

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.**



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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 Fr. Dan Lobsinger, C.R., 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

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Parish Webmaster

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St. Vincent De Paul

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



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 15 – No Mass

Tuesday, March 16

9:00AM To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church – Monday
Lunch & Learn Group

Wednesday, March 17 – St. Patrick

9:00AM † David Kirby – Kirby Family

Thursday, March 18

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**Friday, March 19 – St. Joseph, Husband of
Blessed Virgin Mary, Principal Patron of Canada,
Patron of the Universal Church**

9:00AM † Bill Lavigne – Peter & Marie Suffak & Family

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 20

Vigil of Fifth Sunday In Lent

5:00 PM † Thomas Forde & Noelle Forde – Pat & Joan Forde

† Water & Kaye Hartman – Their Family

† Colonel & Jean Moser – Kim Moser

† Gerald & Audrey Moser – Reid Family

Sunday, March 21 – Fifth Sunday In Lent

9:30AM † Nikki Cleeves – Phyllis Augustine

† Cletus & Frances Byrne – Rosemary & Shaun MacNeil

† Monica Doyle – Annette & Frank Hulme

11:30AM People of St. Louis Parish

Reflections on the Gospel: John 3:14 -21:

In the last Sunday's Gospel Jesus cleansed the Temple by overturning the money changers' tables and foretold His death and Resurrection through the symbolism of the destruction and restoration of the Temple. His dialogue with Nicodemus reveals the very purpose for which He was born. Jesus tells Nicodemus: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life." It can be understood as a thesis statement for the entirety of John's Gospel. Belief is key to Johannine theology; it can be summed up as "believe and you will be saved."

Nicodemus has come to Jesus at night, in darkness and encounters a light that provides the truth. After teaching Nicodemus on the necessity of being "born from above", Jesus uses the image of Moses lifting a serpent high on a pole for the healing of the people as a parallel to His own being raised high on the cross in order that people may lift up their eyes to Him and come to belief. Thus, not only does Jesus draw people out of darkness, but His death will also be a source of healing as people gaze upon the cross and contemplate the true sacrifice that it entails.

Like the second reading from Ephesians, this selection from John's Gospel is an example of realized eschatology. The contrast is created between the present situation of those who believe versus those who do not: "The one who believes in Him is not condemned; but the one who does not believe is condemned already." Just as no one is able to prevent the sun from rising and shining brightly in the sky, casting its light in every corner of the world, so too is no one able to escape being judged according to their reception or denial of the light of Christ. In many ways, this portion of John's Gospel makes salvation appear to be very neat and tidy – simply make the choice to believe in the Son of Man and you will be favourably judged. Living in the light means lifting your eyes to the cross and believing "in the name of the only-begotten Son of God." For John, salvation is not an other-worldly reality; it is the result of faith lived in the present day.

(From the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday: 7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday: 10:00 AM Good Friday service
3:00 PM Good Friday Service

Holy Saturday: 8:30 PM Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday Masses: 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

Reservations required (30% capacity)

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EASTER DUTY DURING THE PANDEMIC

Whereas all the faithful are obligated to observe the Easter Duty, which requires all the faithful to Receive Holy Communion once a year during the Easter Season;

Whereas the Easter Duty does not require the reception of Penance once a year unless a person is in grave sin (CCC 1457, 2042);

Whereas, during the present pandemic it may not be possible for people to receive Holy Communion either because they cannot attend church or because of a delicate conscience relative to receiving Communion in the hand;

I hereby dispense the faithful of the Diocese of Hamilton from the Easter Duty this year, 2021.

Given on 8th day of March at the Chancery Office in Hamilton, Ontario.

Signed by Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton and Very Rev. Monsignor Murray J. Kroetsch, PH, VG, Chancellor.

Sunday School & Liturgy of the Word (ages 3-10) –

is a little different at this time! Join Teacher Kelly every Sunday morning at 10:30 AM for on-line Sunday school session. We explore our church calendar, sing songs and read the Gospel together where we take away a few important points from the reading. Kelly has a link for a children's bulletin that is full of fun information and activities. Email Kelly (kkrause@hamiltondiocese.com) to get the link to our virtual Sunday school. Join us to learn more about your faith!



St. Louis Youth Group (Gr. 6 – 12) is meeting on-line twice a month on Friday nights. Contact Kelly for more information.



St. Paul reminds us that we are "created in Christ Jesus for good works". If you think God's plan for you could be to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop and Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com), 905-528-7988, or Congregation of Resurrection Vocation Director, at [crvocations@gmail.com](mailto: crvocations@gmail.com), or Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.

Anniversary Mass 2021 Registration - The Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021 has been cancelled due to Covid restrictions. Please register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years of marriage on the Diocesan website at hamiltondiocese.com on the diocesan home page. We will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass.

