St. Louis Catholic Church



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 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, or Sacrament of the Sick (Annointing).

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:

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HOSTS

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - HOLY WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 29 - No Mass

Tuesday, March 30 9:00_{AM} To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church – Monday Lunch & Learn Group

Wednesday, March 31

9:00_{AM} Deceased Members of the Corrick Family – John McNeely **Thursday, April 1 – Holy Thursday**

9:00 AM For Priestly Vocations

Friday, April 2 – Good Friday

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

Saturday, April 3 – Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

8:30 PM People of St. Louis Parish

Sunday, April 4 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

9:30AM For the Congregation of the Resurrection

11:30AM For those Baptized and Received into the Church this Easter in Our Diocese



Reflections on the Gospel at the Procession with Palms: Mark 11:1-10 It is important to each of the evangelists to underscore the humility of a king who comes in power riding atop a lowly colt. In fact, the colt is

really the central character of these ten verses. Jesus gives His disciples specific instructions to find a particular colt at a designated location; the people question the disciples as to why they are untying and taking the colt; finally, the disciples place their own cloaks over it. All of this is done to draw the prophecy of Zechariah to the forefront: "Lo, you king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is He, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey' (Zechariah 9:9). The humility of this king is so great that He will not even ride upon a donkey but rather upon the offspring of a donkey.

Unlike the account of the triumphal entry in Matthew and Luke, Mark makes no mention of a vast multitude. Instead, he refers simply to "many people". Since Mark's reporting of the story is the first of the synoptic Gospels to be written, we may do well to reframe our imagination's portrayal of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem on this day. It is likely that the historical event took place without much fanfare. Moreover, because Jesus' entrance into the holy city took place simultaneously with the arrival of a throng of pilgrims to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover feast, it may very well have occurred unnoticed. It is even possible that the scene of waving palm branches and the singing of Psalm 118 with shouts of "Hosanna!" may have been part of a traditional pilgrim chant prayed by those passing through the gates of the sacred city.

Whatever the case may be, the liturgical use of this Gospel passage to accompany the pilgrim Church on its entrance into the atmosphere of Holy Week is of principal importance. These sacred days are meant to rehearse in our lives the central mystery of our faith, the Pascal Mystery of Christ's suffering, death, and Resurrection. Thus, in the week ahead, joy mingles with tragedy, and betrayal stands alongside hope. Just as the people outside Jerusalem welcomed Jesus with great anticipation of His power, so are we invited to see that ultimate power resides in humility and obedience to God's will. "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" (*From the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel*

Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday:	7:00 РМ	Mass of the Lord's Supper FULL				
Good Friday:	10:00 AM	Good Friday service 90% FULL				
	3:00 рм	Good Friday Service FULL				
Holy Saturday:	8:30 PM	Easter Vigil 90 % FULL				
Easter Sunday Masses: 9:30 AM FULL and 11:30 AM 90% FULL						
Waiting list open for Easter Sunday with a possibility of an extra Mass.						
Reservations required (30% capacity)						
Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence of meat.						

The Easter Triduum - Entering into the Pascal Mystery:

The Easter Triduum holds a special place in the liturgical year because it marks the culmination of the yearly celebration in proclaiming the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Latin word *triduum* refers to a period of three days: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Vigil. The meaning of Easter is revealed and anticipated throughout the Triduum, which brings the people of God into contact with the central events of Christ's life: the Last Supper, His trial and crucifixion, His time in the tomb, and His Resurrection from the dead.

Holy Thursday – The Lord's Supper:

The Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, which commemorates when the Eucharist was instituted at the Last Supper by Jesus. The traditional English name for this day, "Maundy Thursday", comes from the Latin phrase *Mandatum novum* – "a new command" (or mandate) – which comes from



Christ's words: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." (Jn 13:34). The Gospel reading depicts Jesus washing the feet of the disciples, an act of servitude (commonly done by slaves or servants in ancient cultures) and great humility. (*Omitted this year*).

Earlier in the week the bishop celebrates the Chrism Mass, which focuses on the ordained priesthood and the public renewal by priests of their promises to faithfully fulfill their office.

The sacrificial nature of the Eucharist is brought out in the Old Testament reading, from Exodus 12, which recounts the first Passover and God's command for the people of Israel, enslaved in Egypt, to kill a perfect lamb, eat it, and then spread its blood over the door as a sign of fidelity to the one, true God. Likewise, the reading from Paul's epistle to the Christians in Corinth (1 Cor. 11) repeats the words given by the Son of God to His apostles at the Last Supper: "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me" and "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

In this memorial of Jesus' last meal with His disciples, we are reminded of the everlasting value of that meal, the gift of the priesthood, the grave dangers of turning away from God, the necessity of the approaching Cross, and the abiding love that the Lord has for us.

