

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*

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



St Louis Catholic Church

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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:

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

Monday, January 23 – No Mass

9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball Gym
7:30 PM Genesis to Jesus - Bible study L. Hall

Tuesday, Jan. 24 – St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor

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

9:30 AM Book Group L. Hall
4:30 PM Good Shepherd Catechesis Nursery
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal for 11:30 AM Mass Church
7:30 PM Painting with Kelly L. Hall

Wednesday, January 25 – The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

9:00 AM † Danielle Pilon – Cecilia Beechey

9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball Gym
6 PM First Communion Prep. Class Nursery

Thursday, January 26 – St. Timothy & St. Titus, Bishops

9:00 AM † Moe Webster – Cecilia Beechey

Friday, January 27

9:00 AM † Sophie Piller – Cecilia Beechey

9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball Gym

Saturday, Jan. 28 – St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor

9 AM – 4 PM Hand Made – Sewing/Knitting L. Hall
Quilting/Crafting

Vigil of Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM † Moe Webster – Delattre Family

† Ken Snyder – Delattre Family
† Peter Malton – Delattre Family
† Kitty Forde – Pat & Joan Forde

Sunday, January 29 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM People of St. Louis Church

11:30 AM † Don Miller – Elizabeth Payne
† Patrick Reitzel – Audrey Reitzel & Family
† Evangelina Roxas – Tessa Bianchi
† Conrad Woelfle – Lou Ann & John Podmore

10:30 AM Sunday Social L. Hall
12:30 PM Bible Study "From Genesis to Jesus" L. Hall
5:00 PM OOTC Community Supper Gym
2:45 PM – 8 PM Set-up to Clean-up

First Reading from Isaiah 9:1-4

On this Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, the theme of today's readings is the same as last Sunday: the commissioning of God's servants to reveal God's salvation to the world.

Our first reading is from the Book of Isaiah. When reading the Prophets, it is important to know as much as we can about the historical context, because, regardless of the meanings we attach to their oracles today, the Prophets were addressing real-life situations in their own time. We cannot be confident of the integrity of our contemporary interpretations of prophetic discourse unless we can connect the circumstances of the past with the present.

Isaiah served as God's Prophet for approximately forty years, during which time he witnessed the Assyrian conquest of the northern kingdom of Israel, also known as Ephraim, beginning in 733BC and Syria in 732 BC. When the oracle that comprises our first reading was delivered, Ahaz was king of Judah. He was facing considerable pressure from Syria and Israel to join a coalition against Assyria. When he refused, Syria and Israel invaded Judah with the intent of unseating Ahaz – an event known as the Syro-Ephraimite War. Eventually, the entire northern kingdom was decimated by the Assyrians and its people deported in 721 BC, while the southern kingdom of Judah became a vassal of Assyria.

BIBLE SUNDAY

The inspiration for #TheBibleSpeaks comes from Pope Francis' letter for the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, *Misericordia et misera*, #7, in which he states, "It would be beneficial if every Christian community, on one Sunday of the liturgical year, could renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and more widely diffused. It would be a Sunday given over entirely to the Word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and His people." (Bishop Crosby and the Diocese of Hamilton has chosen the third Sunday of Ordinary Time each year as our day to emphasize how #TheBibleSpeaks and how #WeListen.)

FOUR BASIC QUESTIONS when reading Bible:

What does it say? Determine as closely as possible the literal meaning of the text. *What do the words say? What is the range of meaning in the words?*

What does it mean? The meaning of a text is determined not simply from the words but also from the context in which the words exist.

What does it mean to me? How does this apply to my life? How does this apply to the life of the Church?

What am I going....to do about it? What difference does this text mean for my life? What is my response to God's word?

