

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:

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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 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

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTION

Monday, December 6 – St. Nicholas, Bishop – No Mass

Tuesday, December 7 – St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor

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

**Wednesday, December 8 – The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00 AM Intentions of Nichelle Boquiren-Boquiren & Estrada Family

Thursday, December 9

9:00 AM Intentions of Phyllis Ayoung-Chee – Amanda Ayoung-

Chee

Friday, December 10

9:00 AM † Thomas Dietrich – Paul & Julia Shoniker

Saturday, December 11

Vigil of Third Sunday of Advent

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

† Richard Mulhall – Pat & Joan Forde

† Walter & Kaye Hartman – Their Family

† Jose Mercado – Sheila Flores

Sunday, December 12 – Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM † Helen Dietrich – Neighbours

† Don Miller – Barbara Braman

† Carl King – Phyllis Augustine-Sprout

† Alan McTavish – McTavish Family

11:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish

Reflections on the First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Today's first reading is taken from the Book of Baruch. According to Josephus, the first century AD Jewish historian, Baruch was part of the Jewish aristocracy of Jerusalem and the manager of King Zedekiah's household. Later he became a scribe for the Prophet Jeremiah, and both witnessed the destruction of Jerusalem and the deportation of its people in the Babylonian exile in the late sixth century BC. The Book of Baruch is a collection of prayers, poems, and prophetic speeches.

In this segment of the book, the Prophet is speaking to the personified Jerusalem to comfort her in what appears to be a mourning ceremony. Perhaps we could think of her as "sitting *shiva*." Among our Jewish brothers and sisters, "sitting *shiva*" is a seven-day rite of mourning in the home of the bereaved, which starts immediately after the funeral. Sometimes the family members and close friends sit on low stools to symbolize how they are "brought low" by the loss of their loved one, as others come to comfort them.

But Baruch urges Jerusalem to throw off her garments of grief and put on the garment of the splendour and glory and the cloak of God's justice and the glory of God's worship." How radiant is Lady Jerusalem adorned in splendour! Further, Baruch tells Jerusalem to stand tall and look toward Babylon in the east to see her children rejoicing as they make their way toward her from across the lands. And who is leading the caravan? It is none other than God accompanied by God's personified justice and mercy! Can you imagine Lady Jerusalem's sense of relief and amazement?

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

Year of St. Joseph ends on December 8, 2021, but **Year of the Family** continues on till **June 26, 2022**. That is the date for the tenth World Meeting of Families in Rome with the Holy Father. Pope Francis established the Year of the Family to help strengthen faith and live God's joy more fruitfully in family life.



CHRISTMAS AND HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Fri.	December 24	Christmas Eve – 5 PM & 8 PM (No 9 AM Mass)
Sat.	December 25	Christmas Day – 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM (No 5 PM Sunday Vigil Mass)
Sun.	December 26	Holy Family – 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
Mon.	December 27	No Mass
Tue.	December 28	9 AM Mass
Wed.	December 29	9 AM Mass
Thu.	December 30	9 AM Mass
Fri.	December 31	NY Eve – Vigil of Mary, Mother of God – 5 PM
Sat.	January 1	NY Day – Mary, Mother of God – 9:30 AM only (No 11:30 AM or 5 PM Sunday Vigil Mass)
Sun.	January 2	Epiphany – 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
Mon.	January 3	No Mass
Tue.	January 4	9 AM Mass - Regular schedule resumes

Reservations are required for December 24th & 25th Masses.

Reservation requests are available from the church, or the office.

No on-line reservation. Tickets will be available for pickup from Dec. 11th.



St. Louis Children's Babysitting during 9:30 AM Mass. We are looking for more volunteers for Babysitting. You would be committing to helping once a month. If you are able to help, please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office: 519-743-4101.

St. Louis Youth Group (Grade 6 & up) Our next meeting: **Dec. 10th** from 7-9 PM in the Large Hall. We will continue with Teen Bible Timeline with Mark Hart. All are welcome to come.



First Communion classes will begin in the New Year, starting Wed., January 26th from 6 PM - 7:30 PM. First Communion will take place on May 1st. If you have a child who is in grade 2 and would like to have their sacrament here at St. Louis parish, please phone the office and register with Kelly Krause.

Kelly's Crafty Corner – come and learn to paint with Kelly. No talent required. Kelly will walk you through painting 2 Christmas ornaments, step by step. Come, have some fun and learn to paint. The ornaments will make great Christmas gifts. There will be two classes offered, beginning Wed., Dec. 8 from 10-11:30 am and 7- 8:30 pm. The classes will run for 3 weeks. We will be done just in time for Christmas. Cost is \$20 for supplies. Please register with Kelly at the parish office in order to have enough supplies needed. For ages 12 years old to adult. Location: Large Hall.



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Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, or religious to help our world today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord?" Contact 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, St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.



WE ARE OPEN: (Waterloo Knights of Columbus) Friday Knight Fish Fry Dine in: please contact Martin at 519-884-2060 to reserve your place. To order take-out, call Derek at 226-748-8378 by 4 PM on Friday. PICK UP TIMES: 4:30 - 6 PM; 1 PC \$15, 2 PC \$18 - Tax incl.

Wednesday Knight Take-Out of Spaghetti & Meatballs or Lasagna dinner with Garlic bread (Tax Incl.) for \$13.25 per person. Call Martin at 519-884-2060 to order up to 4 PM. Pickup times 4:30 – 6 PM.



