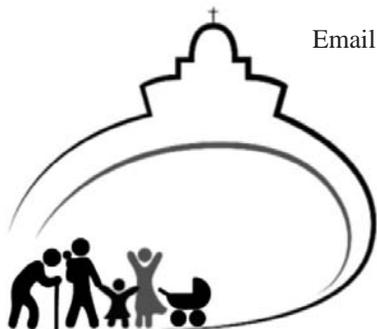


# St. Louis Catholic Church

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**Office hours:** Monday – Thursday 9 - 12 and 1- 4, Friday 9 - 12



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Year 2021 - 2022

**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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### **Parish Secretary**

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### **Custodian**

Doug Lichty

**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

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# THE 17<sup>TH</sup> AND 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

## MASS INTENTIONS and EVENTS

### **Monday, July 25 – St. James, Apostle - No Mass**

9:00 AM – noon *Pickleball* *Gym*

### **Tuesday, July 26 – St. Anne & St. Joachim, Parents of The Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00 AM **To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church**  
 9:30 AM *With St. George "on the Porch" Book* *L. Hall*  
*Group "Walking with Mary" by Ed Sri.*

### **Wednesday, July 27**

9:00 AM † Jean Wilson – Terry Henderson  
 9:00 AM – noon *Pickleball* *Gym*

### **Thursday, July 28**

9:00 AM † Eldon Prince – Cecilia Beechey

### **Friday, July 29 – Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus, Disciples of the Lord**

9:00 AM **Special Intention of John**  
 9:00 AM – noon *Pickleball* *Gym*

### **Saturday, July 30**

#### **Vigil of The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM **People of St. Louis Parish**

### **Sunday, July 31 – The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM † Paul Moser – The Family  
 † Catherine & Robert McNulty – Family  
 † Doug Ratchford – Moe & Anne Marie Webster  
 11:30AM † Colonel & Jean Moser – Kim Moser  
 † Gerald & Audrey Moser – Reid Family

### **Monday, August 1 – St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor – No Mass**

9:00 AM – noon *Pickleball* *Gym*

### **Tuesday, August 2**

9:00 AM † Rosemary Peterson – Peterson Family  
 9:30 AM *With St. George "on the Porch" Book* *L. Hall*  
*Group "Walking with Mary" by Ed Sri.*

### **Wednesday, August 3**

9:00 AM **The intentions of the Krause family**  
 9:00 AM – noon *Pickleball* *Gym*

### **Thursday, August 4 – St. Jean-Marie Vianney, Priest**

9:00 AM **The intentions of Webster family – Krause family**

### **Friday, August 5**

9:00 AM †  
 9:00 AM – noon *Pickleball* *Gym*

### **Saturday, August 6 – The Transfiguration of the Lord**

9:00 AM – noon *St. V de Paul project* *Kitchen*

#### **Vigil of The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00 PM † John & Rita Barnes & Bill Smith – Patrick & Joan Forde  
 † Katie & Albert Ruetz – Ruetz Family

### **Sunday, August 7 – The 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:30 AM **People of St. Louis Parish**  
 11:30AM † Edward & Stella Hrycyk – Caravaggio Family  
 † Rosemary Peterson – Peterson Family  
 † David Kirby – Kirby Family

*June 10 donations- Thank you!*

Sunday	Loose	Mainten.	Diocesan	Pre Auth.
\$2218.00	\$97.25	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$ 2551.72

### **Reflection on the First Reading on July 24<sup>th</sup>: Genesis 18:20-32**

Though both testaments of the Bible remember Abraham's exemplary faith, this passage focuses on his justice. In the verses preceding our reading, the Lord considers whether to discuss the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah with Abraham. He had grown close to the Lord, trusting Him enough that at the Lord's commands he left all that provided him with security – his family and tribe, the familiar and or like-minded people with whom he associated – and followed the Lord to a foreign place. Over time, the Lord came to reckon Abraham a just man and trust that he will persuade his descendants to do the right thing in every situation. For these reasons, the Lord decides to discuss the problem of the two cities with him.

Their dialogue centres on the complaint that the innocent often suffer what seems to be divine punishment of the guilty, but with a twist. Namely, Abraham wants to know how many just people must be found among the wicked for the Lord to save the whole group. His question echoes Jeremiah 5:1, where the Lord commands the Prophet: "Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem... and see if you can find one person who acts justly and seeks truth - so that I may pardon Jerusalem." Jeremiah didn't find one. Apparently, neither did the Lord find the ten just people that Abraham bargained for to save Sodom and Gomorrah.