TAKE OUT FISH AND CHIPS ON FRIDAYS

CALL DEREK AT 226-748-8378 BY 4:30 P.M.

PICK UP TIMES: 4:30 PM TO 6:00 PM; 1 PC \$15, 2 PC \$18 - TAX INCL.

WEDNESDAY KNIGHT SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALL DINNERS

CALL MARTIN AT 519-884-2060 TO ORDER BY WEDNESDAY NOON

PICK UP TIMES: 4:30 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.

DINNER FOR ONE, \$10, DINNER FOR TWO \$18.50 - TAX INCL.

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Lent is the 40 day liturgical season of fasting, special prayer and almsgiving in preparation for Easter.

Giving alms to the poor is a witness to fraternal charity: it is also a work of justice pleasing to God.

(From Catechism of the Catholic Church # 2462)

Charitable giving is a very ancient practice; almsgiving was normative long before the time of Jesus. The Lenten call to almsgiving means making the needs of other people our own. One of the central lessons of the cross is compassion; the heavy burdens we carry help us to appreciate the suffering in others. Sharing our material goods is often just the beginning of real Christian giving. We are also called to share our time tending to people in need. *(From teachingcatholickids.com)*

Share Lent has been a tradition in Canadian parishes since 1968. It was established to embody the two pillars of social action—charity and justice—that Pope Benedict XVI described as “not only social, but also spiritual actions, accomplished in the light of the Holy Spirit”.

Each year, the campaign reaches schools, parishes, and the members of our communities across Canada. It tells the stories of our sisters and brothers in the Global South. Not stories of poverty and misery, but of incredible strength, resourcefulness and courage. Stories of people working together to change the unjust social, economic and political situations that hinder their integral human development. Development and Peace and its partners can accompany and support them in their quest for justice because thousands of Canadians like you volunteer for and donate to Share Lent every year.

This year, our campaign theme is Share Love, Share Lent. It is inspired by the message of social fraternity conveyed by our Pope in his latest encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*. Share Lent collection on March 21st is an opportunity to honour the Holy Father’s message as a global community and to find inspiration from the parable of the Good Samaritan which is at the centre of his encyclical. It is a way of doing our part so that, as the Pope hopes, “every person lives with dignity and has sufficient opportunities for his or her integral development”. Please give generously! *(From 2021 Campaign Resources, Development and Peace)*



Online lecture in a new series *Hope in the Time of COVID!* Please see sju.ca/lce for more information and links to access the lectures.

David Perrin, PhD THE COLLAPSE OF SELF-TRANSCENDENCE: COVID-19 AND MEANING-MAKING IN EVERYDAY LIFE Wed., March 17 | 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Professor David Perrin will explore the role of “self-transcendence” in our lives, how COVID-19 has impacted it, and ways to cope – and even flourish – during these challenging times.

Waterloo Catholic District School Board is currently accepting applications for the Occasional Teachers. Please visit our website for job details and application criteria: www.wcdsb.ca



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Churches are re-opened and Masses are celebrated with the faithful for up to 30% capacity.
Office is open by appointment during regular hours.
Bulletins are published on-line only.



Year of St. Joseph and Solemnity of St. Joseph

Principal Patron of Canada and of Universal Church

Pope Francis, in his Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*, decreed that from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021 a Year of St. Joseph will be celebrated by all the faithful. The aim of this proclamation is to “perpetuate the entrustment of the whole Church to the powerful patronage of the Guardian of Jesus” and for the faithful to “commit themselves, with prayer and good works, to obtain, with help of St. Joseph, comfort and relief from the serious human and social tribulations that besiege the contemporary world today.”

“With a Father’s Heart: that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as “the son of Joseph”.

Matthew and Luke, the two Evangelists who speak most of Joseph, tell us very little, yet enough for us to appreciate what sort of father he was, and the mission entrusted to him by God’s providence.” With these words Pope Francis starts his Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde*. You will find text of the letter and the decree, various prayers to St. Joseph, papal teachings and meditations on our parish website.

Prayer to Saint Joseph

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our tribulation, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;

O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence;

O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God’s Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen

Pornography: The Threat, Impact and Catholic Remedy

Pornography is one of the most important issues to understand in our world today. With the ease of its availability on the internet, it has affected people of all ages and backgrounds, whether male or female. It is violent and degrading and often involves young people who have been sex-trafficked. Join us on zoom (by internet or phone) March 25th from 7-8:30 PM and hear more about the threat and impact, how we can educate ourselves and our children to counter its negative influence and how our Catholic faith provides hope to those impacted. Presented (from the Diocese of Hamilton) by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett and Deacon Joseph Di Loreto. Registration is required but the session is free. This is an important issue which will not go away unless we provide tools for people (including parents) to end its destructive use. Consider registering to learn how more on this issue at: hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/pornography-help.

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March 7	\$ 2745.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 7.90	\$2687.31

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