St. Louis Catholic Church

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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

Pastoral Team:

Parish Secretary Anna Malton

Father Phil Reilly, C.R.

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Pastor

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

Kelly Krause

Custodian

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Children's Ministries





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.

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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 Annointing 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 (Annointing).

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

St Louis Catholic Church

Maintenance Committee Bob Lorentz, 519-576-5556

OOTC Community Suppers Keith & Sharon Schnarr 519-801-8687

Parish Webmaster Daniel Delattre, daniel@uwaterloo.ca **Altar Servers Coordinator** Dave Pagett, 519-744-7705

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry Sandra Williams, 519-742-9239 GLUTEN

Prayer Chain Sharon Carey, 519-746-8073

St. Vincent De Paul For food hamper or more information call 519-743-4101



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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

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		17 – St. Anthony, Abbot				
9:00 AM	9:30 AM	ur Loved Ones Home to the Church				
		Good Shepherd Catechesis	Nursery			
		Choir Rehearsal for 11:30 AM Mass	Church			
		CWL Executive Meeting	L. Hall			
	day, Janua					
9:00 AM	•	tel – Alice McTavish				
	9 AM - NO		Gym			
	6 PM	First Communion Prep. Class	Nursery			
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9:00 AM	† Michael	Kopsa				
Friday,	January 2	20				
9:00 AM	† Eileen Fi	scher				
	9 AM – NC	ON Pickle Ball	Gym			
Saturda	y, Januar	y 21 - St. Agnes, Virgin, Marty	r			
		day in Ordinary Time				
5:00 PM	+ Walter & Kay Hartman – Their Family					
	+ Alan McTavish – Alice McTavish					
	† Barbara & Zygmunt Adamski – Malton Family					
	† Anne & Peter Malton – Malton Family					
Sunday.		22 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Ti	ime			
9:30 AM		oster – Richard & Claire Armitage				
	+ Shirley Hinsperger – Hinsperger Family					
		Members of the Gies Family – Hinsperg	ner Fam			
		of Pat Thorpe – Joanne & Fred Bond	90 a			
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11:30 AM		f St. Louis Church				
	10:30 AM	Sunday Social	L. Hal			
	12:30 РМ		L. Hal			
	5:00 РМ	OOTC Community Supper	Gym			
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First Reading from Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Ordinary Time is the period of the Church year that stands outside of the all-important Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter seasons. However, to call this period 'ordinary; is not to say that it is unimportant. Its name comes from Latin term *ordinalis*, meaning "numbered." Thus, the thirty-four weeks of Ordinary Time mark a movement of time as the salvation story unfolds through the year. Green is the liturgical colour for this season, which is appropriate because it represents a time of spiritual growth. The readings for this Second Sunday in Ordinary Time focus on the commissioning of God's servants to reveal God's plan of salvation for the world.

Today's reading is taken from "the second servant song" of the Book of Isaiah. This servant song describes a commissioning of the servant as a Prophet of God. Although the identity of the servant is sometimes unclear, here he is clearly identified with Israel. But which Israel? The setting is the period after the Babylonian Exile, when King Cyrus of Persia allowed the Judeans to return to their homeland and rebuild their temple. Although we cannot know for certain, it appears that this Prophet is among a small group of Judeans who are persecuted because of their opposition to more powerful returnees who have a different view of life in Judea after the Exile. Thus, the Prophet, who is personified Israel, is commissioned to effect a change of heart in the rest of Israel. God responds by saying that this restored and true Israel will shine as a beacon, inviting everyone to share in the light. (From the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word)



Saint Anthony of Egypt's Story (251 – 356) - The life of Anthony will remind many people of Saint Francis of Assisi. At 20, Anthony was so moved by the Gospel message, "Go, sell what you have, and give to [the] poor" (Mark 10:21b), that he actually did just that with his large inheritance. He is different from Francis in that most of Anthony's life was spent in solitude. He saw the world

completely covered with snares, and gave the Church and the world the witness of solitary asceticism, great personal mortification and prayer. But no saint is antisocial, and Anthony drew many people to himself for spiritual healing and guidance.

At 54, he responded to many requests and founded a sort of monastery of scattered cells. Again, like Francis, he had great fear of "stately buildings and well-laden tables."

At 60, he hoped to be a martyr in the renewed Roman persecution of 311, fearlessly exposing himself to danger while giving moral and material support to those in prison. At 88, he was fighting the Arian heresy, that massive trauma from which it took the Church centuries to recover. "The mule kicking over the altar" denied the divinity of Christ.

Anthony is associated in art with a T-shaped cross, a pig and a book. The pig and the cross are symbols of his valiant warfare with the devil—the cross his constant means of power over evil spirits, the pig a symbol of the devil himself. The book recalls his preference for "the book of nature" over the printed word. Anthony died in solitude at age 105.

Reflection: In an age that smiles at the notion of devils and angels, a person known for having power over evil spirits must at least make us pause. And in a day when people speak of life as a "rat race," one who devotes a whole life to solitude and prayer points to an essential of the Christian life in all ages. Anthony's hermit life reminds us of the absoluteness of our break with sin and the totality of our commitment to Christ. Even in God's good world, there is another world whose false values constantly tempt us.

