



St. Louis Catholic Church

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Office hours:

July - August:

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Closed on Fridays.

September - June:

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.,
Friday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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.

Welcome to St. Louis Parish - 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 – John Miller (john@johnbmiller.ca),
5:00 Mass – 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 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 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. 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

Parish Organizations and Contacts:

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THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 25 – No Mass

Tuesday, June 26

9:00 am In Thanksgiving for Graces Received – MacKinnon
Family

Wednesday, June 27

9:00 am For Intentions of Karl & Helma Herbst – K & H
Herbst

Thursday, June 28 – St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr

9:00 am † Shirley Hinsperger – Rob Hinsperger

Friday, June 29 – Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

9:00 am Intentions of Mark Obermeyer

Saturday, June 30

Vigil of 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm † Edna Ertel – Larry & Phyllis Ertel
† Ken Ayoung-Chee – Amanda Ayoung-Chee

Sunday, July 1 – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am † John & Marcella Beechey – Cecilia Beechey
† Mary Lou Schultz – Prayer Shawl Ministry

11:30 am People of St. Louis Parish

Reflection on the Gospel reading from Luke 1:57-66, 80 from Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word: At John's birth, Elizabeth's neighbours rejoice with her over God's great mercy in granting the child, and on the eighth day, the child is named and incorporated into the people of Israel by the sign of the covenant – circumcision – etched in his body. Luke narrates the Baptist's infancy alongside that of Jesus, and the parallel texts are rich in theology. The birth of John to Elizabeth is a prelude to the Messiah's birth; one child announces the presence of another. They boy's name, John, "the Lord has shown favour," foreshadows another name, that of Jesus, "the Lord saves." Elizabeth's maternity prepares for the maternity of the Mother of God. John's mission anticipates and inaugurates Jesus' mission. It is not that the first is characterized by penance and the second by messianic joy. Luke presents a single purpose in two phases, according to God's plan of salvation – two chapters of the same history. Just as early morning darkness makes way for dawn, the precursor opens the path for the Messiah's coming. It is necessary for the darkness to diminish so the day may increase.

Ever since the prophecy of the last of the Prophets, Malachi (some four hundred years prior), the Prophets had been speechless. Nine months before the events of this reading, an angel made his announcement to the priest Zechariah in the Temple, and the incredulous man reasoned with the angel, "How will I know that his is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years". The event described in today's story, around the circumcision and naming of the newborn baby, fascinates the parents and instills the fear of God in the neighbourhood – two typical reactions before mystery. Zachariah's tongue was tied until he wrote the child's God-given name, "John," on the tablet. Then his silence was broken and (not included in the reading) Zechariah intoned the canticle: "*Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has looked favourably on His people and redeemed them*".

Some three months before the birth of John, his mother received a visit from her cousin, who had just received the angel's announcement of the birth of her divine Son. Within Elizabeth's womb the child danced in front of Mary, the Ark of the Covenant, joyful in the Messiah's presence. Later John, with

THIS WEEK EVENTS

Monday, June 25

9 am – noon Pickle Ball Gym

Tuesday, June 26

9:00 am Wrap up meeting on Prayer Shawl Large Hall
Gathering in May

1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Meeting Large Hall

Wednesday, June 27

9 am – noon Pickle Ball Gym

Thursday, June 28

9:30 am Small Christian Community Large Hall

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat. June 30 5:00 pm	1 Joan Sichewski 2 Fran Ruetz C Bea Lajeunesse	1 Christine Martin 2 Marilyn Foster 3 Trudy Allensen
Sun. July 1 9:30 am	1 Terry Collins 2 Ed Ruppe C Cecilia Beechey	1 Joanne Bond 2 Frank Hulme 3 Rob Hinsperger
Sun. July 1 11:30 am	1 Al Kehn 2 Rachael Ward C Donna Herbstreit	1 Christine Dopko 2 Darlene Wilson 3 Charles Wilson

full confidence, will point out the youth from Nazareth and announce that he is the Messiah.

Today's solemnity, which (in the northern hemisphere) occurs near the longest day of the year, just as the daylight is beginning to diminish, is linked to our celebration on December 24-25. Then, just as daylight is at its shortest span, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World. What we celebrate on the cosmic clock, we apply to our own lives. The Prophet's voice announces, "He must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30). The self-absorbed, sacrosanct "I" diminishes, while the life of Christ, the Light of the soul and of the world, grows. Today mercy is born, so that later the Messiah can take possession of souls destined to enjoy an eternal friendship with God.



Irenaeus (died about 202) was a Greek cleric noted for his role in guiding and expanding Christian communities in what is now the south of France and, more widely, for the development of Christian theology by combatting heresy and defining orthodoxy. Originating from Smyrna, now Izmir in Turkey, he had heard the preaching of Polycarp, who in turn was said to have heard John the Evangelist.

