St. Louis Catholic Church

53 Allen Street East, Waterloo ON N2J 1J3 Tel: 519-743-4101 Email: stlouiswaterloo@hamiltondiocese.com Web site: www.saintlouisparish.ca 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.

Custodian

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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

Amoris Laetitia Family

Year 2021 - 2022

Maintenance Committee Bob Lorentz, 519-576-5556

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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



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MASS INTENTION

Monday, April 4 – No Mass

Tuesday, April 5 9:00 AM To Bring Our Loved Ones Home to the Church Wednesday, April 6

9:00 AM † Marg Wyman – Pat Helm 7:00 pm **CWL Mass**

Thursday, April 7

9:00 AM † Bob Ruetz – Frank Ruetz

Friday, April 8

9:00 AM + Alex McKinnon – Esther McKinnon

Saturday, April 9

Vigil of The Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:00 PM + Edna & Phyllis Ertel – Larry Ertel

- † Anne Forde & Doreen Forde Patrick & Joan Forde
- *†* Dorothy & Alvin Zmija The Family + Katie & Albert Ruetz - Ruetz Family

Sunday, April 10 – The Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:30 AM	Intentions of the Moser Family – The Family
	† Leone Malleck – Louanne Miller
	+ Rosemary Peterson – Pat McGrinder
	† Zora Andric – John & Rose Pendergast
11:30 am	People of St. Louis Parish

Reflection on the First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Our first reading comes from the second major section of the Book of Isaiah, which is addressed to the exiles of Judea, who were deported to Babylon in the sixth century BC. It was a very dark time in Israel's history. Jerusalem and the Temple had been destroyed, God's people were forced off the land, and the Davidic king was killed. In the midst of such despair, the prophet becomes God's voice of consolation and hope. Using imagery of a new Exodus, the Prophet tells the people that God will crush the Babylonians and snuff them out, as He put an end to the Egyptian pharaoh's armies when He drowned them in the sea. But this time, the Prophet announces, God will do something so wonderful and new that they will forget their first Exodus. He will make a path through the wilderness to aid their journey and provide rivers in the wilderness so that God's creatures and especially God's chosen ones will have water to drink. This God is worthy of praise because He is their redeemer and because they are precious in God's eyes.

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

Stations of the Cross on Fridays in Lent at 7 PM



The spirit of Lent is summed up in one word, repentance, which is sought by observing three traditional practices:

> almsgiving (charity), prayer and

penance (fasting).

With a more intense focus during the 40 days of Lent these practices can help us grow in holiness and remove the wounds of our sins. These Lenten practices can help to heal us and encourage our growth in Christ. (From Catholicstarherald.org)



The People and Planet First campaign (Share Lent – Solidarity Sunday is April 3) is about helping communities stand up to corporate power.

This Lent, give from the heart

This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace's People and Planet First campaign invites you to give from the heart and thanks you warmly for your generosity.

Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world.

In Cambodia, for instance, your solidarity helped our partner DPA establish a community fishery in Srey Packly's village. She said, "Thank you very much to DPA and to the donors for supporting my family and fellow villagers to have fresh and healthy fish to eat and to improve our livelihoods."

Such is the difference you can make by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at devp.org/give. Thank you for helping us build a world of justice.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE

Interdenominational Prayer Service For Peace in Ukraine - Monday, April 4th at 7 PM at St. Anthony Daniel R.C. Church in Kitchener (29 Midland Drive).



Organized by Ukrainian Greek Catholic and Ukrainian Orthodox Churches in our area. Everyone is welcome.

Five First Saturdays Devotion - Our Lady requested consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart on several occasions beginning in Fatima, Portugal in 1917. In addition, Our Lady also asked for Rosary prayers and reparations for sins against Her Immaculate Heart by observing the Five First Saturdays devotions for Peace in the world. First Saturdays in reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary include the following, performed with the intention of reparation for blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart, for at least five consecutive months:

- Confession (shortly before or after the First Saturday so long as the person receives Holy Communion in a state of grace);
- Holy Communion received on the First Saturday of each month;
- Holy Rosary, five decades recited sometime during the day; and
- meditating for 15 min. on the Mysteries of the Rosary (one or more). (For more see marian.org/13th/firstsaturday.php)

St. Louis Bells (Our bells, "St. Louis, Confessor King" and "St. Magdelena" are 115 years old!) are rung every night at 7 PM to call us to prayers wherever we are.

