St. Louis Catholic Church

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Served by the Congregation of the Resurrection since 1890.

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.

Pastoral Team:

**Pastor** 

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Coordinator of Youth and Children's Ministries

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**Custodian** Michael Ehrlich



**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),

5:00 Choir - Peter DeSousa and Youth Music (peterdesousa730@gmail.com).

**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 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. 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

Low gluten hosts are available upon prior request.

#### **Parish Organizations and Contacts:**

**Finance Council** 

John Pendergast, 519-746-9768

**Maintenance Committee** 

Bob Lorentz, 519-576-5556

**Social Committee** 

Cynthia Ehrlich

**Parish Webmaster** 

Daniel Delattre, daniel@uwaterloo.ca

**Altar Servers Coordinator** Dave Pagett, 519-744-7705

Catechesis Of The Good Shepherd, Youth Ministry

Kelly Krause, 519-743-4101

Catholic Women's League Gerri Duque, 519-885-6161 Ministry to the Elderly & Homebound

Cecilia Beechey, 519-572-5435

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** 

Sandra Williams, 519-742-9239

**Prayer Chain** 

Sharon Carey, 519-746-8073

St. Vincent De Paul

For food hamper or more information call 519-743-4101



5:00 pm

**Doctor of the Church** 

#### **Mass Intentions**

Monday, January 25 - No Mass - Conversion of  $\overline{St}$ . Paul Tuesday, January 26 - Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

9:00 am † Kenneth Ayoung-Chee – Amanda Ayoung-Chee Wednesday, January 27

9:00 am Intentions of Karen Napier – Amanda Ayoung-Chee Thursday, January 28 – St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and

9:00 am For healing of Elisha Taaffe – Pat & Joan Forde **Friday**, **January 29** 

9:00 am † Daniel Caron – Claire Armitage

Saturday, January 30

**Sunday liturgy – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

5:00 pm For People of St. Louis Parish

Sunday, January 31 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am † Coletta & Herbert Cassel – Mary Cybulski

11:30 am † Jim Ryan – Butler Family

† Gerald Stockie – Alexandra Stockie

#### For the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

(From the First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-10) The Book of Nehemiah narrates events following the Babylonian exile, when the Persian conquerors of Babylon are inspired by God to assist in the restoration of Israel. In successive waves, they send Jewish leaders back to the land of Judah, both to rebuild the city and Temple and to restore worship and fidelity to God's Law.

The first wave saw the rebuilding of the Temple under Zerubbabel and 40,000 former exiles sent to do the work. Next, Ezra is sent back to instruct in God's Law those who lack knowledge of it. Finally, Nehemiah is sent to rebuild Jerusalem's walls. Following completion of the walls and discovery of the list of workers who rebuilt the Temple with Zerubbabel, the people request that Ezra read for them the scroll of the Law of Moses.

The people's request to hear the Law and their response to it speak powerfully of the Jewish nation's understanding of God's Word as a liberating gift that teaches the ways of life and thus saves us from our human instincts for selfishness and self-destruction. In response to their request, Ezra prepares a ritual in which he both reads and interprets God's word, which he proclaims from a platform built for the occasion.

The vast assembly has opened their hearts in prayer, and the Word penetrates them deeply, moving them to tears. Its compelling truth opens their eyes and they realize anew that the Law was given not to condemn but to teach and lead them. The gift of the Law is a sign of God's love and care. Thus convicted by their own shortcomings, they weep, but Ezra and Nehemiah encourage them to take heart. The people's desire for God's Word, the public proclamation, and their eager reception of its message have sanctified the day and made it an occasion of joy and celebration.

Every proclamation of God's Word is meant to waken us, stir within us a love of the Lord, and move us to tears of joy.

<b>Upcoming Events</b>					
Monday, January 25					
4:00 pm	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	St. Agnes			
	Levels I & II & III	Church			
7:30 pm	Faith Enrichment: Symbolon II	Large Hall			
Tuesday, January 26					
1:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Meeting	Large Hall			
Wednesday, January 27					
6:00 pm	First Communion Preparation	Nursery			
7:00 pm	Parent Meeting	Large Hall			
7:30 pm	(11:30) Choir rehearsal	Church			
Thursday, January 28					
9:30 am	Small Christian Community	Large Hall			
1:00 pm	Bible Study: Gospel of Luke	Large Hall			
7:30 pm	RCIA	Large Hall			
7:30 pm	(9:30) Choir rehearsal	Church			
Friday, January 29					
6:30 pm	Youth Music	Church			
7:00 pm	"Aquinas & Islam" – Communio	Large Hall			
	Circle				
Sunday, January 31					

Mass	Readers	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>
Sat. Jan. 30	1 Stephen Filipowicz	1 Grant Ertel
5:00 pm	2 Peter Fioravanti	2 Trudy Allensen
_	C Betty Gross	3 Joan Sichewski
Sun. Jan. 31	1 Christopher Bishop	1 Jeff Dinner
9:30 am	2 Jack Bishop	2 Rob Hinsperger
	C Tom Bishop	3 Justine Krause
11:30 am	1 Carolyn Beaton	1 Donna Herbstreit
	2 Ben Beaton	2 Marianne Butler
	C Gord Beaton	3 Pegg Leroux

Gym

**OOTC Community Supper** 





St. Louis Catholic Women's League. All members and non members are invited to the 4 Waterloo-CWL-Councils' half-day Lenten Retreat at St. Michael's Church, Sat., Feb. 13th, beginning with

Mass at 9:00 am. Guest speaker, Fr. Mark Miller, CSSR. The Theme: The Healing Mission of Christ and the Church. More information to follow. \*\*\*Because of this retreat, there will be NO February CWL meeting at St. Louis.

