

St. Louis Roman Catholic Church

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Sunday Masses:

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.

Vietnamese Community:

Sunday Mass: 4:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday – Friday 9:00 a.m.

*Rosary: Tuesday to Friday before
9:00 a.m. Mass*

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Welcome new members

We would like to invite you to register. Registration forms can be found in the narthex (lobby). Please call the parish if you would like your home to be blessed.

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 - John Miller (john@johnbmiller.ca),

Youth Choir - Donna McLellan (dlmshaney@golden.net).

Peter DeSousa provides music for the 5 p.m. Mass (peterdesousa730@gmail.com)

Sunday programs for children

During the Sunday morning Masses 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

Church policy requires that the Sacraments be performed in the parish located closest to you geographically – unless you are registered and regularly attend elsewhere. At St. Louis, the sacraments of initiation are available to registered and regularly attending parishioners only.

Baptism: Celebrated once a month. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesdays – Fridays before the morning Mass, Saturdays 4 - 4:30 p.m., or by appointment.

Marriage: Please contact the parish office at least one year in advance of your date. A marriage preparation course is required.

R.C.I.A.: 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 Sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy Communion, or Sacrament of the Sick.

Pastoral Care to those in Hospital: Privacy-of-Information laws prohibit the parish from obtaining information about parishioners in the hospital. A family member is asked to contact the parish whenever a parishioner is in hospital and requests a pastoral visit.

Priesthood and Religious Life: Is God calling you to religious life, as a Brother, Deacon or Priest? If so, please contact Fr. Toby Collins, C.R., Vocation Director for the Congregation of the Resurrection, at 226-989-1057 or crvocations@gmail.com.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

| Mass Intentions | Upcoming Events |
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| <p>Tuesday, December 18 9:00 am Intentions of the Moser Family – Jim, Marilyn, Megan, Richard Moser</p> <p>Wednesday, December 19 9:00 am † Deceased benefactors and parents of members of the Congregation of the Resurrection</p> <p>Thursday, December 20 9:00 am † Mary C. Morgan – Morgan Family</p> <p>Friday, December 21 9:00 am People of St. Louis</p> <p>Saturday, December 22 Sunday liturgy 5:00 pm † Lucille Lemmetti – Anne Dube † † Patrick, Max and David Reitzel – Audrey Reitzel and Family † Donald MacCallum – Joyce MacCallum</p> <p>Sunday, December 24 – 4th Sunday of Advent 9:30 am † † Kasem, Johnny, Khampheng Xaysy – Family † Alex MacKinnon – Esther MacKinnon † Ryan Carter Poston – Johanne Tuer 11:30 am † Edward Hrycyk – Stella and Family † David Coombes – Joyce Coombes † Adam Lachance – Family 4:00 pm Vietnamese Mass</p> | <p>Monday, December 17 11:00 am – noon Penitential Service Church 7:30 pm Midnight Mass Choir Practice Church</p> <p>Wednesday, December 19 9:00 am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 Convent –Atrium 7:30 pm 11:30 Choir Practice Church</p> <p>Thursday, December 20 9:30 am Small Christian Community Notre Dame Hall 7:30 pm 9:30 Choir Practice Church</p> <p>Friday, December 21 7:00 pm Youth Band Gym</p> <p>Saturday, December 22 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm Confessions Church</p> <p>For Saturday Dec 22nd 5:00pm Readers 1: Gord Beaton, 2: Betty Gross C: Graeme Beaton Eucharistic Ministers: Guy Tremblay, Trudy Allensen</p> <p>For Sunday Dec 23rd 9:30pm Readers 1: Terry Collins, 2: Ed Ruppe C: Benita Ann Gallina Eucharistic Ministers: Cecilia Beechey, Mary Smith</p> <p>For Sunday Dec 23rd 11:30pm Readers 1: Michael Schmitt, 2: Carolyn Beaton C: Gord Beaton Eucharistic Ministers: Aurora DiPasquale, Dana Woito</p> |

“Rejoice in the Lord always – again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.”

These past two Sundays ring with the emotions felt by God’s people when they recognize the works of the Lord: joy, laughter, gladness, courage, strength, confidence, exultation, praise and thanksgiving. We know what God has done and we sing: “Cry out with joy and gladness; for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.”

“O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord’s Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn and glad rejoicing.”

