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# **Sunday Masses:** Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

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**Vietnamese Community:** 

Sunday Mass: 3:00 p.m.

#### Weekday Masses during Lent:

Monday- Friday 9:00 a.m.

Rosary: Monday to Friday before 9:00 a.m. Mass

#### Welcome new members

We would like to invite you to register. Registration forms can be found in the narthex (lobby). Please call the parish if you would like your home to be blessed.

**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),

Peter DeSousa provides music for the 5 p.m. Mass (peterdesousa730@gmail.com)

#### Sunday programs for children

During the Sunday morning 9:30 am. 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

Church policy requires that the Sacraments be performed in the parish located closest to you geographically – unless you are registered and regularly attend elsewhere. At St. Louis, the sacraments of initiation are available to registered and regularly attending parishioners only.

**Baptism:** Celebrated once a month. Please contact the parish office for more information.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays 4 - 4:30 p.m., or by appointment.

**Marriage:** Please contact the parish office at least one year in advance of your date. A marriage preparation course is required.

**R.C.I.A:** 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 Sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy Communion, or Sacrament of the Sick.

**Pastoral Care to those in Hospital:** Privacy-of-Information laws prohibit the parish from obtaining information about parishioners in the hospital. A family member is asked to contact the parish whenever a parishioner is in hospital and requests a pastoral visit.

**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 or crvocations@gmail.com.



#### **Mass Intentions**

Monday, March 31

9:00 am

Tuesday, April 1

9:00 am

Wednesday, April 2

9:00 am

7:00 pm † Elizabeth MacDonald – CWL

Thursday, April 3

9:00 am Beatification of Bogdan Janski, founder of the Congregation of the Resurrection

Friday, April 4

9:00 am † Thérèse Toussaint - Claire & Richard Armitage

Saturday, April 5

Sunday liturgy - Fifth Sunday in Lent

5:00 pm † Eugene & Rita Eckensviller – Bob & Barb

Eckensviller

† Bob Ruetz - Frances Ruetz

† Michael Robson & Jeremy Kueneman – Marg &

Ken Danard

† Elenore Benninger – Marion Palzin

#### Sunday, April 6 - Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:30 am People of St. Louis

11:30 am † Elizabeth & Laird McDonald – McDonald Family

For Blessings on Kyla and Andrew as they

prepare for their marriage

#### For the Fourth Sunday in Lent:

God does not see as people see. The Pharisees of Jesus's day saw a sinner when they looked at the blind man, David's family saw only a young sheepherder where God saw a future king. The Story of David shows the power of God to raise up and to transform, to establish and to tear down. David becomes a living embodiment of one of the features of the Kingdom of God – "the last shall be first."

In the second reading today, Paul teaches us to move from "darkness" to "light". The message is clear and stark: once you were a child, but now you're an adult; once you were ignorant, but now you know; once you were without Christ, but now you have Him. And Paul's tone seems to add "So act like one! Be an adult, use your knowledge, live like a Christian." Paul admonishes to "take no part" in the "shameful" things done "secretly." Probably part of an early Christian hymn, "Sleeper, awake!" is a rousing call to action followed by the joyous promise that "Christ will shine on you."

In the Gospel, the disciples' question innocently reflects the accepted wisdom that presumed that sin was the root cause of physical hardships like blindness. Jesus's response is surprising: "he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him." There is urgency in Jesus's actions – "night is coming when no one can work". The miraculous healing process and the beggar's response point to Jesus's identity – "the Light of the World."

Slimy mud formed from Jesus' saliva brings light into the blind man's darkness. Bringing light into the darkness, was God's first act of creation along with fashioning us from the slime of the earth. Jesus didn't use

#### **Upcoming Events**

Monday, March 31

7:30 pm Reconciliation Service Church

Tuesday, April 1 — OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, April 2

6:30 pm First Communion Preparation
6:30 pm Baptismal Preparation
7:30 pm (11:30) Choir rehearsal
7:30 pm CWL meeting

Nursery
Notre Dame Hall
Church
Large Hall

Thursday, April 3

9:30 am Small Christian Community Notre Dame Hall 7:30 pm (9:30) Choir rehearsal Church

Friday, April 4

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross Church 7:30 pm Youth Group Notre Dame Hall

Saturday, April 5

6:15 pm Catholicism Video Series with Fr. Michal L. Hall

Saturday, April 5

12:30 pm Catechesis of a Good Shepherd Convent

12.00 pm Catobioolo of a Cood Chophora		
Mass	Readers E	ucharistic Ministers
Sat. Apr 5	1 Betty Gross	1 Mary Smith
5:00 pm	2 Marnie Wharnsb	y 2 Sr. A. McCarville
	C Sharon Carey	3 Marilyn Foster
Sunday Apr 6	1 Tom Bishop	1 John Klein
9:30 am	2 C. Bishop	2 Ed Ruppe
	C Frank Mensink	3 Jeff Dinner
11:30 am	1 Mac Graham	1 Rory Ferrier
	2 Aurora DiPasqua	ale 2 Natalie Ferrier
	C Paul Buttler	3 Marianne Butler

# JESUS - THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

water to form the mud. If He had used water some might say that the miraculous power that gave the man sight came from water. Jesus used His own saliva to demonstrate that the miraculous power giving sight to the man born blind came from Him and from Him alone.

The blind man's recognition of who Jesus really is came about gradually. First he told his neighbours that "the man called Jesus" made paste, put it on his eyes, and told him to go wash in the waters of Siloam. When questioned by the Pharisees who healed him the blind man said, "He is a prophet." Finally, Jesus searched him out and when He found the man he acknowledged that Jesus was the "Son of Man" and then worshipped Him, an act that one gives to God alone.