Volunteers needed to distribute Holy Communion to patients at St. Mary's Hospital. Screening and training required. Frequency – about once a month, or less. For more information contact the parish office.

World Day For Consecrated Life – Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>. In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a <u>Day of Prayer</u> for women and men in consecrated life, men like our St. Louis Resurrectionist priests, who have decided to leave everything and follow Jesus in a more radical way, by making vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience and promising to live the rest of their lives dedicated exclusively to Him. We thank God for them and pray for those in our parishes who may also feel this special calling from God.

**Vocation Prayer:** You are the body of Christ; every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are you willing to do your part? If you feel God's call to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit www.HamiltonVocations.com.

**Discernment Retreat for Women -** The Discalced Carmelite Sisters from Mount Carmel in St. Agatha invite all women interested in religious life to join them for a day of prayer, teaching, and discernment on Sat., Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> at their monastery. For info. & registrations visit <a href="www.HamiltonVocations.com">www.HamiltonVocations.com</a>

Gospel of Luke: 7 Part Study Series for Young Adults and Adults. First Session: "The Presence of Joy in the Gospel of Luke" Tue., Jan. 26, 7:00-8:30 pm St. Pius X Parish, Brantford Facilitated by Dr. Josephine Lombardi. To register, or for more info. contact: Monica Verin, mverin@hamiltondiocese.com 905-528-7988 x2238. See posters on the bulletin boards.

**St. Teresa Annual Twilight Retreat** – Tue., Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>. Retreat Master: Fr. Toby Collins, C. R.. Tickets: \$15 for the meal. For tickets contact Jane at 519-744-8330.

**Development and Peace**: Our Share Lent workshop will be held on Tue., Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at St. John's Church Hall, 85 Strange Street, Kit. All parish reps and others interested in the work of Development and Peace are encouraged to attend.

An Afternoon of Music, a Benefit Concert for Syrian Refugee Support. Bruce Skelton (violin), Ben Bolt-Martin (cello), Joanne Bender (piano), on Sun. Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, 3 pm, Erb Street Mennonite Church (131 Erb St. W., Wat.). All are welcome. Donations at the door. For info. please contact office@erbstchurch.ca or 519-886-3570.

Join the Serra Club of Hamilton in Celebrating 50 years of Priesthood (Fr. Jim Wahl, C.R. among others) on Tue. April 26<sup>th</sup> at Liuna Station. Contact Margaret Carreiro 905-628-5682 or check http://celebrationprl.wix.com/dinner.

Aquinas & Islam: A Conversation about the Meaning of Creation - An evening of conversation about why and how St. Thomas Aquinas drew on the writings of the Islamic scholar, Ibn Sina, and the Jewish sage, Maimonides, as he attempted to understand what we mean when we profess that God is the "Creator of heaven and earth." St. Thomas Aquinas offers us a model for how people of faith, and Christians in particular, can engage in a common quest to know God. Come and join the conversation! Fri., Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, 7– 9 pm, St. Louis Church Large Hall, Speaker: Deacon Charles Fernandes. Refreshments. Presented by the Communio Circle of the Diocese of Hamilton. Info.: Deacon Charles Fernandes, 519-923-0454 & Fr. Mark Morley, mmorley@communiohamiltondiocese.org.



Our Lady of Lourdes School - Kindergarten Registration Mon., Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, during the hours of 9 - 11 am & 12:30 - 6:45 pm. The following are required: (1) Child's Roman Catholic Baptismal Certificate, or one Parent's RC Baptismal

Certificate. (2) Proof of Home Address (utility bill, tenant lease, etc.). (3) Child's Health Immunization Record. (4) Child's Proof of Age & Legal Name (Provide one of the following: Birth Certificate, Certified Birth Registration, Adoption Papers, Certificate of Indian Status, passport). For info., 519-886-4810.

**St. Mark's Winter Games Night** – Wed., Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Mark's Parish Hall, 55 Driftwood Drive, Kit. Evening of cards or board games! Doors Open at 6 pm. Admission: \$8. To donate a prize please call Edwina at 519-954-5669.

Christian Life Program – KW Couples for Christ invite EVERYONE, married or single, to come to our Christian Life Program on Thursdays from 7 to 9:30 pm starting on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, at St. Anne's Church (268 East Ave. Kit.). This 8 week program will help you grow in your relationship with our Lord. Children's program offered at the same time. No cost, refreshments. Info: Scott Piggott/Rita Rudolph - 519-581-1389.

**Men's Conference:** On March 19<sup>th</sup> join Cardinal Thomas Collins for Serviam Ministries' 1st Annual Band of Christian Brothers Men's Conference at Canada Christian College in Toronto. The day will strengthen and challenge men to grow in faith and virtue. Special Father/Son rates available. All info and tickets: www.BandofChristianBrothers.com/events/iron/, info@ServiamMinistries.com or 1-888-522-2070.

**Job Opportunity** - St. Clement's Parish in St. Clements is looking for a qualified candidate for a <u>part-time secretary/bookkeeper position</u>. Please email your resume to stclementsparish@sympatico.ca For more info. contact the St. Clement's parish office @ 519-699-4425 or Fr. Martin Mikulski @ 226-868-0613.



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