place in honour of a 16th century naval victory which secured Europe against Turkish invasion. Pope St. Pius V attributed the victory to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who was invoked on the day of the battle through a campaign to pray the Rosary throughout Europe.

Troops of the Turkish Ottoman Empire had invaded and occupied the Byzantine empire by 1453, bringing a large portion of the Christian world under Islamic law. For the next hundred years, the Turks expanded their empire westward on land, and asserted their naval power in the Mediterranean. In 1565 they attacked Malta, envisioning an eventual invasion of Rome. Though repelled at Malta, the Turks captured Cyprus in the fall of 1570.

The next year, three Catholic powers – Genoa, Spain, and the Papal States - formed an alliance called the Holy League, to defend their Christian civilization against Turkish invasion. Its fleets sailed to confront the Turks near the west coast of Greece on October 7, 1571.

Crew members on more than 200 ships prayed the Rosary in preparation for the battle - as did Christians throughout Europe, gathered in their churches to invoke the Virgin Mary's protection.

The Pope Pius V understood the significance of the day's events, when he was informed that all but 13 of the nearly 300 Turkish ships had been captured or sunk. In thanksgiving he was moved to institute the feast now celebrated universally as Our Lady of the Rosary.

"Turkish victory at Lepanto would have been a catastrophe of the first magnitude for Christendom," wrote military historian John F. Guilmartin, Jr., "and Europe would have followed a historical trajectory strikingly different from that which obtained."

Pope Leo XIII (1878 – 1903) was particularly devoted to Our Lady of the Rosary, producing 11 encyclicals on the subject of this feast

and its importance. In the first of them, 1883's "Supremi Apostolatus Officio," he echoed the words of the oldest known Marian prayer when he wrote, "It has always been the habit of Catholics in danger and in troublous times to fly for refuge to Mary." "This devotion, so great and so confident, to the august Queen of Heaven, has never shone forth with such brilliancy as when the militant Church of God has seemed to be endangered by the violence of heresy ... or by an intolerable moral corruption, or by the attacks of powerful enemies." Foremost among such "attacks" was the battle of Lepanto, a perilous and decisive moment in European and world history. (From Catholicnewsagency.com & franciscanmedia.org)

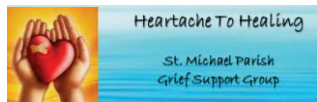
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Sunday School & Liturgy of the Word (ages 3-10) – a little different this Fall. To respect the comfort level of our volunteers and parents, we are going virtual.

Please join Teacher Kelly every Sunday morning at 10:30am for a virtual 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 and learn more about your faith!

St. Louis Youth Group - On behalf of the St. Louis Youth group, we would like to invite everyone in gr. 6 - gr. 12 who would like to join a group of very enthusiastic, fun, youth who care about their faith. We will be getting together every second Friday night, beginning October 2nd, from 7-9pm. Due to the covid restrictions, these meetings will be held through zoom meetings. We have a variety of things planned for this year from playing games and having fun, to 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 throughout the spring, and were instrumental in working with Kelly to help make St. Louis virtual Summer camp the success that it was. We had a lot of fun and were very creative in how we put on our camp. If this sounds like a group you would like to join, email Kelly Krause at the parish office in order to get the information needed to join our meeting. We all look forward to meeting you.



St. Michael Parish Grief Support Group (6 weeks) is offered this Fall. The program is designed to assist people after the death of a loved one,

or a significant loss. This program follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. The sessions will be held on Thursday evenings from 7-8:30pm (Oct 22 to Nov 26). Everyone is welcome. No fee, registration required by Oct. 12th. Due to Covid-19 protocol seats are limited. For more info, contact St. Michael parish office 519-884-9311, or email parish@stmichaelw.ca, or check www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support.

40 Days for Life is holding a Campaign of prayer, fasting and prayerful witness from September 23rd to November 1st. Daily hours are from 7 am until 7 pm. The location is as in previous years across from Freeport Hospital. We are asking that you prayerfully consider signing up for one hour per week or as you are able at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or call Patrick or Rita at 519-748-5548 for more information. Thank you for your support of the unborn.



Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com or Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha at 519-884-6700, or Fr. Dan Lobsinger, CR, Vocation Director, crvocations@gmail.com

One Heart, One Soul Campaign comes to St. Louis Parish starting on Sep 26/27, 2020

The Diocese of Hamilton's *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign has raised more than \$15 million so far, with most of it benefiting parishes and the projects of their choosing. For the full list of FAQs and much more about the campaign, visit www.oneheartonesoul.ca.

God bless our campaign, and our parish

If you haven't already, you should be receiving your *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign packet in the mail soon. If you have any questions once you've read the material, feel free to contact the parish office at 519-743-4101. We ask you to continue to pray for the success of the campaign, and we will be grateful for any gift you can make!

Q. How do you determine the pledge amounts that families are asked to consider?

A. Ask amounts are based on a number of factors: planning study results, families' history of parish support, input from church leadership, and the understanding that for this to be successful it will require sacrificial gifts. In other words, if the amount you are asked for is more than you anticipated, it generally means that you have been a generous supporter of your parish and/or the Diocese and is an indication of the challenge we face in reaching our goal. Through this campaign, we are asking everyone to consider supporting their parish and the Diocese in a meaningful and sacrificial way and in a manner that works well for each family. It is not our intention to offend or embarrass anyone. The amount requested is NOT an expectation. It is an invitation to participate in this project at whatever level that is sacrificial and meaningful to you and your family. We will be grateful for any support you offer.

Q. Does a campaign commitment result in tax benefits?

A. Gifts to the campaign are eligible for charitable tax credits that can significantly reduce the amount of tax you pay. The specific tax credit received is based on the amount of your gift and your taxable income. Donors with specific questions regarding tax benefits should contact their attorney or financial adviser.



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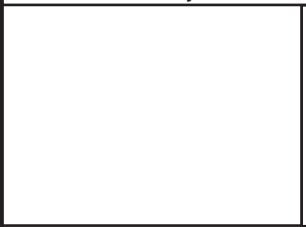
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