Good Friday – Veneration of the Cross

This is the first full day of the Easter Triduum, a day commemorating the Passion, Cross, and death of Jesus Christ, and therefore a day of strict fasting. The liturgy is profoundly austere, and stark. The liturgy of the Lord's Passion consists of three parts: the liturgy of the Word, the veneration of the Cross, and the reception of Communion. Although



Communion is given and received, this liturgy is not a Mass; this practice dates back to the earliest years of the Church and is meant to emphasize the sombre, mournful character of the day. The Body of Christ that is received by the faithful on Good Friday was consecrated

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the prior evening at the Mass of the Lord's Supper and, in most cases, was adored until midnight or another late hour.

The liturgy of the Word begins with silence. After a prayer, there are readings from Isaiah 52 and 53 (about the suffering Servant), Psalm 31 (a great Messianic psalm), and the epistle to the Hebrews (about Christ the new and eternal high priest). Each of these readings draws out the mystery of the suffering Messiah who conquers through death and who is revealed through what seemingly destroys Him. Then the Passion from the Gospel of John (18:1-19:42) is proclaimed. In this reading the great drama of the Passion unfolds, with Jew and Gentile, male and female, and the powerful and the weak all revealed for who they are and how their choices to follow or deny Christ will affect their lives and the lives of others.

The simple, direct form of the Good Friday liturgy and readings brings the faithful face to face with the cross, the great scandal and paradox of Christianity. The cross is solemnly venerated after intercessory prayers are offered for the world and for all people. The priest takes the cross, unveils each part and sings, "This is the wood of the cross." This year the cross is venerates from a distance as we acknowledge our willingness to take up our cross and follow Christ, regardless of what trials and sufferings it might involve. Afterward, the faithful receive Communion and then depart silently.

Holy Saturday and Easter Vigil – The Mother of All Vigils:

The ancient Church celebrated Holy Saturday with strict fasting in preparation of the celebration of Easter. After sundown the Christians would hold an all-night vigil, which concluded



with baptism and Eucharist at the break of dawn. The same idea is found in the Easter Vigil today, which ranks as "the mother of all vigils". Being a vigil – a time of anticipation and preparation – it takes place at night. It consists of four general parts: the Service of Light, the Liturgy of the Word, Christian Initiation, and Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The Service of Light begins outdoors (*this year: indoors*) and in darkness. A fire is lit and blessed, and then the Paschal candle, which symbolizes the light of Christ, is lit from the fire by the priest, who proclaims: "*May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.*" The biblical themes of light removing darkness and life overcoming death suffuse the entire Vigil. The Paschal candle will be placed in the sanctuary for the Easter season, then will be kept in the baptistery so that when the sacrament of baptism is administered the candles of the baptized can be lit from it. Then the *Exultet* is sung. This is an ancient and beautiful poetic hymn of praise to God for the light of the Paschal candle. It may be as old as Saint Ambrose (d. 397) and has been part of the Roman tradition since the ninth century. *Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendour, radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes for ever!*

The Liturgy of the Word follows, consisting of up to seven readings from the Old Testament and two from the New Testament. These readings include the story of creation (Genesis 1 and 2), Abraham and Isaac (Genesis 22), the crossing of the Red Sea (Exodus 14 and 15), the prophet Isaiah proclaiming God's love (Isaiah 54 – *omitted this year*), Isaiah's exhortation to seek God (Isaiah 55), a passage from Baruch about the glory of God (Baruch 3 and 4 – *omitted this year*), a prophecy of Ezekiel (Ezekiel 36), Saint Paul on being baptized into Jesus Christ (Rom 6), and the Gospel of Luke about the empty tomb discovered on Easter morning (Luke 24:1-21).

These readings constitute an overview of salvation history and God's various interventions into time and space, beginning with Creation and concluding with the angel telling Mary Magdalene and others that Jesus is no longer dead; "You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here." Through these readings "the Lord 'beginning with Moses and all the prophets' (Lk 24.27, 44-45) meets us once again on our journey and, opening up our minds and hearts, prepares us to share in the breaking of the bread and the drinking of the cup".

From the early days of the ancient Church the Easter Vigil has been the time for adult converts to be baptized and enter the Church. After the conclusion of the Liturgy of the Word, catechumens (those who have never been baptized) and candidates (those who have been baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination) are initiated into the Church by (respectively) baptism and confirmation. The faithful are sprinkled with holy water and renew their baptismal vows. Then all adult candidates are confirmed and general intercessions are stated. The Easter Vigil concludes with the Liturgy of the Eucharist and the reception of the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of the Crucified and Risen Lord. For as Eastern Catholics sing hundreds of times during the Paschal season, "Christ is risen from the dead; by death He conquered death, and to those in the graves, He granted life!" (Excerpts from Carl E. Olson's 2006 article for Our Sunday Visitor on catholicworldreport.com).

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)* 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.

Blessed are those who come in the Name of the Lord! Blessed are they who live their lives in the Name of the Lord! If you think

Pray 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**, 905-528-7988, or Congregation of Resurrection Vocation Director, at crvocations@gmail.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.

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