Heartache to Healing - St. Michael Parish Grief Support Group (St. Michael Parish, 80 University Ave. W., Waterloo) - Our 6 week grief support group will be offered this Spring. The program is designed to assist people after the death of a loved one, or a significant loss. This program follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. The sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm (April 20 to May 25). Everyone is welcome. There is no fee, but you must register by April 13th. Visit our website for more information at www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support. To register, or for more information, please contact the St. Michael parish office 519-884-9311, or email parish@stmichaelw.ca.

Prayer Vigil - Thursday, April 7, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM (Note time!) 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! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at: kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

APRIL 3, 2022



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

Synopsis of the third session:

Scripture is a story of covenants. Covenants are not contracts. Contracts are made with a promise, facilitate an exchange of goods and services, and are temporary. Covenants are sworn by an oath. They are sealed in God's name. They are permanent, affecting future generations. Covenants make families.

The story of salvation is the story of God's desire to bring mankind into His family. Following fall of Adam, God continued to gather more and more of humanity into His family through successive covenants with Noah, Abraham, Moses and David. Finally, He extended His covenant universally, in the new and everlasting covenant, made with Christ and His Church. The New Covenant of Jesus Christ fulfills and transforms all the covenants of the Old Testament and gives every person the opportunity to be a son or daughter of God.

St. Irenaeus (2nd century) called this covenantal story the divine economy (Gr. *oikonomia* from *oikos* meaning *house* and *nomos* meaning *law*), meaning divine ordering, or household law, by which God governs creation and salvation history. Irenaeus understood that New Testament always takes Old Testament as its starting point and Jesus is the key to understanding OT. Jesus, as God's Final Word, recapitulates (sums up) everything in Himself. The Scriptures in Jesus' time (OT) is a story in search of an ending, which is found in Christ. This concealing (in the OT) and revealing (in the NT) is what scholars call "typology". But typology is not just that the OT sheds light on the NT. There is typology within OT itself. The main three "types" are Creation, Exodus and the Kingdom of David. Jesus fulfills all three as He is the new Adam, the new Moses and the new King.

At the time of Jesus, Jews were eagerly awaiting a new Messiah and the Apostles' message of Good News focused on Jesus' fulfillment of those expectations. But the people did not understand the type of kingdom, which Jesus preached. Further explanations were needed. At first the message was preached orally, like at Pentecost. But it was not long before the Gospels were written down under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

St. Clement of Rome reminded the people of Corinth, "You have studied the Holy Scriptures, which are true and inspired by the Holy Spirit. You know that nothing contrary to justice or truth has been written in them". (*Excerpts from the participants' workbook*)



Sunday school is back – during the 9:30 AM Mass for ages 3 - 6 yrs. old. We begin with playing in the nursery, then Kelly calls all the older children to come to

the Sunday school room. We talk about the Liturgical calendar and learn about Liturgical seasons. We listen to the Gospel story and work on a craft that reflects some message heard in the Gospel. If there is more time, the children play some more until parents pick them up. No registration is required, just drop in and see what we are up to. <u>We need two more volunteers to provide babysiting for one Sunday of each month</u>. Until then, 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.



Our next **CWL General Meeting** will take place on Wednesday, April 6th beginning with Mass at 7pm with meeting to follow in the Large Hall. Our guest speaker will be: Donna McKay and she will be discussing STOP Human Trafficking. All members and non-members are welcome to

attend our General Meetings. Refreshments will be served. We look forward to you joining us for a spiritual, informative and enjoyable evening. See you there!

What am I racing after in my life? Fame? Fortune? A life in Jesus? What is the prize I seek at the finish-line? If God is calling you 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.

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 (next one on April 8th) from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. For more info., visit: canadianmartyrshamilton.com/upcoming/2021/9/10/evenings-with-his-excellency.

"**Domestic Church**" is a long-term formation program for engaged or sacramentally married couples seeking to grow in holiness together, and with other couples. St. Ambrose Parish in Cambrige is organizing such a program. If interested, please contact Marta & Jacek Nawrot at 519-896-8979, domestic.church.ontario@gmail.com

Lenten Quiz: Send your answers to the parish office and there might be a prize! Correct answers in the next bulletin.

- 1.How long does Lent last?
- 2.When does it start?
- 3.What great feast does it lead to?
- 4.What is its goal?
- 5.For whom does the Church pray especially during Lent?
- 6. Which day of the week is not counted in the forty days of Lent?
- 7. Which word means "to give to those in need"?
- 8. How many full meals may be eaten on a fast day?
- 9.Name fast days in Lent.

10.What must Catholics over age 14 do on Fridays during Lent?



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