Saint Anthony of Egypt is the Patron Saint of: Butchers, Gravediggers and Skin Diseases. (From franciscanmedia.org)

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - If we do not experience a clear sense of "call" or "vocation" in our lives at the moment, perhaps it is because we are not – or have stopped – personally searching for the face of the Lord. A vocation is a call, and it must come from another person, other than ourselves. To discover or to rediscover our vocation is as simple as genuinely returning to our search for the face of Jesus. He is calling us. He is waiting for us. Read more at resurrectionists.ca.



St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that

Pray you or someone in your family is being called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated

virgin?If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, 905-528-7988, vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, or Fr. Raphael Ma, Congregation of the Resurrection Vocation Director, at crvocations@gmail.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph, St. Agatha at 519-884-6700. Pray for vocations!

JANUARY 15TH, 2023



First Communion - Anyone who has a child in gr. 2 and would like them to receive their First Communion at St. Louis Parish, note that classes will begin on Wednesday, Jan. 18th at 6 PM. Please sign up with Kelly Krause at the parish office.



Tuesday morning Book Group:

On January 17th we will watch another video talk, this time by Fr. Mike Schmitz (famous from the "Bible in a Year" series) on the topic of "Subtle Idols and Hidden Agendas".



On January 24th we will start our new book: 33 Days to Morning Glory: A Do-It- Yourself Retreat in Preparation for Marian Consecration by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. We

will be going through the material at a slower pace with the aim to do the Consecration on March 25th - The Feast of Annunciation. If you already consecrated yourself to Mary in the past, this is a good time for a renewal, either on your own, or together with the group. If you wish to have a book to follow, please contact the parish office. New Members are always welcome!



Genesis to Jesus (parts 9 -12) will start again on Sundays at 12:30 PM (Jan. 15), or Mondays at 7:30 PM (Jan .16). We will pick up the story as the Israelites enter the Promised Land. Come to check it out and come when you can. Refreshments provided.

HAND MADE - Bring your own project (sewing, knitting, crafting, quilting, art) to make and enjoy the company of others. Sat. Jan. 28 from 9 AM to 4 PM in the Large Hall. Come when you can. For more info. call the parish office.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: DINNER, DANCE & GAMES PARTY SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2023 POTLUCK DINNER (6PM) LIVE MUSIC FOR CEILI DANCING 7PM

"Loving our Dysfunctional Families - Part 2" with Fr. Mike King. Sunday Jan.15th from 2 - 3:15 PM at St. Agnes, Wat.. The Christmas season can bring complex feelings. Sometimes we are missing the joy & connection we had hoped for. Disagreement & conflict can be painful. When family tensions run high & relationships are fractured, how do we love & forgive despite the hurt? And how do we attend the next family gathering? Details under "Events" at www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org

ALPHA 2023 ... Coming soon to St. Mark Parish. All are welcome to join this 11-week program, bringing people together for conversations about life, faith and Jesus; looking at questions like: Who is Jesus? Why and how do I pray? Does God heal today? Join us Thu. evenings, Feb. 16 to April 27, from 6:45 to 9:15 PM at St. Mark Parish Hall (55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener). To sign up, or for more info, contact Ron Denomme at rondenomme@gmail.com or 226-748-3210.

Saint Agnes' Story (d. c. 258) Almost nothing is known of this saint except that she was very young-12 or 13-when she was martyred in the last half of the third century. Various modes of death have been suggested-beheading, burning, strangling.

Legend has it that Agnes was a beautiful girl whom many young men wanted to marry. Among those she refused, one reported her to the authorities for being a Christian. She was arrested and



confined to a house of prostitution. The legend continues that a man who looked upon her lustfully lost his sight and had it restored by her prayer. Agnes was condemned, executed, and buried near Rome in a catacomb that eventually was named after her. The daughter of Constantine built a basilica in her honour.

Reflection: Like that of Maria Goretti in the 20th century, the martyrdom of a virginal young girl made a deep impression on a society enslaved to a materialistic outlook. Also like Agatha, who died in similar circumstances, Agnes is a symbol that holiness does not depend on length of years, experience, or human effort. It is a gift God offers to all.

Saint Agnes is the Patron Saint of: Girls and Girl Scouts. (From franciscanmedia.org)

Beyond The Pew Speaker Series, (St Clements Parish, 745 Duke Street, Cambridge) 7 - 8:30 PM. Come join us as insightful speakers with "boots on the ground" experience share stories on Homelessness, Addictions, Mental Health, Youth in our community. A wonderful opportunity, to really get to know what is going on, followed by discussion. Not to be missed.

January 24 - Joe Mancini, Co-founder, The Working Centre

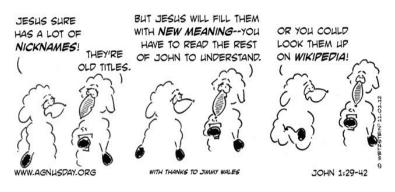
February 21 - Wayne Paddick, Executive Director, Bridges and Bryan May, MP Cambridge

March 21 - Lisa Legault, Society Saint Vincent De Paul, Eva Vlasov, Executive Director, Argus Residence, Region of Waterloo Police Officer Free will offering.

Register at the parish office at stclements@rogers.com or 519-653-6123

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