PRAYER: Blessed are You, Lord God, Creator of heaven and earth, for Your Word made flesh: Jesus Christ. We praise and thank You for Your Word recorded in the Bible and faithfully proclaimed in the assembly of Your holy people. May our hearts and minds be always open to welcome Your life-giving Word. May Your Word nourish our faith, enliven our hope, and strengthen us in the bond of love. May we carry Your Word with us each day as we seek to serve You in our brothers and sisters. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

This truly was a dark time of Judah's history. Isaiah attributes the destruction of Israel to God, according to the pattern of Deuteronomistic history: Israel sins; God punishes; Israel repents; God forgives. How does God show forgiveness? The Assyrian provinces of Dor, Gilead, and Megiddo, which were fashioned from land that once belonged to Israel, are allowed to prosper. Thus, as the Prophet says, the gloom and darkness will be lifted, and light will shine on the land. The pronoun "you" in this passage refers to God; Isaiah is the speaker. Biblical scholars have described this part of today's reading as a hymn to accompany accession to the throne or a thanksgiving hymn directed to God. The "yoke," "bar," and "rod" are symbols of Assyrian oppression that will one day be thrown off in holy war, as in the day of Median and as when God destroyed the Israelites' oppressors by the hand of Gideon, one of several judges whose stories are told in the book of Judges.

The remainder of this oracle, which is not part of today's reading, is presumed to be about the son that would be born to Ahaz, whose name was Hezekiah and who would inherit Judah's throne after Ahaz. The Second Book of Kings and the Second Book of Chronicles portray him as a good and righteous king, in contrast to his father: However, the list of attributes of a good king, the verses that follow today's reading that describe the child to be born, might be intended to describe some future and long-awaited king. Early Christians attributed this description to Jesus, the bringer of peace and the one who will usher in the fullness of God's kingdom. (*From the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word*)



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 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!

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



Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - What are some of the nets in your life? What are some of the things you think you absolutely cannot go without in life? Jesus does not want to erase them from your life, but is He inviting you to do something different with them? Read more at www.resurrectionists.ca



“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or a 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!

Healing Stress/Trauma - We all experience stress from world, regional and possibly family or personal issues. This is normal. The body tells the truth about hidden stress. The body keeps the score as we discover, sometimes painfully, the impact of intergenerational and collective trauma within us. We invite you to join Barbara Paleczny, School Sister of Notre Dame PhD, on Saturdays, Feb. 4 and 11, 9:30 – 11:30 to learn ways to relieve and heal some of your stress and to help others. We will not ask your personal stories. Come, ready to participate without judging. Sister Barbara will explain why this method of popular education is essential, at least to accompany talk therapy. Location: Waterloo Catholic District School Board office, 35 Weber St. W, behind St. Mary’s Church. To register, email St. Mary’s Parish office stmarys@rogers.com.

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Our next General Meeting will take place Wednesday, February 1st beginning with Mass at 7 PM with a meeting and refreshments to follow in the Large Hall. The topic of our meeting will be: Miracles and we will watch a short dvd entitled: *The Lourdes Experience*. We warmly welcome all members and non-members to join us.

Celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes! The message of Our Lady to St. Bernadette is just as relevant today as it was in 1858. Come and be reminded of the healing power of prayer and honour the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Saturday, February 11** at Our Lady of Lourdes, Parish in Waterloo with **Celebrant Bishop Wayne Lobsinger.**



6:00 PM - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession
7:00 PM - Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick and veneration of St. Bernadette’s relics. First 24 families will be asked to join in a procession of roses to Our Lady followed by a reception in the parish hall.

Beyond The Pew Speaker Series, (St Clements Parish, 745 Duke St., 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 get to know what is going on in the community, 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 St. Clement’s parish office at stclements@rogers.com or 519-653-6123.

Quotes of St. Thomas Aquinas (Feast Day on January 28)

“Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen.”

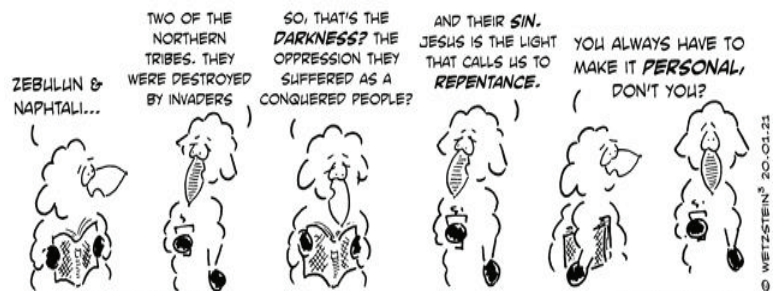
“The Study of philosophy is not that we may know what men have thought, but what the truth of things is.”

“Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe; to know what he ought to desire; and to know what he ought to do.”

“Mercy without justice is the mother of dissolution; justice without mercy is cruelty.”

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