



St. Louis Catholic Church

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Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Closed on Fridays.

September - June:

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.,

Friday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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 to St. Louis Parish - 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 – John Miller (john@johnbmiller.ca),

5:00 Mass – 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 attending members, please contact the parish office at least one year in advance of your date.

A marriage preparation course is required.

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. Privacy-of-Information laws prohibit the parish from obtaining information about parishioners in the hospital.

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, crvocations@gmail.com or check www.resurrectionist.ca

Parish Organizations and Contacts:

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LOW
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HOSTS



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 19 – No Mass – Family Day
Tuesday, February 20

9:00 am † Colleen Blake – John & Catherine MacDonald

Wednesday, February 21 – Ash Wednesday

9:00 am † Shirley Hinsperger – Rob Hisperger

Thursday, February 22 – Chair of St. Peter, Apostle

9:00 am Beatification of Bodgan Janski, Founder of the Congregation of the Resurrection

Friday, February 23

9:00 am † Helen Pitvor & Family

Saturday, February 24

Vigil of Second Sunday In Lent

5:00 pm † Teresa Forde – Patrick & Joan Forde

† Nick & Katie Gengler – Catherine Ruetz & Family

† Colleen Blake – Ed & Trudy Allensen

Sunday, February 25 – Second Sunday In Lent

9:30 am The People of St. Louis Parish

11:30 am † Patrick Reitzel – Audrey Reitzel & Family

† John Checkley – Don & Lorraine Prior

† Margaret Keenan – Sheridan Family

† John Sheridan – Sheridan Family

Reflection on the First Reading (Genesis 9:8-15):

The dramatic narrative of Noah and the flood began when “the Lord saw that the wickedness of human kind was great in the earth”. In the midst of widespread sin, God decided to “blot out” all mortals, doing so with a great flood. Only Noah, his family, and the creatures he put into the ark were saved.

When the floodwaters recede, Noah and all in the ark emerge on dry land and build an altar to the Lord. After God smells the sweet odour of Noah’s sacrifice, He promises never to doom the earth again because of human sin. Our reading opens when God makes covenant that restores the lost relationship with humankind. In the beginning, God had blessed the couple; now God establishes a covenant, not only with Noah, but also with his descendants, and even with every living creature that comes out of the ark. Most fully, God says the covenant is “between me and the earth.” The repeated words “every” and “all” emphasize the extent of the covenant, both temporally and spatially. This covenant, like others made with individuals and peoples, is a solemn agreement that forges a bond between the parties. God promises there shall not be another devastating flood. God will set a bow in the clouds as a sign of divine fidelity.

Many stories in the ancient world tell of a great flood, but only the biblical version weaves into it the profound theology of God’s mercy that far exceeds human sinfulness. This first covenant establishes the pattern of God’s repeated covenant making that renews over and over the bond between God and the covenant partners.



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THIS WEEK EVENTS

Monday, February 19 – Family Day – Office closed

Tuesday, February 20

6:30 pm CWL Executive meeting Large Hall

Wednesday, February 21

9 am – noon Pickle ball Gym

6:00 pm First Communion preparation Nursery

Thursday, February 22

9:30 am Small Christian Community Large Hall

1:00 pm Bible Study: *Star of Bethlehem DVD* Large Hall

7:00 pm Finance Council meeting Rectory

7:30 pm 9:30 Choir Rehearsal Church

Friday, February 23

7:00 pm Youth Group meeting Large Hall

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross & John Miller’s Church
Musical reflections for Lent

Saturday, February 24

6:00 pm Dinner Large Hall

6:30 pm *Wisdom for Peace of Mind* by Jeff Cavins part 5/8

Sunday, February 25

10:30 am Sunday Social Large Hall

5:00 pm OOTC Community Supper Gym

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. Feb 24 5:00 pm	1 Nardo Nava 2 Jennifer McDonald C James Skidmore	1 Joan Sichewski 2 Christiane Martin 3 Guy Tremblay
Sun. Feb 25 9:30 am	1 Lauren Krause 2 Caroline Noel C John Klein	1 Mary Smith 2 Betty Gross 3 Eric Davis
Sun. Feb 25 11:30 am	1 Darlene Wilson 2 Elizabeth Gaiger C Carol Sullivan	1 Rory Ferrier 2 Natalie Ferrier 3 Terry Sullivan



The Feast of the Chair of St. Peter (Feb 22) is a celebration of the “authority” of the Papacy, and the particular mission entrusted to St. Peter by Jesus. The Lord said to Peter, “You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church” (Mat. 16:18), and “Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven” (Mat. 16:19). St. Peter’s life is so important to the Church that he has more than one feast day during the year.



Lent is a penitential season, time of prayer, works of piety and charity and self-denial by fulfilling one’s obligations more faithfully and especially by observing the prescribed fast and abstinence. In Canada Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting (one small meal) and abstinence from meat. Fridays are days of abstinence from meat, but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day.

