

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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Dave Pagett, 519-744-7705

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Council 5135 - 519-884-2060

OOTC Community Suppers
John Pendergast, 519-574-3384 &
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For assistance or information
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Cecilia Beechey, 519-572-5435

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MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

Monday, February 2 – Presentation of the Lord - No Mass

9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
5:30 PM	Good Shepherd Catechesis	Nursery
5:30 - 7 PM	SVDP Exec	L. Hall

Tuesday, February 3 – St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr

9:00 AM	Thanksgiving for Graces Received by Estrada Family – Estrada Family	
9:30 AM	Book Club	L. Hall
12:15 - 1 PM	Fit Club	Gym
7:00 PM	Painting with Kelly	L. Hall

Wednesday, February 4

9:00 AM	Intentions of Pope Leo XIV	
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
6 - 7 PM	First Communion Class	Nursery
7:00 PM	For Repose of the Souls of All Deceased CWL Members	
7:30 PM	CWL General Meeting	L. Hall

Thursday, February 5 - St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

9:00 AM	† Patricia Ellis – Cecilia Beechey	
12:15 - 1 PM	Fit Club	Gym

Friday, February 6 – St. Paul Miki & Companions,

Martyrs

9:00 AM	Intentions of Bernard & Doreen Mara – Elizabeth Schwarz	
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym

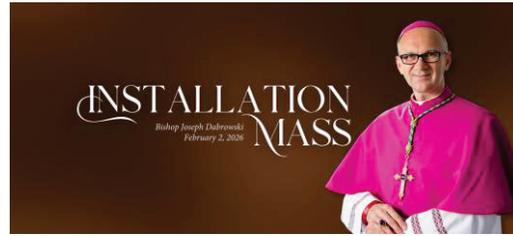
Saturday, February 7

Vigil of Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM	† Dan Hanlon – Pat & Joan Forde
	† Edna Ertel – Larry Ertel
	† Dr. Paul Horan – Shirley Clairmont
	† Carol Schneider – Ron Schneider

Sunday, February 8 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM	† Ann Reilly	
	† Phyllis Ertel – Larry Ertel	
	† Samran, Khampheng, Kasem & Johnny Xaysy – Xaysy Family	
	Intentions of Moser Family – Moser Family	
	10:30 AM Coffee Time	L. Hall
11:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish	
	12:30 AM Bible Study 14/20	L. Hall
	5 PM OOTC Community Supper	Gym



Installation of
the 10th Bishop
of Hamilton

The Installation of His Excellency, Bishop Joseph Dabrowski, as the 10th Bishop of Hamilton will take place on **Monday, February 2, at 11:00 AM** at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King** in Hamilton. This is an **invitation-only** liturgical celebration. For those unable to attend in person, the Mass will be livestreamed (link will be available on the diocesan website), allowing the wider diocesan community to participate prayerfully from home.

We invite the faithful of the Diocese to keep our new Bishop in prayer as he begins his episcopal ministry among us, asking that he be warmly welcomed and supported in this new chapter of service.

A few weeks following the Installation, Bishop Dabrowski will celebrate Mass with the diocesan community on the First Sunday of Lent.

Further details will be available on the diocesan website (hamiltondioces.com) in the coming weeks.



The Story of the Presentation of the Lord

At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany, the observance of Christ's birth, and the gala procession in honour of his Presentation in the Temple 40 days later.

Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually "unclean" for 40 days after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice—her "purification." Contact with anyone who had brushed against mystery—birth or death—excluded a person from Jewish worship. This feast emphasizes Jesus' first appearance in the Temple more than Mary's purification.

The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' birth on December 25, the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days after Christmas.

At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: Candlemas.

Reflection - In Luke's account, Jesus was welcomed in the temple by two elderly people, Simeon and the widow Anna. They embody Israel in their patient expectation; they acknowledge the infant Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah. Early references to the Roman feast dub it the feast of Saint Simeon, the old man who burst into a song of joy which the Church still sings at day's end.



Palms from last year – bring them in so they can be burned for ashes for Ash Wednesday. Boxes at the back of the church.

Corinthians by highlighting that their giftedness came from God. Yes, as humble "nobodies," the Corinthians could rightly boast in their accomplishments, for such achievements would have been works of the Lord. This message and model for life encourages us to seek and embrace humility in our own lives. (*From Workbook for Lectors*)

Reflection on the Second Reading (1 Cor. 1:26-31)

As we continue reading 1 Corinthians, we find Paul bidding his audience to consider their origins. He aims, like Zephaniah in the first reading, to call the people to seek humility. Evidently, in Paul's view the Corinthians had become prideful. The abundant graces they received from the Holy Spirit had begun to overshadow and distort the meaning of the gospel in their lives. To help them, Paul reframes their focus. Downplaying any honour and status that the Corinthians might claim, and highlighting the lowliness of Christ and the gospel, Paul reminds them that the power of the gospel was to be found not in Christ's mighty deeds – great as they were – but in His cross. Thus, for the Church at Corinth (like the Church in all places and times), embracing the gospel means lowliness and humility, not honour or status.