A major focus of **Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's People and Planet First** campaign is advocating for a law that compels Canadian companies to respect the human and environmental rights of local populations in their overseas operations. This fall, acting in solidarity with their brothers and sisters in the Global South, Canadians signed a petition asking the government to enact such a law. The petition can be signed on-line at devp.org/en. On behalf of all those who struggle to preserve their land, lives, livelihoods and lifestyles, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you. Together, we act in solidarity with the protectors of the Earth and have the power to change lives. To continue supporting the petition and to keep up the momentum, visit <https://devp.org/en>

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – This is a Catholic dogma that states that Mary, whose conception was brought about the normal way, was conceived without original sin or its stain. That's what "immaculate" means: without stain.

It's important to understand what the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is and what it is not. Some people think the term refers to Christ's conception in Mary's womb without the intervention of a human father; but that is the Virgin Birth. Others think the Immaculate Conception means Mary was conceived "by the power of the Holy Spirit," in the way Jesus was, but that, too, is incorrect.

The essence of original sin consists in the deprivation of sanctifying grace, and its stain is a corrupt nature. Mary was preserved from these defects by God's grace; from the first instant of her existence she was in the state of sanctifying grace and was free from the corrupt nature original sin brings.

When discussing the Immaculate Conception, an implicit reference may be found in the angel's greeting to Mary. The angel Gabriel said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you" (Luke 1:28). The phrase "full of grace" is a translation of the Greek word *kecharitomene*. It therefore expresses a characteristic quality of Mary.

The grace given to Mary is at once permanent and of a unique kind. *Kecharitomene* is a perfect passive participle of *charitoo*, meaning "to fill or endow with grace." Since this term is in the perfect tense, it indicates that Mary was graced in the past but with continuing effects in the present. So, the grace Mary enjoyed was not a result of the angel's visit. In fact, Catholics hold, it extended over the whole of her life, from conception onward. She was in a state of sanctifying grace from the first moment of her existence.

Protestants point out that Mary said her "spirit rejoices in God my Saviour" (Luke 1:47), and only a sinner needs a Saviour. Mary, too, required a Saviour. Like all descendants of Adam, she was subject to the necessity of contracting original sin. But by a special intervention of God, undertaken at the instant she was conceived, she was preserved from the stain of original sin and its consequences. She was therefore redeemed by the grace of Christ, but in a special way—by anticipation.

Consider an analogy: Suppose a man falls into a deep pit, and someone reaches down to pull him out. The man has been "saved" from the pit. Now imagine a woman walking along, and she too is about to topple into the pit, but at the very moment that she is to fall in, someone

holds her back and prevents her. She too has been saved from the pit, but in an even better way. This is the illustration Christians have used for a thousand years to explain how Mary was saved by Christ. By receiving Christ's grace at her conception, she had His grace applied to her before she was able to become mired in original sin and its stain. (Excerpt from Immaculate Conception and Assumption article from [Catholic Answers catholic.com](http://CatholicAnswersCatholic.com))



43rd Advent Novena at St. Agnes' Church (75 Bluevale St. N. Waterloo) continues from Fri. Dec. 3rd to Sat. Dec. 11th. Mass times: Mon., Tue., Wed., Sat. at 9 AM; Th. – Fri. at 7 AM; Sunday at your own church.

On Dec. 6th we remember **St. Nicholas**, who was the Bishop of Myra in the province of Lycia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life, but he is remembered as a man of great faith and compassion. He was also a fierce advocate for those who had been unjustly condemned. But he left behind no writings: the legends surrounding his life are all we have.



Nicholas is most well known in the West as the beloved patron saint of children and gift-giving. His connection to the American character of Santa Claus is faint. According to tradition, Nicholas' parents died when he was young, leaving him a large sum of money. With his inheritance, Nicholas practiced charity, helping those in need.

One legend in particular illustrates his generosity: a family in his community was desperate; the father had lost all of his money and had been unable to find husbands for his three daughters. The daughters were in danger of being given over to prostitution when, one night, Nicholas appeared at their home. He tossed three bags of gold into the open window (or down the chimney)—thereby saving them from a terrible fate. (From stnicholascenter.org)

St. Ambrose's Story - One of Ambrose's biographers observed that at the Last Judgment, people would still be divided between those who admired Ambrose and those who disliked him. He emerges as the man of action who cut a furrow through the lives of his contemporaries.

When the Empress Justina attempted to wrest two basilicas from Ambrose's Catholics and give them to the Arians, he dared the eunuchs of the court to execute him. His own people rallied behind him in the face of imperial troops. In the midst of riots, he both spurred and calmed his people with bewitching new hymns set to exciting melodies.

In his disputes with the Emperor Auxentius, he coined the principle: "The emperor is in the Church, not above the Church." He publicly admonished Emperor Theodosius for the massacre of 7,000 innocent people. The emperor did public penance for his crime. This was Ambrose, the fighter sent to Milan as Roman governor, and chosen while yet a catechumen to be the people's bishop.

There is yet another side of Ambrose—one which influenced Augustine of Hippo, whom Ambrose converted. Augustine found the oratory of Ambrose far more learned than that of other contemporaries. His writings and his personal life reveal him as an otherworldly man involved in the great issues of his day. In order to think rightly of God and the human soul, the closest thing to God, no material reality at all was to be dwelt upon. St. Monica loved Ambrose as an angel of God who uprooted her son from his former ways and led him to his convictions about Christ. (Excerpts from franciscanmedia.com)

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