St. Louis Catholic Church

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Office hours: Monday - Thursday 9 - 12 and 1-4, Friday 9 - 12



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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Amoris Laetitia Family

Year 2021 - 2022

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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:

Finance Council

Terry Collins, 519-741-1534

Maintenance Committee

Bob Lorentz, 519-576-5556

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Keith & Sharon Schnarr 519-801-8687

Parish Webmaster

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Catechesis Of The Good Shepherd, **Youth Ministry**

Kelly Krause, 519-743-4101

Catholic Women's League Donna Herbstreit, 519-884-9380

donna.marie2000@icloud.com

Ministry to the Elderly & Homebound

Cecilia Beechey, 519-572-5435

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sandra Williams, 519-742-9239

Prayer Chain

Sharon Carey, 519-746-8073

St. Vincent De Paul

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





THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MASS INTENTION

Monday, March 7 – No Mass Tuesday, March 8

9:00 AM † Ann Reilly **Wednesday, March 9**

Friday, March 11

9:00 AM Intentions of the Prayer Shawl Ministry

Saturday, March 12

Vigil of The Second Sunday in Lent

5:00 PM People of St. Louis Parish

Sunday, March 13 - The Second Sunday in Lent

In Thanksgiving for Graces Received by Mama Queenie –

Boquiren Family

† Rita Mroz – The Mroz Family

Reflection on the First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

The first reading is taken from the part of the Book of Deuteronomy, known as the Deuteronomy Law Code. It begins at chapter 12 with the words "These are the statutes and ordinances that you must diligently observe in the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has given you to occupy all the days that you live on the earth," and it ends through Deut. 26:15 concluding with a recommitment to the covenant that God made with Moses and the Israelites at Sinai. It covers a wide range of topics such as the establishment of a single sanctuary in the land and the feasts and sacrifices to be associated with this place, as well as food regulations; tithing; limits on slavery; rules for the king, priests, and Prophets; penalties for infractions against others; and marriage, divorce, and adultery rules.

This section of the Deuteronomy Law Code focuses on the offering of the first fruits that God's chosen were supposed to make when they entered the Promised Land after the Exodus. It is later commemorated in the Jewish feast of *Shavuot*, also known as the Feast of Weeks, or Pentecost, which is a harvest festival and celebration of the giving of the Law at Sinai. The first fruits of the harvest typically included wheat, barley, wine, figs, pomegranates, olive oil, and dates, all harvested from the land of Israel. After handling the basket of the first fruit to the priest in charge, the Law Code prescribed that the people make a declaration of God's presence of their journey from slavery in Egypt to freedom. First fruits are evidence that they indeed arrived and dwell in the Promised Land. (From the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word.)

Sacred Heart Parish, Hamilton 100th Anniversary – June 5th, 2022 Former and present parishioners requested to send photos of memories at Sacred Heart Parish in Hamilton by email: sacred.heart@cogeco.ca. Bp. D. Crosby will celebrate Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Hamilton on Sun., June 5th at 10 AM. Brunch at Michaelangelo's to follow.

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon contact Most Rev. W. Lobsinger, Aux. Bp. & Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988, vocations@hamiltondiocese.com, or Fr. Raphael Ma, Congregation of the Resurrection Vocation Director, at crvocations@gmail.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph, St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.

Stations of the Cross on Fridays in Lent at 7 PM



Fr. Phil's recommended list of Lenten readings and reflections:

- CCCB - cccb.ca/liturgy-sacraments/resources-in-english/weekday-

lectionary/

Jesuit Creighton University (Omaha, Nebraska) –
 onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/daily.html

- Passionist Fathers passionist.org/daily-reflections
- CatholicMom.com catholicmom.com/daily-gospel
- Irish Carmelites carmelites.ie/reflections-on-daily-readings-year/

St. Louis C.W.L. is calling all of our members to a General Meeting on Wednesday March 9th beginning with Mass at 7 pm with meeting to follow in the Large Hall. We are required to hold an in-person vote regarding a wide variety of subjects, many of which may directly impact our members. We encourage all of our ladies to join us for this meeting. All current COVID-19 protocols will be adhered to and a masking policy is in effect. We look forward to seeing you at our first meeting of 2022!

Once again the CWL is inviting all parishioners to attend a workshop on the Synod. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity for the laity to voice thoughts, opinions and dreams about where Pope Francis is calling us, with the Holy Spirit, to lead our Church into the future. We will discuss the questions found on the survey and, if you are willing, you are welcome to share your thoughts and opinions. We will have two sessions: March 8th at 2:00 PM and March 10th at 6:30 PM. Both sessions will be held in the Large Hall. If you're interested, kindly let us know. All are welcome! Please reply to: Donna Herbstreit at 519-884-9380 donna.marie2000@icloud.com



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

This is your opportunity to voice your opinion on the effectiveness of communication within the League and recommend improvements.

Visit https://surveymonkey.com/r/CWLComSurvey Deadline for submission: March 21, 2022

We look forward to hearing from you.

