

St. Louis Catholic Church

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Served by the Congregation of the Resurrection since 1890.

Office hours: Monday – Thursday 9 - 12 and 1- 4 p.m.
Summer hours (Canada Day to Labour Day): Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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.



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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.

Our music directors are: 5:00 p.m. & 9:30 a.m. - Bob Reinhart (robertreinhart182@msn.com)
11:30 a.m. - Donna McLellan (donna-ipad@hotmail.com)

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 - 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 resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com or www.resurrectionists.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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2025 – YEAR OF JUBILEE – PILGRIMS OF HOPE

MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

Monday, December 15			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym	
5:30 PM	Good Shepherd Catechesis	Nursery	
Tuesday, December 16			
9:00 AM	† Jocelyne Haroun – Martin Family		
9:30 AM	Book Club	L. Hall	
12:15 – 1 PM	Fit Club	Gym	
5:30 PM	CWL Exec	L. Hall	
Wednesday, December 17			
9:00 AM	† Thomas & Marcella Kuntz – Peter Kuntz		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym	
Thursday, December 18			
9:00 AM	† John Clifton Young – Elaine Young		
12:15 – 1 PM	Fit Club	Gym	
Friday, December 19			
9:00 AM	† Deceased Members of Estrada Family – Estrada Family		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym	
Saturday, December 20			
9 AM – NOON	SVDP Sandwich Project	Kitchen	
Vigil of Fourth Sunday of Advent			
5:00 PM	People of St. Louis Parish		
Sunday, December 21 - Fourth Sunday of Advent			
9:30 AM	† John Beechey – Beechey Family		
	† Louis Paleczny – Janice & Family		
	† Mary Smith – Heather Ivall		
	† Samran, Khamphens, Kasem & Johnny Xaysy – Xaysy Family		
10:30 AM	Coffee Time	L. Hall	
11:30 AM	† Edward & Stella Hrycyk – Caravaggio Family		
	† Frank & Marie Butler – Butler Family		
	† Rosemary Peterson – Peterson Family		
	† Grace Schmidt – Beaton Family		
5 PM	OOTC Community Supper	Gym	

Reflection on the Gospel Reading: John the Baptist has lived like a patient farmer awaiting “the precious fruit of the earth”. From the midst of the “suffering and patience” that he suffers in prison for being a prophet “who spoke in the name of the Lord”, John’s heart bears only one question: “Are you the one who is to come?” John’s longing for Christ keeps him full of hope in the midst of suffering. He lives with the expectation that he will “see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God”. And that is why Christ’s reply is so deliberately elaborate. When John hears of the miraculous benefits accorded to the blind, the lame, the leprous, the deaf, and the poor, he will know that the One he has been waiting for all his life has come: the God of mercy. The greatness of John the Baptist is his refusal to settle for anything less. (From: *Magnificat Missalette Dec. 2025*)

From All About Advent from Dynamic Catholic website:

Although Advent is supposed to be a time of deep reflection, joy, and preparation for Christmas, it can also be a time of busyness, stress, and a never ending to-do list. But prayer has a way of helping us see what matters most...and what doesn’t matter much at all. When you’re feeling overwhelmed, take a moment to pray the following Advent prayer:

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day, we who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.

The O Antiphons - We often hear the song “O Come O Come Emmanuel” throughout the Advent season. This song is based on the passages in the Book of Isaiah. There are many different names for the coming Messiah prophesied in this book. And when prayed in the days leading up to Christmas Eve, we call these the O Antiphons.

December 17 Bible Verse: *And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what His eyes see, or decide by what His ears hear.* (Isaiah 11:2-3)

Antiphon: *O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!*

December 18 Bible Verse: *But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and He shall smite the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. Righteousness shall be the girdle of His waist, and faithfulness the girdle of His loins.* (Isaiah 11:4-5)

Antiphon: *O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with Your mighty power!*

December 19 Bible Verse: *In that day the root of Jesse shall stand as an ensign to the peoples; Him shall the nations seek, and His dwellings shall be glorious.* (Isaiah 11:10)

Antiphon: *O Root of Jesse’s stem, sign of God’s love for all His people: come to save us without delay!*

December 20 Bible Verse: *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder, and His name will be called “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”* (Isaiah 9:6)

Antiphon: *O Key of David, opening the gates of God’s eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness!*

December 21 Bible Verse: *But there will be no gloom for her that was in anguish. In the former time He brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time He will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.* (Isaiah 9:1)

Antiphon: *O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.*

December 22 Bible Verse: *He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.* (Isaiah 2:4)

Antiphon: *O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!*

December 23 Bible Verse: *Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Emmanuel.* (Isaiah 7:14)

Antiphon: *O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!*

The first letters of the Latin titles, from last to first, appear to form a Latin acrostic, **Ero cras**, meaning “Tomorrow, I will be [there]”, mirroring the theme of the antiphons.

If you wish to pray the Evening Prayer this Advent – see divineoffice.org

Check the parish website main page for links to various on-line Advent reflections.

Mark Your Calendar! A Closing Mass for the Jubilee Year of Hope will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Sunday, Dec. 28th, at 3 PM. It will also be the Mass of Thanksgiving offered for Bp. Douglas Crosby, OMI, 15-years of service as Bishop of Hamilton.

