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. **Weekday Masses:**

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m.

**Vietnamese Community:** 

Sunday Mass: 3:00 p.m.

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

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

Welcome new members

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),

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

#### Sunday programs for children

During the Sunday morning 9:30 am. 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

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:** 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.



#### **Pastoral Team:**

#### Parish Administrator

Father Phil Reilly, C.R. fr.phil@saintlouisparish.ca

#### **Associate Pastor**

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#### Parish Secretary

Anna Malton stlouisparish@golden.net

#### Coordinator of Youth and Children's Ministries

Kelly Krause kelly@saintlouisparish.ca

#### Custodian

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#### Organizational Life:

#### **Finance Committee**

John Pendergast, 519-746-9768

#### **Maintenance Committee**

Bob Lorentz, 519-576-5556

#### Catholic Women's League

Connie Heimpel, 519-742-3183

#### **Out Of The Cold**

Sharon and Keith Schnarr, 519-656-9005

#### St. Vincent De Paul

For more information call 519-743-4101

#### **Altar Servers Coordinator**

Dave Pagett, 519-744-7705

#### Catechesis Of The Good Shepherd **Youth Ministry**

Kelly Krause, 519-743-4101

#### Ministry to the Elderly & Homebound Cecilia Beechey, 519-572-5435

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** 

Sandra Williams, 519-742-9239

#### **Parish Webmaster**

Daniel Delattre, daniel@uwaterloo.ca

#### **Mass Intentions**

Tuesday, January 14

9:00 am † John Levigne - Loretta & Family

Wednesday, January 15

9:00 am † Eugene August - Kelly Krause

Thursday, January 16

9:00 am † Joan Helmers – Malton Family

Friday, January 17 – St. Anthony, Abbot

9:00 am † Deceased members of the Congregation of Resurrection

Saturday, January 18

Sunday liturgy - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm † Frank Dietrich – Mrs. Esther Dietrich

† James Donkers – Claire & Richard Armitage

#### Sunday, January 19 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am † Dave Kirby – Kirby Family

† Clarence Anstett – Jackie Anstett

† James Donkers - Don & Lorraine Prior &

Family

† Edith Ellert – Joan Sichewski

11:30 am People of St. Louis 3:00 pm Vietnamese Mass

### For Baptism of the Lord:

While the Christian West more often focused on the historical aspects of the events surrounding Christmas, the East stressed their theological significance. By placing the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord at the end of Christmas Time, the Church enables us to conclude the Christmas cycle of feasts with a theological reflection on the manifestation of God in the incarnate Jesus.

The opening lines of the First Reading sound like a job description for God's Suffering Servant, but of course they are much more. They are a blessing that becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy, as the positive expectations we place on children draw the best out of them.

In the second paragraph, God no longer talks about the Suffering Servant, but to him. "I have called you," says the Lord, to be light, to open eyes, to free prisoners! These lines, similar to words Jesus quotes to describe his own ministry, convey Gods encouragement and commissioning of the servant for a ministry of healing and hope.

To understand fully the Second Reading it is good to look at the entire tenth chapter of Acts. A God-given vision has brought Peter to the home of the Gentile Cornelius, where he discovers that God plays no favourites. Formerly an adamant proponent of Jesus only for the Jews, Peter suddenly recognizes the error of his ways. He now realizes that Jesus is not Israel's exclusive possession, but embodiment of God's infinite love and meant for all humanity. It is that realization he speaks when he states, "I truly understand..."

Already in Advent we heard John's self-abasement: "one more powerful than I is coming after me." There he addressed the crowds in order to heighten expectancy over the coming of the Messiah. Today in the Gospel, his self-abasement is spoken to Jesus, whose presence fills John

#### **Upcoming Events**

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| Monday, | January | 13 |  |
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7:00 pm CWL Executive meeting Large Hall

Tuesday, January 14

1:15 pm Bible Study Large Hall 7:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul meeting Notre Dame Hall

Wednesday, January 15

6:30 pm First Communion Preparation Notre Dame Hall

7:30 pm (11:30) Choir rehearsal

**Thursday, January 16**9:30 am Small Christian Community Notre Dame Hall

7:30 pm (9:30) Choir rehearsal **Friday, January 17** 

9:45 am Human Trafficking (movie & discussion) L. Hall 7:30 pm Youth Band Large Hall

Sunday, January 19

12:30 am Good Shepherd's Catechises 1&2 Convent

Mass Readers **Eucharistic Ministers** Sat. Jan 18 1 Fran Ruetz 1 Rosemary Thorpe 5:00 pm 2 Marnie Wharnsby 2 Gerard Thorpe 3 Sharon Carey C Jim Walsh Sunday Jan 19 1 Jessica Hill 1 Mary Smith 2 Rob Hinsperger 9:30 am 2 Mike Haley C Linda Wanka 3 Cecilia Beechey 11:30 am 1 Mac Graham 1 Derek Elworthy 2 Jody Rice 2 Charles Wilson C Kelly Krause 3 Darlene Wilson

# THIS IS MY SON MY BELOVED!

with conviction that he stands in the presence of someone far greater than himself. Yet Jesus seeks to submit to John's baptism. The early Church witnessed some tension between the followers of Jesus and those of John, whom some believed to be greater than Jesus. In that context, Jesus's baptism posed a problem, for Jesus seems to be submitting to John as if he were the greater. The odd dialogue between cousins is Matthew's answer to the problem: Jesus did submit, but it was "to fulfill all righteousness," not to concede superiority. Jesus submits as does the servant of the First Reading, and thus the baptism establishes the servant character of Jesus's messianic ministry.

