

St. Louis Catholic Church



2021

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

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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:

Pastor

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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

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 6 – No Mass

Tuesday, September 7

9:00 AM † Frank Reilly

Wednesday, September 8 – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Thursday, September 9

9:00 AM Deceased Benefactors & Members of the Congregation of the Resurrection

Friday, September 10

9:00 AM Intentions of Justine Krause – Krause Family

Saturday, September 11

Vigil of the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM † Walter & Kaye Hartman – Their Family

† Don Miller – Janet & Grant Ertel

† John Foster – Marilyn Foster & Family

Intentions of Kerwin Ganouri & Family – Esther MacKinnon

Sunday, September 12 – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM † Colonel & Jean Moser – Kim Moser

† Gerald & Audrey Moser – Reid Family

† Helen Dietrich - Neighbours

† Don Miller – Audrey Reitzel

11:30am People of St. Louis Parish

Reflections on the First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7

Isaiah preaches to people who live in a world of international upheaval. In the eighth century BC, the Assyrians conquer the Northern Kingdom of Israel, exile its inhabitants, and make the southern kingdom of Judah a vassal. By the end of the seventh century BC, the Babylonians crush the Assyrians and Judah. God's people worry not only about the uncertain future of their nations, they also suffer the disappointments and physical limitations that attend every human life. Their hearts, that is, their minds, imagine the worst. Isaiah tells them that, in the face of conditions that naturally cow and paralyze the masses, they must be fearless and strong. Amid panic and chaos, they must demonstrate their belief that their God is on the way.

The Prophet announces that God is coming: "He will come with vengeance (*naquam*), with terrible recompense." What God's coming will look like varies for the parties involved. Israel's enemies will experience it as divine vengeance for their treatment of God's people. In support of this understanding, the entire preceding chapter of Isaiah is an oracle of judgement against Judah's long-time foes, the Edomites.

The effects of God's advent for Judah are deliverance from all kinds of oppression, here especially from physical limitations. The healing of the blind, the deaf, the lame, and the mute shows that the God who judges nations also cares about the quality of every person's life. When God comes, the land, whose fate the Prophets tie to that of the people, also experiences new life as desert and wilderness areas become pools and springs of water.

(From the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word)



The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the **Novena to Little St. Therese, Sep. 23rd to Oct. 1st**. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to St. Therese. 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.



The Story of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Catholic Church celebrates the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary on its traditional fixed date of September 8, nine months after the December 8 celebration of her Immaculate Conception as the child of Saints Joachim and Anne.

The circumstances of the Virgin Mary's infancy and early life are not directly recorded in the Bible, but other

documents and traditions describing the circumstances of her birth are cited by some of the earliest Christian writers from the first centuries of the Church.

These accounts, although not considered authoritative in the same manner as the Bible, outline some of the Church's traditional beliefs about the birth of Mary.

The "*Protoevangelium of James*," which was probably put into its final written form in the early second century, describes Mary's father Joachim as a wealthy member of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Joachim was deeply grieved, along with his wife Anne, by their childlessness. "He called to mind Abraham," the early Christian writing says, "that in the last day God gave him a son, Isaac."

Joachim and Anne began to devote themselves extensively and rigorously to prayer and fasting, initially wondering whether their inability to conceive a child might signify God's displeasure with them.

As it turned out, however, the couple were to be blessed even more abundantly than Abraham and Sarah, as an angel revealed to Anne when he appeared to her and prophesied that all generations would honour their future child: "The Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth, and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world."

After Mary's birth, according to the *Protoevangelium of James*, Anne "made a sanctuary" in the infant girl's room, and "allowed nothing common or unclean" on account of the special holiness of the child. The same writing records that when she was one year old, her father "made a great feast, and invited the priests, and the scribes, and the elders, and all the people of Israel."

"And Joachim brought the child to the priests," the account continues, "and they blessed her, saying: 'O God of our fathers, bless this child, and give her an everlasting name to be named in all generations' . . . And he brought her to the chief priests, and they blessed her, saying: 'O God most high, look upon this child, and bless her with the utmost blessing, which shall be for ever.'"

The *Protoevangelium* goes on to describe how Mary's parents, along with the temple priests, subsequently decided that she would be offered to God as a consecrated Virgin for the rest of her life, and enter a chaste marriage with the carpenter Joseph.

Saint Augustine described the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary as an event of cosmic and historic significance, and an appropriate prelude to the birth of Jesus Christ. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley," he said.

The fourth-century bishop, whose theology profoundly shaped the Western Church's understanding of sin and human nature, affirmed that "through her birth, the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." (*From Catholicnewsagency.com*)

Reflection: We can see every human birth as a call for new hope in the world. The love of two human beings has joined with God in his creative work. The loving parents have shown hope in a world filled with travail. The new child has the potential to be a channel of God's love and peace to the world.