DECEMBER 14, 2025 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Dramatization of the Gospel will take place again this year at the 5 PM Mass. We need children volunteers to make this happen. All are encouraged to get involved, anyone under 5 yrs of age must be accompanied by an adult. Practices will take place Dec. 14 & 21 at 12:30 PM, right after the 11:30 AM Mass. We will gather in the Large Hall and have lunch, then proceed upstairs for the practice. Please sign up with Kelly Krause through the parish office or in the nursery on Sundays. We need to know numbers for the lunch.



THANK YOU – to all who participated in Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Campaign. Your generosity provided 80 completed boxes which were delivered to Shoebox Workshop.

Mark your calendars - Decorating St. Louis Church for Christmas will take place on Monday, Dec. 22nd starting at 9 AM. We will be setting up Christmas trees, the creche, poinsettias, garlands & pew decorations.



First Communion Preparation Classes will start on Wed. Jan. 28th from 6 to 7 PM in the Nursery. If you wish your child to receive their First Communion at St. Louis Parish on May 3rd, 2026 at 9:30 AM Mass, then please contact Kelly Krause to register. (kkrause@hamiltondiocese.com)

The Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood, a community of Contemplative Sisters, have been present in the Diocese of Hamilton since 1946. In addition to their ministry of prayer, they produce altar breads for many of our Parishes (including for St. Louis). You are welcome to contact them if you are interested in exploring a vocation to the Contemplative way of life. www.pbsisters.ca

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - John the Baptist had an intuition that profound things were about to take place. In every generation there are people being born who do not know who Jesus is. Part of our vocation in life is to pray for the same intuition that John had, so that we can help others to get excited about Jesus, because He continues to have great things in store for us all. In fact, some people are called to dedicate their lives in religious communities to the continued proclamation that Jesus has and will continue to perform miracles. Miracles that change our world for the better and remind us of the joy that radiates from everyone who chooses to keep God at the centre of their lives. Fr. Toby Collins, CR; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

SOCIAL EVENTS AT ST. LOUIS PARISH COMING UP:

Jan. 3 – 6 PM – Epiphany Potluck, Carols and Games – Time to celebrate with other parishioners this festive season! Bring your family and a dish to share. We will have time for singing a few carols and playing fun group games for all ages!

Jan. 31 – 4:30 – 10 PM - Annual Potluck, Ceili Dance & Children Games – Mark your calendars. More details to come. The evening will start with Children Games and Crafts in the Nursery at 4:30 - 5:45 PM. Potluck dinner at 6 PM. Ceili Dancing from 7 to 10 PM with intermission around 8:45 PM. Once again, our fiddler will be Shane Cook, Canadian and US National Champion. Bev Bernbaum (our Caller from last year) will teach us all the dance steps. If you can follow instruction, you can dance. This is an event for all ages! The decorating theme will be "Fairy Tales". Wear a costume, if you wish! No tickets required. Free will offering to cover costs is most welcome. Watch for the posters in January.

If you are able to lend a hand in either making a few additional decorations, putting them up, setting up the gym, or with after event cleanup – please contact the parish office.

All Advent Penitential Services in KW area before Christmas

Tuesday, December 16

St. Agnes in Waterloo from 9:30 AM – 1 PM
St. Mark in Kitchener at 7 PM

Wednesday, December 17

St. Michael in Waterloo from 8 AM to 8 PM
with a break at 12:15 for Mass
St. Francis of Assisi in Kitchener at 2 PM
St. Anne in Kitchener at 6:30 PM
St. Teresa in Kitchener at 7:30 PM

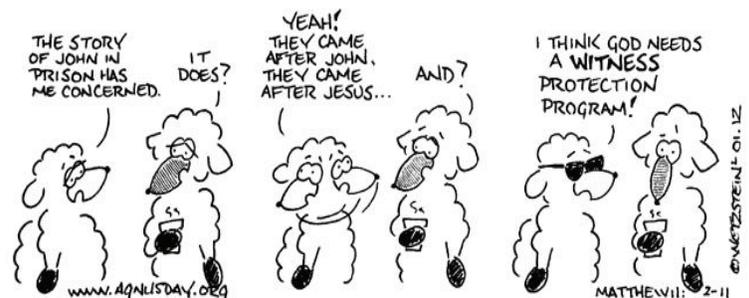
Thursday, December 18

St. Mary in Kitchener at 10:30 AM – NOON & 3:30 – 5 PM
St. Agnes in Waterloo at 1 – 5 PM
St. Anthony Daniel at 7 PM
Blessed Sacrament at 7 PM

Confessions at St. Louis on Saturdays from 4 to 4:30 PM, or by appointment.

Mass Times for Christmas Season:

Feast	Week Day	Date	Mass Times
Christmas Eve	Wed.	Dec. 24	5 PM & 8 PM
Christmas Day	Thu.	Dec. 25	9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
Boxing Day/ St. Stephen	Fri.	Dec. 26	No Mass
Eve of Holy Family	Sat.	Dec. 27	5 PM
Holy Family	Sun.	Dec. 28	9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
5 th Day of Christmas	Mon.	Dec. 29	No Mass
6 th Day of Christmas	Tue.	Dec. 30	9 AM
7 th Day of Christmas/ New Year's Eve	Wed.	Dec. 31	5 PM
Mary, Mother of God/ New Year's Day	Thu.	Jan. 1	9:30 AM ONLY
Sts. Basil & Gregory	Fri.	Jan. 2	9 AM
Eve of Epiphany	Sat.	Jan. 3	5 PM
Epiphany	Sun.	Jan. 4	9:30 AM & 11:30 AM



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