Accordingly, Paul directly undermines various ways of signalling elevated status: power, nobility, education, strength, and worldly honour in general. All of these, Paul reminds the Corinthians, were not something they had prior to receiving the gospel. They were nobodies, according to worldly standards, and that status proved significant in the spread of the gospel. God chose "nobodies" to demonstrate that their accomplishments were divinely wrought. In this way, Paul humbles the

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Mark your calendars:
Vacation Bible School Camp
 will be during the week of
July 20 – 24, 2026.



Welcome to 2026 ladies! Our first General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 4th beginning with Mass at 7pm with a meeting to follow in the Large Hall. Not a member? January is a great time to give yourself the gift of becoming a CWL member! Come and see what we are about and make some new friends. All ladies 16 and over are invited to our monthly General Meetings regardless of membership. In lieu of a guest speaker this month, we will have a brief introduction of our new executive and extended time for socializing. We look forward to seeing YOU!



First Communion Preparation Classes will start on Wed. Feb. 24th 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 Serra Club is glad to resume meetings at St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo on the second Thursday of the month. Join us at St. Agnes for a Holy Hour, Rosary and Benediction at 6 PM and Mass at 7 PM. There will be a brief meeting and fellowship in the parish hall after the Mass. Serrans are lay Catholics – men and women of all ages and from all walks of life, all dedicated to promote and foster vocations. Serra International (“Serra”) is formally recognized by the Holy See as the only global lay apostolate for vocations in the Catholic Church.

Masses for 2026 are February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 19, October 8, November 12, December 10, 2026.

Join us for the Rosary on ZOOM every Monday at 7 PM. Address: 891 4699 8295, Pass Code GvsW9U

New members are welcome! Contact ma_zister@hotmail.com.

Pro-Life Prayer Vigil - Thursday, February 5th from 10 – 11 AM opposite 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: cmlamers@rogers.com



Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - We rarely get a glimpse of the whole path ahead of us, but we can always see the choices that are in front of us. And by reflecting on whether the choices we are making are resulting in the Beatitudes being more or less present in our lives – we can have a good indicator if we are on the right path, if we are pursuing our vocation. Fr. Raphael Ma, CR; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

Free Pre-Arrangement Information Seminar hosted by Erb & Good Family Funeral Home.

This informative session will explore how pre-planning funeral arrangements can help families make thoughtful, informed decisions while easing the emotional and practical burden on loved ones.

A lawyer will also be in attendance to discuss Estate and Executor responsibilities and to provide an opportunity for questions and discussion. Date: Wednesday, February 4, 2026

Session #1: from 2 to 3:30 PM and session # 2 from 6 to 7:30 PM.

Location: Erb & Good Family Funeral Home, 171 King St. S., Waterloo
 RSVP: Call 519-745-2195 or email contact@erbgood.com to reserve your spot.

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass - Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2026? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 31, 2026 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at hamiltondiocese.com, or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Young Adults Night - Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30 - 7:30 PM), social with food (7:30 - 8 PM), praise night with vocations testimony (8- 9 PM), and Compline (9 PM) on Saturday, February 7th at the St. Michael’s Church, Waterloo ON. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>. For more information, contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

The Catholic Land Movement (CLM) is forming a local chapter in the Kitchener–Waterloo area. The CLM is a lay initiative that supports Catholics who feel drawn to Christ-centered rural living, rooted in the Church’s social teaching. All are invited to the Chapter Kickoff on Saturday, February 7th, from 10 AM – 1 PM at St. Mary’s Parish in Linwood, preceded by First Saturday Rosary and Mass at 9 AM. The event will include an introduction to the Catholic Land Movement, a keynote talk by Fr. Brendan McGrath, and a potluck lunch. For more information or to RSVP, contact Feisal Borjas at 416-303-7659 or clmkitchener@gmail.com.

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 and the Catholic Women’s League is hosting a **SPAGHETTI DINNER** on **Friday, February 13, 2026** at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. There will be continuous seating until 7 PM. Take-out will be 4:30 – 5 PM. Please bring your own take-out bag as we are trying to save the environment. Cost is \$16.00 for Adults, \$10.00 for Children (6-12), and Free for Children (5 & Under). Purchase your tickets by calling Rick Weishar at 519-577-5928 or the Parish Office at 519-669-3387 between 9 AM and 1 PM (Tuesday to Friday). Proceeds will be going to reupholstering the hall chairs.



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 select “Online to a Parish” & then “St. Louis Waterloo”.

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