### **Reflection on the First Reading- July 31<sup>th</sup>: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23**

"Ecclesiastes" is the Latin translation of the Hebrew *Qoheleth*, here a proper name which denotes a "speaker in an assembly" or a "teacher." Qoheleth is a sage who writes from personal experience and the observation of people and nature. Today's opening verse sums up his main conclusion about life: "Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity." In Hebrew usage, the phrase "vanity of vanities" conveys superlative or complete vanity, and the doubling of the phrase emphasized the certainty of this claim.

The meaning of "vanity" (Hebrew *hebel*) in the Book of Qoheleth varies depending on its context. Basically, *hebel* denotes "vapour" or "breath". Figuratively, it can indicate something insubstantial and short-lived, or futile, like human efforts that come to nothing. In some contexts, *hebel* connotes something that defies human reasoning, something that is incomprehensible or mysterious, such as effects that seemingly bear no logical relationship to their causes.

In this reading, "*hebel* and a great evil" describe a situation where a man labours with practical wisdom, knowledge, and skill. But when he dies, he must leave his property to someone who did nothing to help gain it. Qoheleth laments further that work leads to more work and an anxious mind that will not shut down and allow healthy sleep. Pain and vexation fill the diligent person's life.

Such quandaries lead Qoheleth to conclude that life is a mysterious experience whose meaning and purpose humans cannot ever fully fathom. It's futile to try to do so.

*(From the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, & Proclaimers of the Word.)*

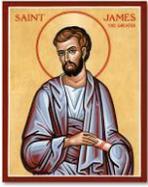


"Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you." Try it! Then listen, look, and enter. Perhaps priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life awaits you. If God is calling you, contact Most Rev. W. Lobsinger, Aux. Bp. & Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com), 905-528-7988, or Fr. Raphael Ma, Congregation of the Resurrection Vocation Director, at [rcvocations@gmail.com](mailto:rcvocations@gmail.com), or Carmel of St. Joseph, St. Agatha at 519-884-6700. Pray for vocations!

*July 17 donations- Thank you!*

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\$ 1945.00	\$ 235.00	\$ 1212.00	\$	\$ 2551.72

**St. Mark's Parish in Kitchener** (55 Driftwood Dr., Kitchener) invites you to participate in a **9-Day Novena to St. Anne**, from July 17<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM each day. Please visit the website at [stmarkcatholicparish.org](http://stmarkcatholicparish.org).



**Saint James' Story** - This James, (called James the Greater), is the brother of John the Evangelist. The two were called by Jesus. "He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee along with the hired men and followed him" (Mk 1:19-20).

James was one of the favoured three who witnessed the Transfiguration, the raising to life of the daughter of Jairus, and the agony in Gethsemani.

James' and John's mother came to ask Jesus for seats of honour for her sons in the kingdom. "Jesus said in reply, 'You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?' They said to him, 'We can'". We can wonder how long it took them to realize the implications of their confident "We can!"

Jesus gave James and John the nickname "sons of thunder". When the Samaritans would not welcome Jesus James and John asked, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?' Jesus turned and rebuked them..." (Luke 9:54-55).

James was the first of the apostles to be martyred (c. AD 44).

James the Greater, is not to be confused with James the Lesser, or with the author of the Letter of James and the leader of the Jerusalem community. (From [franciscanmedia.com](http://franciscanmedia.com))



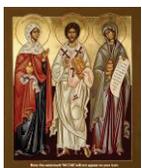
**Saints Joachim and Anne's Story** - In the Scriptures, Matthew and Luke furnish a legal family history of Jesus, tracing ancestry to show that Jesus is the culmination of great promises. Not only is his mother's

family neglected, we also know nothing factual about them except that they existed. Even the names "Joachim" and "Anne" come from a legendary source written more than a century after Jesus died.

The heroism and holiness of these people however, is inferred from the whole family atmosphere around Mary in the Scriptures. Whether we rely on the legends about Mary's childhood or make guesses from the information in the Bible, we see in her a fulfillment of many generations of prayerful persons, herself steeped in the religious traditions of her people.