Matthew's account differs in a subtle but significant way from Mark's and Luke's. In the latter Gospels, the voice from heaven speaks directly to Jesus ("You are my Beloved,") in an intimate moment between Father and Son that is equally a moment of high drama and high Christology. But in Matthew, God addresses the crowd ("This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased") making the baptism more a manifestation of Jesus's true identity as God's Son and God's faithful servant who henceforward will move inexorably toward his destiny.

First Communion Preparation classes begin Wednesday, January 15th from 6:30 - 8:00pm in the Convent. Registration will take place at this first class and a schedule with all future classes will be handed out as well. Please bring a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate with you if your child was not baptized here at St. Louis parish.

The Catholic Women's League invites all men and women of the parish to our annual Card Party on Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> in the gym. Sandwiches and dessert will be served at 7 pm. The cost is \$8.00. A box has been placed in the Narthex of the Church. We are grateful to receive any donations of prizes large or small.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday February 8, 2014 for the Valentines Day Family Dance and Card Night. This will be POTLUCK SUPPER beginning after the 5:00 pm Mass. More details to follow. We will need additional volunteers for this event.

**Slavery still exists – "Nefarious: Merchant of Souls"** Join us for a screening of one of the most powerful, compelling and transformational documentaries ever made on human trafficking– Friday Jan 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am in the Large Hall. See posters in the Church for other screening dates.

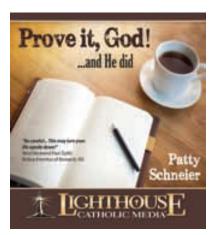
K-W Couples For Christ and their Family Ministries invite you to participate in their 10-week Christian Life Program at St. John's Church, 85 Strange St., Kitchener, Thu, 7 pm, Jan.30 to April 3. (No Fee). It is open to all Christian married couples, single adults, widows, widowers, and those separated or divorced. It is a 12-talk integrated course to renew our understanding of God's call to us as Christians, as well as to revitalize parish community life. Be enriched by talks such as: God's Love, Who is Jesus Christ? What it means to be a Christian? Faith and Repentance... (At the same time, we offer a children's program for those 12 and under.) Please contact: Len/Marie Solomon 519-744-5198 to register.

In honour of the upcoming Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, and to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, the Communio Circle of the Diocese of Hamilton and the Cantualis Chant Choir present an evening of hymns composed by St. Thomas for the Feast of Corpus Christi along with commentaries taken from Aquinas At Prayer by Paul Murray, OP, on <a href="Friday">Friday</a>, January 24th at 7:00pm in Blessed Sacrament Church, 305 Laurentian Drive, Kitchener, Ontario. Refreshments to follow in the music room. All are welcome. More details will soon be posted at: <a href="https://www.communiohamiltondiocese.org">www.communiohamiltondiocese.org</a>

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated each year around the world. In KW it will be celebrated from January 19-26. The theme this year is: "Has Christ been Divided?" based on 1 Corinthians 1:1-17. The prayer text this year was prepared by an ecumenical team from Canada. This is only the third time in 100 years that the Canadian Church has been the focus. Canada is a country that is marked by diversity in language, culture and climate, and we embody diversity in our expressions of Christian

faith as well. Living with this diversity and being faithful to Christ's desire for the unity of his disciples is a very Canadian challenge. The week will start with an Ecumenical prayer service with Taizé-Songs on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM in St. Anthony Daniel Parish (29 Midland Drive, Kitchener).

26 YEARS WITHOUT A LAW - On January 28<sup>th</sup>, 1988, the Supreme Court of Canada struck down all legal abortion restrictions. KW Right to Life Candle-light Prayer Vigil Tue. Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30pm in front of Kitchener City Hall. Walk a short distance to St. Mary's Church (Duke St) for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00 pm followed by Benediction at 7:20pm by Fr. George Nowak - Refreshments in Parish Hall & Speaker 7:45 pm Roseanne Sheridan Palliative RN - Topic: Current Euthanasia proposal, care of the dying, organ transplantation and true death. Perpetual Adoration 24 hours January 28-29<sup>th</sup>. St. Teresa Parish Chapel, 44 Leonard St. Kit. beginning Tuesday, Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00pm until 9:00pm Wed., Jan 29<sup>th</sup>. Call 519-746-5433 to sign up or email: jane@kwrtl.ca



As a lifelong Catholic, wife, and mother of three, Patty Schneier struggled with the Church's teaching on contraception - as many men and women do today. Her discovery of Pope John Paul II's Theology of Body revealed to her the fullness of God's plan for sex and marriage, and led to a dramatic

renewal of her marriage and her faith. Patty now speaks around the country about the challenges she faced on her amazing journey.

"Be careful ... This may turn your life upside down!" - Most Rev. Paul Zipfel (Bishop Emeritus of Bismarck, ND) "I LOVE this testimony! This is my story, and the story of so many of us trying to follow ALL the teachings of the ChurchRachel" - Thibodaux, LA

"Patty did an excellent job of walking us through her journey and being an example of how we should all walk with God and be obedient. The Lord proved to Patty that it is wonderful and not burdensome to follow Him and Patty relayed that to us. She is a great speaker and this is definitely one CD you have to keep 'on the list." Jane-WI

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