The law of “abstinence of meat” binds those who are 14 and older; the law of “fasting” binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. Parent and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance. Adult example will be the greatest influence in this matter. Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open to prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving and to save money to give to the poor.

Good Friday Family Liturgy: Please sign up to help with the Gospel dramatization that will take place at 10 am on Good Friday. We are looking for young and old to help us out. Parents, children, grandparents, teens, young adults, anyone interested in getting involved. We will present the Gospel on Good Friday tableaux style; this means there are no lines to memorize, just poses that you hold while readers read from the Gospel. We need a number of people to make this happen so please consider coming out. Practices will take place on March 4th and 18th, both at 12:30 pm after the 11:30 am Mass, starting with hot dogs in the large hall. Sign up sheets can be found at the back of the church, in the nursery or call Kelly Krause at the parish office. This dramatization can only take place if enough people sign up and help.

THIS FEBRUARY...REPORTS FROM THE STUDY GROUPS

Mondays at 7:30 pm – David, the King by Bishop Barron

Bishop Barron focused on King David wishing to build a house for God in Jerusalem (to replace the Tent of Meeting). Even though it was a good undertaking, God communicated via prophet Nathan that it was not His wish for David to do so, because David (1 Chr 22:8) shed too much blood. Instead God promised to establish a house for David (a dynasty). Since the Book of Kings and Chronicles were written down after the Babylonian exile (long after the dynasty ceased) it shows the hope of the exiled people and their deep faith in God's promises. Jesus is the fulfillment of this promise.

Thursdays at 1 pm – True Reformers by Christopher Blum

The last session introduced St. Francis de Sales (1567 – 1622) priest, Bishop of Geneva, man of deep faith and gentle approach to the religious divisions. He wrote many spiritual writings, particularly the "Introduction to the Devout Life".

"Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow. The same Eternal Father who cares for you today will take good care of you tomorrow and every day of your life. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you the unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace then and put aside all useless thoughts, vain dreams, and anxious imaginations". – St. Francis de Sales.

Monday Feb 5th at Lunch and Learn – We watched the You Tube video on *Jewish Roots of Ash Wednesday* by Brant Pitre.

He distinguished between public penitential days such as Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) or Ash Wednesday and Good Friday from private days of fasting and penance. On public days placing ashes on one's head indicates communal action of repentance. It is our private actions of fasting, almsgiving and prayers which are supposed to be kept secret as Jesus commanded. (Mat. Ch.6)



Join the "Call for Conscience" in the Hamilton

Diocese: The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. Despite wording in the legislation intended to protect doctors and facilities, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to participate in ending the lives of their patients. No other country or province in Canada does this. Ontario, however, refuses to protect doctors who object to euthanasia/assisted suicide. The Hamilton Diocese wants to protect the rights of all healthcare workers. Visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more, write a letter to your MPP and add your email address to the Conscience Coalitions network to receive future information. **We all need to join the "Call for Conscience" taking place between Feb. 6 & March 31st.**



**Joint Lenten Retreat
with Waterloo CWL's**

Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall

March 3rd at 8:45am (arrive 8:15 to 8:45) to 11:30am

Come listen to a wonderful speaker,

Anne Jamieson from the Hamilton Diocesan Office,
talk about "The Rhythm of Lent"

Then Mass at 10 am and delicious Refreshments after.

Please call Marg at 519-886-8258

or Helen at 519-885-2776 if you can attend.

World Day of Prayer 2018 - Friday, March 2nd 2pm at Parkminster United Church, 275 Erb St. East, Waterloo. Refreshments to follow in church hall. All welcome!

Simple Supper: Friday, March 2nd 5-6:15 pm in Church Hall, followed by the Youth Group's dramatization of the Stations of the Cross at 7 pm.

Entrust Yourself to God's Mercy! - During Lent Blessed Sacrament Parish is offering *33 Days to Merciful Love* a group retreat in preparation for consecration to Divine Mercy. Six week DVD program by Fr. Michael Gaitley will run on Thursday afternoons at 1 pm in the Board Room, starting March 1. To register, or for more info., contact Yvonne 519-570-9029.



Vocation News: Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think God could be calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 x2246, vocations@hamiltondiocese.com www.HamiltonVocations.com

Do you feel alone in your Marriage? - Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty. For confidential information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on March 16, 2018, please call 905-664-5212 or email: hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

Separated or Divorced? LEVEL 1 - (Learning to Cope), and LEVEL 2 (Accepting the Situation) are self-help programs intended to help separated and divorced persons gain a perspective on their divorce. Course fee: \$35 (Level 1), and \$45 (Level 2). Both Level 1 & 2 will be held Tuesday evenings for 11 weeks, starting March 20 from 7 – 9pm at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Kit. Contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 X 2249, or St. Francis Parish 519-745-7301 to register, or at www.hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php

PAST DONATIONS

Date	Sunday Env.	Seminary	Maintenance	Loose
Feb 11	2610.00	19.05	62.00	333.90

Preauthorized donations for Feb. prorated per week: \$ 2191.77

Thank you for your generosity & continuous support!



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