St. Louis Catholic Women's League meeting Wed. April 2nd: Mass: 7 pm – Meeting: 1. Eugenia Cussona and Donna

Eckert will discuss the deep religious and respect-for-all life convictions that permeate the work of Timothy Schmatrz, a well-known local sculptor. 2. Any new ideas for a CWL fundraiser? All members and non-members are welcomed!

We are looking for families (adults, teens or children), who would like to help out with dramatization of the Gospel for 10 am Good Friday Liturgy. The Gospel is depicted in

tableau style - as the Gospel is being read, presenters will get into a scene and hold that scene. The congregation will hear the words, and see it as well. It is a beautiful way to share the Gospel. There will be two practices, Sat, April 5, 10am - 11:30am and Sun, April 13, 12:30pm - 2pm (a hot dog lunch will be provided). Please let Kelly know at the parish office if you can volunteer.

**Talent Show hosted by St. Louis Youth Group** - Anyone (not just youth) wishing to participate in the talent show happening on Apr 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm please contact Kelly Krause in the parish office, **by Apr 7.** We need to know what you will be performing, how long your performance will

last, will you need anything from us to help you in your performance and how much set up will your performance entail. The Youth Group will need time to plan the order of events for the evening.

The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild invites everyone to attend the **Mini-Retreat & Grocery Shower** (No Meat) to be held Sat., April 5, 10:15 am – 2:00 pm at the Monastery. Mass and Rosary. Retreat Master is Rev. Ron Voisin.

Week of Guided Prayer – a retreat in the midst of daily life. Daily meetings with a prayer companion from local Christian Life Communities & daily scriptural material. Requirement: approx. ½ hr of prayer per day & meeting each day with your prayer guide. Starts on Sun April 6<sup>th</sup> with 2 pm celebration, closes Sat April 12<sup>th</sup> with 9:30 am celebration. A donation of \$10 - \$20 is suggested for photo-copying and honoraria. Info: 519-579-8008. Register by March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Prayer Vigil - Thu, Apr 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 9 to 10 am in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Any questions call Cathy at: <a href="mailto:kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com">kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com</a>

**Lenten Retreat Evening** Sponsored by St. Francis of Assisi CWL - **rescheduled** to <u>Wed Apr 9<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm</u>. Stations of the Cross 7 pm. Retreat facilitator: Fr. Charlie Fedy C.R.

Catholic Experience at St. Jerome's University — "A New Solidarity: working together for the common good" - Fri, Apr 11, 7:30 pm. Catherine Pepinster, the editor of the world-renowned Catholic Weekly, *The Tablet*, will present the Higgins Lecture on Religion and the Media entitled, "Sacred and Profane: the challenges of reporting on religion." Ms. Pepinster will bring her extensive experience covering Rome and other international events. Siegfried Hall, St. Jerome's University.

Next Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, is "Solidarity Sunday" – the day when Canadian Catholics stand beside the poor in the Global South. This is the day when we share what God has given to us with those who desperately need the basics of life – food, water, shelter. Development and Peace has demonstrated incredible success in the fight against poverty and injustice over the last 45 years. Getting ideas for development from the poor themselves, supporting them with education, loans, seeds, livestock, etc. has proven a recipe for success. The poor do not want a 'hand-out'. They just need a 'hand-up". Let's make it happen. Please give generously.

Lent is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.

> Daily Masses during Lent Monday – Friday 9 am

Stations of the Cross – Fridays at 7 pm

#### Reconciliation Services at 7:30 pm

Monday, March 31 - St. Louis Tuesday, April 1 - St. Agnes Wednesday, April 2 - St. Michael's Thursday, April 3 - Our Lady of Lourdes

Fr. Robert Barron "Catholicism" video series shown by Fr. Michal each Saturday in Lent at 6:15 pm in Large Hall.

Week of Guided Prayer – April 6 – 12

**Lighthouse Media Audio CDs - NEW** inspiring topics – Kiosk in the Narthex

"Your Questions about Catholicism" – write a question, place in a box at Lighthouse CD's Kiosk. Watch for answers in the bulletins, or during homilies.

**Share Lent** campaign: "One Human Family, Food for All" – April 6<sup>th</sup>

Catholic Chapter House Event "Put on the Amour of God – Understanding & Defending the Faith Event" with Steve Ray on Sat Apr 12<sup>th</sup> 50 Gervais Drive, Toronto For info or tickets call 1-888-522-2070 or check posters.

"Cursillo Retreat Weekend" for the Hamilton Diocese is held in Deemerton, near Mildmay. Men's weekend is: Thu evening Apr 24<sup>th</sup> to Sun evening, Apr 27<sup>th</sup>. Women's weekend is: Thu evening May 1<sup>st</sup> to Sun evening, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Great opportunity to recharge our "spiritual batteries" and refocus on Christ. Info: Wilma & Frank Malick 905-633-7639 or wfmalick@gmail.com, or Chaplain Fr. Ray Reitzel, C.R. 519-725-1445, rayreitzelcr@live.com.

The Serra Club of Hamilton 11th Annual <u>Celebration of Priesthood</u> and Religious <u>Life Dinner</u>. This year, we honour 3 Religious Priests and 6 Religious Sisters. Candidates who will be ordained to the priesthood and profess final vows this year will also be in attendance. Tue Apr 29<sup>th</sup> at

Liuna Station. Cost: \$60.00 per person. Contact Margaret Carreiro 905-628-5682 after 5:00 pm or margaretcarreiro@gmail.com for further information.

A Recent Tally By Development And Peace reports that \$11,331,833.00 was raised in the joint CCCB and CCODP campaign for the Philippines. Hamilton Diocese contributed \$751,184.00, the third-largest contributor after Toronto and Vancouver! Profound thanks to everyone who generously donated to the collection. It allows Development and Peace to assist Caritas Philippines with the recovery.

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