The strong character of Mary in making decisions, her continuous practice of prayer, her devotion to the laws of her faith, her steadiness at moments of crisis, and her devotion to her relatives—all indicate a close-knit, loving family that looked forward to the next generation even while retaining the best of the past.

Joachim and Anne—whether these are their real names or not—represent that entire quiet series of generations who faithfully perform their duties, practice their faith, and establish an atmosphere for the coming of the Messiah. (From [franciscanmedia.com](http://franciscanmedia.com))



**Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus** - Martha, Mary, and their brother Lazarus were evidently close friends of Jesus. He came to their home simply as a welcomed guest, rather than as one celebrating the conversion of a sinner. The sisters felt free to call on Jesus at their brother's death, even though a return to Judea at that time seemed to spell almost certain death.

Martha's great glory is her simple and strong statement of faith in Jesus after her brother's death. "Jesus told her, 'I am the Resurrection and the Life; whoever believes in Me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world'" (John 11:25-27).

No doubt Martha was an active sort of person. On one occasion, she prepares the meal for Jesus and possibly his fellow guests and forthrightly states the obvious: All hands should pitch in to help with the

dinner. The Lord recognizes that Martha is "worried about many things," also noting that Mary, who has spent the preparation time at Jesus' feet listening to his words "has chosen the better part." John 12:1-8 describes Mary's anointing of Jesus' feet at Bethany, an act which he praised highly. Immediately after we are told that the chief priests plotted to kill Lazarus "because many of the Jews were...believing in Jesus because of him."

Legends abound about the life of Lazarus after the death and resurrection of Jesus. He is supposed to have left a written account of what he saw in the next world before he was called back to life. Some say he followed Peter into Syria. Another story describes how he and his sisters survived a leaking boat journey from Jaffa to Cyprus. There he died peacefully after serving as bishop for 30 years.

It is certain there was early devotion to the saint. Around the year 390, the pilgrim lady Etheria talks of the procession that took place on the Saturday before Palm Sunday at the tomb where Lazarus had been raised from the dead. In the West, Passion Sunday was called *Dominica de Lazaro*, and Augustine tells us that in Africa the Gospel of the raising of Lazarus was read at the office of Palm Sunday. (From [franciscanmedia.com](http://franciscanmedia.com))



**Saint John Vianney's Story (May 8, 1786 – Aug. 4, 1859)**

A man with vision overcomes obstacles and performs deeds that seem impossible. John Vianney was a man with vision: He wanted to become a priest. But he had to overcome his meager formal schooling, which inadequately prepared him for seminary studies. His failure to comprehend Latin lectures forced him to discontinue. But his vision of being a priest urged him to seek private tutoring. After a lengthy battle with the books, John was ordained.

Situations calling for "impossible" deeds followed him everywhere. As pastor of the parish at Ars, John encountered people who were indifferent and quite comfortable with their style of living. His vision led him through severe fasts and short nights of sleep.

His work as a confessor is John Vianney's most remarkable accomplishment. In the winter months spent 11 to 12 hours daily reconciling people with God. In the summer months his time was increased to 16 hours. Even the few hours he would allow himself for sleep were disturbed frequently by the devil.

Who, but a man with vision, could keep going with ever-increasing strength? In 1929, Pope Pius XI named him the patron of parish priests worldwide. (From [franciscanmedia.com](http://franciscanmedia.com))



**The Story of the Transfiguration of the Lord** - All three Synoptic Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration placing the event shortly after Peter's confession of faith in Jesus as the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of His passion and death. Peter's eagerness to erect tents suggests it occurred during the Jewish Feast of Booths in the fall.

The Gospels draw heavily on OT descriptions of the Sinai encounter with God, and prophetic visions of the Son of Man. Certainly Peter, James, and John had a glimpse of Jesus' divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. Such an experience defies description, so they drew on familiar religious language to describe it. And certainly Jesus warned them that His glory and His suffering were to be inextricably connected. Tradition names Mount Tabor as the site of the revelation. A feast in honour of the Transfiguration was celebrated in the Eastern Church from about the 4<sup>th</sup> century. Western observance began around the 8<sup>th</sup> century. On July 22, 1456, Crusaders defeated the Turks at Belgrade. News of the victory reached Rome on Aug. 6, and Pope Callistus III placed the feast on the Roman calendar the following year. (From [franciscanmedia.com](http://franciscanmedia.com))

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