

# St. Louis Catholic Church



2021

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

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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.**



**Pastoral Team:**

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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:**

**Finance Council**

Terry Collins, 519-741-1534

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information call 519-743-4101



# FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, March 22 – No Mass**

**Tuesday, March 23**

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

**Wednesday, March 24**

9:00 AM † Raymond, Patricia & Barbara Bauer – John Wyrwal

**Thursday, March 25 – The Annunciation of the Lord**

9:00 AM † Mary McNeely – John & Audrey McNeely

**Friday, March 26**

9:00 AM † Esther Colin – Annette & Frank Hulme

**7:00 PM Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday, March 27**

**Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

5:00 PM People of St. Louis Parish

**Sunday, March 28 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

9:30 AM † Raymond, Patricia & Barbara Bauer – John Wyrwal

† Peter Shepard – Annette & Frank Hulme

† Suresh Ganouri – Esther MacKinnon

11:30 AM † David Reitzel – Audrey Reitzel & Family

† Beatrice Kreiner – Audrey Reitzel & Family

† Dan Byrne – Rosemary & Shaun MacNeil

**Reflections on the First Reading:** Jeremiah 31: 31-34++:

Today's reading from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah has long served as a foundational text for biblical literature. It represents a section of prophecy based on hope and promise of restoration for Israel. Chapters 30 to 33 of Jeremiah are considered to be a book in and of themselves, the Book of Consolation. The basic theme of this section of Jeremiah's prophecy is to restore the people's faith in God's desire to make them His beloved people.

The verses immediately prior to verse 31 in chapter 31 speak of individual responsibility for sin. Instead of having to repent for the sinfulness of a former generation, God's renewed vision is that each person will be judged according to the sins they have committed. This is important precisely because it connects to God's instruction that He will place the law within individuals and write it on their hearts (v.33). This is not to say that the House of Israel is not to be cognizant of its social sin, but rather, God acknowledges here that writing this law upon stone tablets was insufficient for each member of the household to interiorize the law. Thus, the renewal of the covenant demands a greater personal appropriation of the demands of the law. God wishes to choose a people of conviction.

Not only does this prophecy demonstrate God's desire to place the law deep within the bones of His people. It suggests that He wishes to have a greater personal relationship with them. Verse 34 states that the ways of the Lords will not have to be passed on through teaching; rather, the "least of them to the greatest" will come to know the Lord. How? Through the forgiveness of their sins. God will prove Himself to be abundant in mercy. He shall "remember their sin no more." Clearly, these are verses of consolation for people returning from exile. (From the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word)

**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.**

## 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)**

## DIOCESE OF HAMILTON DECREE 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**World Youth Day** is observed on Palm Sunday since its institution in 1985 at the conclusion of the International Year of Youth by St. John Paul. "Young people must say to the world: It is good to follow Jesus! You bring us the joy of faith and tell us that we must live the faith always with a young heart." (Pope Francis).

**Let us keep the young people constantly in our prayers.**

**Sunday School & Liturgy of the Word** (ages 3-

10) – is a little different! 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](mailto: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.



Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will "lay down their lives for their friends". 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](http://hamiltondiocese.com) on the diocesan home page. We will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass.



The Feast of the Annunciation is the reason why we celebrate Christmas on Dec. 25. Christmas comes exactly nine months after the Archangel Gabriel invited the Virgin Mary to be the Mother of God, an event we commemorate on March 25. The dating of these Feast Days, although interesting, is of minor importance compared to their theological significance. It is fruitful to reflect upon the incarnation of Jesus Christ in the womb of the Virgin Mary as the antecedent to the explosion of joy, singing, gift giving, feasting, love and family unity that surrounds the birth of the Saviour. Perhaps Mary had a sort of private and internal Christmas at the moment of the Annunciation. Maybe she felt the fullness of the world's Christmas joy inside of her own heart when she realized she had been chosen to be the Mother of God.

God could have become man in any number of creative ways. He could have incarnated Himself just as Adam was incarnated in the book of Genesis, by being formed from the clay and having the divine breath blown into his nostrils. Or God could have slowly backed down to earth on a tall golden ladder as a twenty-five-year-old man, ready to walk the highways and byways of Palestine. Or maybe God could have taken flesh in an unknown way and just been found, like Moses, floating in a basket by a childless young couple from Nazareth as they enjoyed a Sunday picnic along the Jordan River.

The Second Person of the Trinity chose, however, to become human being like we all do. In the same way that He would exit the world through the door of death, as we all have to do, before His Resurrection and Ascension, He also entered the world through the door of human birth. In the words of the early Church, Christ could not redeem what He did not assume. He redeemed everything because He took on human nature in all of its breadth, depth, complexity and mystery. He was like us in all things save sin.

The incarnation of the Second Person of the Trinity was a self emptying. It was God choosing to become small. Imagine a man becoming an ant, while retaining his human mind and will. The man-turned-ant would appear to be like all the ants around him, and would participate in all of their ant activities, yet still think at a level far above them. There was no other way to do it. The man had to learn through becoming, not because insect life was superior to his own, but precisely because it was inferior. Only through descending, only through experience, could the man learn what was below him. All analogies limp, but, in a similar way, the Second Person of the Trinity retained His infused divine knowledge while reducing Himself to a man and learning man life, doing man work, and dying a man death. By such a self emptying, He dignified all human beings and opened to them the possibility of entering into His higher life in Heaven.

The Church's theological tradition speculates that one of the reasons the bad angels may have rebelled against God was envy. They may have discovered that God chose to become man, instead of the higher form of an angel. This envy would have been directed at the Virgin Mary as well, that Vessel of Honour and Ark of the Covenant who bore the divine choice. God not only became man, we must remember, but did so through a human being, one prepared from her conception to be perfect. March 25 is one of only two days of the year when we kneel at the recitation of the Creed at Mass. At the words "...by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man" all heads bow and all knees bend at the wonder of it. If the story of Christ is the greatest story ever told, today is its first page.

O Holy Virgin Mary, we ask your intercession to make us as generous as you in accepting the will of God in our lives, especially when that will is expressed in mysterious ways. May you be our example of a generous response to what God desires of us. (Excepts from mycatholic.life)



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

In the last week's Heart to Heart Bishop Douglas Crosby wrote:

**MISION ROSARIO** is an international youth-led campaign hoping to **pray one million Rosaries by Easter:** for "peace, liberty, and life", in the Americas (North and South). Mision Rosario started in Chile after two churches were burned down, and quickly spread throughout America. The intention for peace applies also to widespread political unrest and the threat of new laws promoting euthanasia and abortion here in Canada. Young people in the Diocese pray the Rosary every day on ZOOM. Add this intention to your daily Rosary and then add your Rosary at [www.misionrosario.org/us](http://www.misionrosario.org/us).



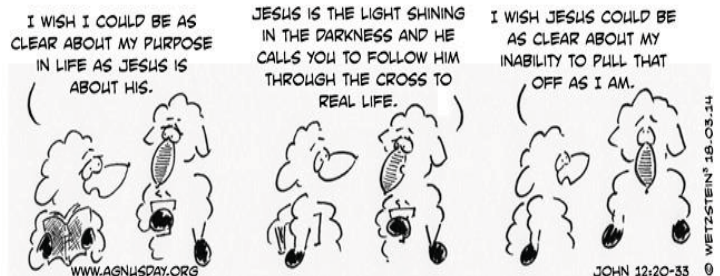
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**Pornography: The Threat, Impact and Catholic Remedy**

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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/pornography-help).

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