It is a confidential survey—no identifying information will be shared.

Responses are welcome from across Canada. Feel free to share this survey with your League sisters.



Sunday school is coming back!! As long as the province continues to open up as planned, we will open up our Sunday school room for all those interested in

participating, March 6th, during the 9:30am Mass. The ages to attend are 3yrs - 6yrs of age. We begin our time together playing in the nursery, then Kelly will call all the older children to come and join her in the Sunday school room. We will talk about the liturgical calendar and how it works in the church. We learn why we are in the colour that we are in each Sunday. Then we will listen to the Gospel story and finish off with a craft that we do together that reflects some message heard in the Gospel. If there is time left over, the children will remain in the nursery and play some more until parents come down and pick them up. No registration is required, just drop in and see what we are up to. We are short one set of babysitters. Once a month the nursery and Sunday school will still need to be closed. If anyone would be interested in helping out once a month please contact Kelly at the parish office.

St. Louis Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

As we move forward from the issues of the last two years, The St. Louis Society of St. Vincent de Paul is looking at how we, too, can move forward to help our friends in need. We have been active in "hands off" ways over the last two years, but are looking cautiously at how we can be involved again, what changes are needed, and what foundations will remain.

In order to move ahead, we will need volunteers. Some of our members have moved on, are in vulnerable situations themselves, or not comfortable or able to continue to volunteer. Before we can consider any kind of opening, we will need to replenish our volunteer base. Are you able to help?

This would be a volunteer position, involving meeting with friends to distribute food hampers, stocking the pantry, conversations on the phone, and organization. All members need to be screened and have police checks. There is a great need in our community, and we hope we can start to fill that need here at our pantry once again.

Thank you for your consideration. If you are able to help us please send an email to: Debbie Delattre debbie@delattre.ca

Evenings with His Excellency, Bishop Lobsinger – Join Auxiliary Bishop, Wayne Lobsinger, for Evenings with His Excellency, an opportunity to learn more and ask questions about our Catholic Faith. You may attend online or in person at Canadian Martyrs Parish, Hamilton, on the 2nd Friday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. For more info., visit: canadianmartyrshamilton.com/upcoming/2021/9/10/evenings-with-his-excellency.

Grief Relief - Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? Are you wondering if your feelings are normal? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton will be offering an online grief program beginning in April. Find out more on the Diocesan website at hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/grief-support, or call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

Marriage Support - Is your marriage experience more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. It helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend begins March 13. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.







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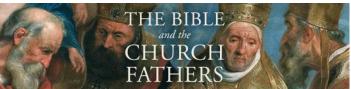
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Congratulations to the newly Confirmed members of our parish:



Ella DeSouza Claire Frayne Kaelan Coggins Thomas Heimpel Logan Murtha Bridget Gore



The Bible and the Church Fathers – video study program for Lent from St. Paul Centre for Biblical Theology. This program will be offered at our parish starting Sunday March 13th after both Masses in the Large Hall. It will consist of a 20 minute video followed by a brief discussion. Coffee/tea and refreshments will be offered. Come and check it out.



St. Catherine of Bologna (Sep. 8, 1413 - March 9, 1463) was an Italian nun and artist born as Catherine de' Vigri in Bologna, Italy.

She was the member of an aristocratic family. Catherine received a wonderful education in reading, writing, singing and drawing while being raised at the court of the Duke of Ferrara. Catherine excelled in painting, Latin and the viola.

When the Duke's daughter eventually married, she wanted Catherine to remain in her service, but Catherine, feeling a calling to the religious life, left the court and at 13-years-old, she entered the convent of Corpus Domini at Ferrara and became a Franciscan Tertiary.

In 1432, Catherine and other young women of Ferrara founded a monastery of the Order of Poor Clares. Catherine was openly willing to serve the more humble roles in the convent. She was a laundress, a baker and a caretaker for the animals.

Through her efforts with Pope Nicholas V, the Poor Clare convent at Ferrara erected an enclosure, and Catherine was appointed Superioress. The reputation of the Community for its holiness and austerity became widespread.

In 1456, Catherine returned to Bologna with her superiors and the governors there requested she found a second monastery of the same Order and be the Abbess of the convent.

Catherine continued to paint and to write beautiful spiritual guides and poetry. She wrote the Treatise on the 7 Spiritual Weapons Necessary for Spiritual Warfare. And, her painting of St. Ursula remains on display in a Venice gallery.

Throughout her life, Catherine experienced visions of both Jesus Christ and Satan, which she documented in her treatise.

During the Lenten season of 1463, Catherine became seriously ill, and on March 9th she passed away.

She was buried without a coffin and her body was exhumed eighteen days later because of many cures attributed to her at her graveside and the sweet scent coming from her grave. Her body was discovered incorrupt and remains so today.

Saint Catherine was beatified in 1524 by Pope Clement VII and canonized on May 22, 1712 by Pope Clement XI. She is the patron saint of artists, the liberal arts, against temptations and of Bologna. Her feast day is celebrated on March 9. (From catholic.org)



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