This is all true in a magnificent way in Mary. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning.

Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth, we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large. (From franciscanmedia.org)



2021 is the Year of St. Joseph.

The following excerpts are taken from the book *Consecration to St. Joseph – The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father* by Fr. Donald H. Calloway, MIC. Fr. Calloway describes ten "wonders" of St. Joseph, which we are following in successive bulletins.

Wonder 10: Protector from Evil

In the home of Nazareth, St. Joseph's directives were akin to the paternal commands. In heaven, Jesus continues to listen to His virginal father because St. Joseph's desires are always in accord with God's most holy will. Satan is terrified that St. Joseph continues to exercise paternal influence in heaven through his extraordinary intercession with the Son of God.

The devil hates God the Father and every reflection of His fatherhood. This hatred incites the devil to destroy fatherhood in all men, laymen as well as priests. Undoubtedly, the devil has a tremendous fear of zealous popes, holy priests, and the blood of the martyrs, but he also greatly fears laymen who pattern their fatherhood off of St. Joseph. The last thing the devil wants is for men to be apparitions of St. Joseph, increasing the presence of St. Joseph in the world.

Valliant and strong is the man who, like St. Joseph, perseveres in humility; he will be conqueror at once of the devil and of the world, which is full of ambition, vanity and pride. – St. Francis de Sales

We must be convinced that, in consideration of his great merits, God will not refuse St. Joseph any grace he asks for those who honour him. – St. Alphonsus Liguori

To you, O Blessed Joseph, we have recourse in our affliction, and having implored the help of your most holy spouse, we now, with hearts filled with confidence, earnestly beg you to take us under your protection. Through that sacred bond of charity which united you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and by that fatherly love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you to look graciously upon the beloved inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased by his blood, and to aid us in our necessities with your power and strength.

Defend, O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen children of Jesus Christ. Keep from us, O most loving father, all blight of error and corruption. Aid us from on high, most valiant defender, in this conflict with the powers of darkness. And just as you once saved the Child Jesus from mortal danger, so now defend God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity. Shield us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and strengthened by your help, we may be able to live a virtuous life, die a happy death, and obtain everlasting bliss in heaven. Amen – Pope Leo XIII (1878 – 1903) – this prayer promulgated in 1889 encyclical, *Quamquam Pluries* was to be prayed after Rosary especially during the month of October.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, 44 Leonard St., Kitchener. Divine Mercy Chapel is open for Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Monday to Friday, 9 AM to 8 PM. If you are ready to dedicate 1 hour, please contact St. Teresa's parish office at 519-743-4525. If you cannot commit to an hour, you are welcome to just come for a few minutes.



St. Louis Children's programs looking for volunteers. We are in the process of organizing our fall schedules with the hope of being able to open up soon. We are looking for volunteers for Babysitting and Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30 AM Mass. You would be committing to helping once a month. If you are able to help out please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office: 519-743-4101



Did not God choose those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the Kingdom? Count your blessings, then come and help others count theirs too, as a priest, religious or deacon. If you feel you have such a vocation, call Most Rev. W. Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop and Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988, vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, or Fr. Raphael Ma, Congregation of the Resurrection Vocation Director, at rvocations@gmail.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.

WHY@Breakfast invites you to **A Day of Healing** with Sister Barbara Paleczny, SSND, on Sat., Sept. 25th. Grief, resentment, fear, stress, anger may enfold us, but it is up to us to transform those experiences and heal from them. Sister Barbara has a doctorate in systematic theology and theological ethics. For the twelve years until the pandemic, Sister Barbara trained leaders and led programs on healing from trauma in South Sudan. On Sept. 25th, Sr. Barbara will address healthy and unhealthy uses of anger and grief, method on healing from stress and trauma, and why the method works. This online event will be delivered via Zoom. Morning sessions from 9:30 AM to 11 AM. Afternoon sessions from 1:30 PM to around 3 PM. Please see whyatbreakfast.com for the complete schedule and free registration.

Do you need support after an abortion? Project Rachel is confidential, individual and with a trained counsellor. Please contact us at 1-888-385-3850.



WE ARE BACK OPEN: (Waterloo Knights of Columbus)

Dining inside and outside on our new Patio is finally a reality. If you wish to dine in, or out on the Patio, please contact Martin at 519-884-2060 to reserve for our Friday Knight Fish and Chips Dinner, BEST IN REGION. To order take out, please continue to call Derek at 226-748-8378 by 4p.m. on Friday. PICK UP TIMES: 4:30 P.M. TO 6 P.M.; 1 PC \$15, 2 PC \$18 - TAX INCL. Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday night is cancelled for now, but will be returning in September with an enlarged menu and dining in or take out. We look forward to welcoming you back, especially to our new patio. May God Bless and Keep you safe.



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Aug 29	\$3325.00	\$95.00	\$130.00	\$ 2643.69

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