Congratulations to our newly confirmed members of St. Louis and St. Francis of Assisi parishes:

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| John Bishop | Kathryn McQuillan |
| Vanessa Charters | Zachary Owens |
| Hannah Delattre | Colin Reid |
| David Z. Fondevilla III | Katie Sangster |
| Dave Vincent Z. Fondevilla | Marjorie Sutherland |
| Margaret Malton | |
| Mark McDonald | |

Advent Penitential Services

Please take advantage of one of the following Penitential Services with individual absolution:

At St. Louis :

Monday Dec 17th from 11 am – noon,
every day before daily masses and
on Saturdays from 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

Penitential services in the Kitchener – Waterloo – Elmira area:

Sunday, December 16th 3:00pm – Sacred Heart
Monday, December 17th
9:00 am, 1:00pm, 6:00pm - St. Joseph’s

Tuesday, December 18th
7:00 pm St. Teresa of Avila, Elmira
7:30 pm St. Anthony Daniel

Wednesday, December 19th 7:30 pm St. Aloysius
Saturday, December 22nd 11:00 am St. Teresa of Avila

Holiday Sing-a-long Join us at St. Michael's Church on Sunday, December 16th from 2:30pm-3:30pm and get away from the hubbub of the Christmas rush for a while. Our special guests Dr. Gerard Yun and Jennifer Enns-Modolo will lead us in Christmas carols and seasonal songs. There will be a free will offering with proceeds going to Notre Dame Children Outreach. Goodies will follow in the Parish Centre.

Some Suggested Activities for a Meaningful Advent

1. Give up a grudge and seek to be reconciled with one person.
2. Call two people who would love to hear from you.
3. List ten blessings you have received in your lifetime.
4. Set aside some quiet time to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.
5. Pray for peace in your own heart, in your family and peace on earth.

(From your St. Louis C.W.L. Council)

Volunteers are needed for decorating our church on Tuesday December 18th starting from 10 am.

There will be no Childrens' Liturgy, or childrens' programs during the Christmas Season. Regular programs will resume on January 6th, 2013.

Longest Night Prayer Service

This time of year can be stressful and sad, especially when you have lost a loved one. **Join us Friday December 21 at 7:00 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Parish**, 49 Blueridge Ave. Kitchener for an evening of prayerful reflection in solidarity with all who have gone home to Jesus and those who grieve their loss. A reception will follow.

The sisters of the Carmel of St. Joseph will pray for you during the novena to the Infant Jesus, December 16-25.

Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the novena to the Infant Jesus. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to: Carmel of St. Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd., R.R.1 St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0

Christian Life Program – 11 week long course to renew our understanding of God's call to us as Christians as well as to revitalize parish community life. Open to all Christian adults. At the same time children's program for ages 12 and under is offered.

St. John's Church (85 Strange Street) Thursdays at 7 pm from January 31st, to April 18th 2013. No fee. Contact Len or Marie Solomon 519-744-5198 to register. (This Catholic family life renewal ministry is recognized by the Vatican Pontifical Council.)

CHCH-TV, Hamilton, will broadcast Christmas Midnight Mass live from the Cathedral of Christ the King on December 24 starting with Carols at 11:30 p.m. The Mass will be celebrated by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., D.D., Bishop of Hamilton. The Mass will be repeated on CHTV Channel 11 on Christmas Day at 8:00 a.m.

St. Louis Parish Offertory Envelopes

The 2013 envelopes are ready for you to pick up at the back of the church.

The new numbers will only become active as of January 1st, 2013. Please use your old numbers/envelopes for the remainder of December.

Parishioners who do not use Sunday envelopes and would like to have them, please pick up a package of envelopes at the back of the church. Please make sure that you put your name and address on the first few envelopes.

If you would like to make a donation that will be credited for this calendar year, please do so until Dec 31, 2012.

Deadlines for December Bulletins (imposed by our Publishing Company) :

- Sunday December 23rd – Wednesday December 12th
- Sunday December 30th – Monday December 17th
- Sunday January 6th – Friday December 21st noon

Attention users of envelope numbers 270 and 549 (for calendar year 2012) please contact the office before the end of the year. Thank you.

Collection: Sunday December 9, 2012

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| Envelopes | \$ 5580.00 |
| Loose | \$ 450.55 |
| Maintenance Fund | \$ 135.00 |

Thank you for your generosity and your continued support.

Deacon Phil's Corner

One fall night, very late, a woman stumbled into a local police station with a black eye. She claimed she had heard a noise in her back yard and went to investigate. The next thing she knew, she was hit in the eye and knocked out cold.

An officer was sent to her home to check out the situation and locate the perpetrator. When he returned to the police station an hour and a half later, he too had a black eye. "Did you get hit by the same person?" his captain asked. "No," he replied, "I stepped on the same rake."

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