Chosen as bishop of Lugdunum, now Lyon, his best-known work is *On the Detection and Overthrow of the So-Called Gnosis*, often cited as *Adversus Haereses*, an attack on Gnosticism, in particular that of Valentinus. To counter the doctrines of the gnostic sects claiming secret wisdom, he offered three pillars of orthodoxy: the scriptures, the tradition handed down from the apostles, and the teaching of the apostles' successors. Intrinsic to his writing is that the surest source of Christian guidance is the church of Rome, and he is the earliest surviving witness to recognise all four gospels as essential. (From Wikipedia Article on Irenaeus of Lyon).

Children's Sunday programs will be closing for the summer: From July 1st to September 2nd. All programs will resume on Sunday, September 9th. Anyone wishing to help volunteer for either babysitting, or Liturgy of the Word would be welcome! Please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office.



Do you know anyone who wishes to become Catholic? Fr. Phil will be leading a preparation course during this summer. Contact parish office for more information (519-743-4101).

In Need Of Shoe Boxes - Our Good Shepherd program, (that will resume in the fall), is in need of shoe boxes. We are looking specifically for adult shoe size boxes. If you are buying shoes this summer, would you please consider dropping off your shoe boxes to the church? The children will greatly appreciate it!

Eucharistic Ministers for St. Mary's hospital - We are in need of a few more volunteers who would be willing to go into St. Mary's hospital and give out Communion to those wishing to receive. The commitment would not be more than once a month. If you are interested in getting involved, or want more information please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office.



The Diocese-wide planning study is off to a great start - thanks to all those who have participated! In the first few weeks, an incredible number of surveys have been completed. However - we also want to hear from YOU. If you have not filled out a survey and want to share your thoughts, visit hamiltondiocese.com/campaign to learn more about the proposed campaign goals, complete the survey and provide your comments. The online survey closes on **Monday, July 9** - please don't delay in sharing your thoughts about our plans to help your Parish and our Diocese to grow and thrive. Thank you.

The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild invites all members, families and friends to attend the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass to be held Sunday, July 15 at 2 pm at the Monastery. The Rosary will precede the Mass. The celebrant will be Rev. Bishop Douglas Crosby, Bishop of Hamilton.



In every age and time the Lord's call brings forth priests to prepare a people for the Lord. Would you be willing to proclaim the truth of God's love and presence in your life as a priest, religious or deacon? If you think God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 x 2246 vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



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The Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute (CCBI) has released its fourth series of videos for the Catholic Bioethics Moments YouTube channel. The topics include, Fundamental Moral Theology, Natural Law, and When Does a Human Person Come into Existence. The videos will be of interest to anyone wanting to know more about basic concepts in Catholic morality. Check out their YouTube channel: www.ccbi-utoronto.ca

Evensong (Evening Prayer) on June 24th at 7 pm at St. Mary's Church in Kitchener organized by the Sodality of St. Edmund, King and Martyr (A Catholic Community in the Diocese of Hamilton). Following the Evensong (in 'traditional' English) will be social time in the Parish Hall with Q & A about the Ordinariates and their place in the Catholic Church.

Ordination of Transitional Deacons: His Excellency, Bishop Crosby will ordain the following men as transitional deacons: Vivek Trindade on Fri., June 29, at 7 pm at St. Matthew Parish, Oakville, and John Schnurr on Sat., June 30, at 7 pm at Immaculate Conception Parish, Formosa. All are welcome.

44th Annual Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Quebec: Mon., Aug. 6th to Fri., Aug 10th. For info., call Erna Spoenlein 519-743-1030, or Rose Gunn 519-744-5923 jajidhunt@hotmail.com or rosejgunn@gmail.com



50th Anniversary Pilgrimage to Italy – St. Padre Pio – Sep. 16-27, 2018, organized by St. Francis Xavier Parish in Stony Creek. Join Fr. Tom Sullivan on a pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, Montecassino, San Giovanni Rotondo, St. Michael's Cave, Lanciano, Loreto, Greccio and much more! Cost (\$3995.00 + taxes) includes all travel accommodations and two meals daily. For more info. contact Louise Kunkel, Tour Leader at 905-664-1871 / 289-941-1938, email: louisekunkel@yahoo.ca

St. Louis Lower Kitchen - the installation of the new cupboards will begin on Monday June 25.

PAST DONATIONS

Date	Sunday Envelopes	Loose	Summer Works	Maintenance	Pre-authorized prorated per week
June 17	3266.50	336.20	170.00	1029.00	2333.92

Thank you for your generosity & continuous support!

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