



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.



Pastoral Team:

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Custodian
Doug Lichty

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)

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 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:

Finance Council
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For food hamper or more
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2025 – YEAR OF JUBILEE – PILGRIMS OF HOPE

MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

Monday, Feb. 17 – No Mass – Family Day – Office closed			
	9 – 11:30 AM	Pickle Ball	Gym
Tuesday, February 18			
9:00 AM	Intentions of Leanne Krause – Krause Family		
	9:30 AM	Book Group - “Jesus & the Jubilee”	L. Hall
	6:30 AM	CWL Exec Meeting	L. Hall
Wednesday, February 19			
9:00 AM	† Barbara & Zygmunt Adamski – Malton Family		
	9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
	7 PM	VBS Organizational Mtg	Nursery
Thursday, February 20			
9:00 AM	† Mary Smith – Cecilia Beechey		
	6 – 7 PM	First Communion Preparation	Nursery
Friday, February 21 – St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church			
9:00 AM	† Mary Smith – Claire & Richard Armitage		
	9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
Saturday, February 22 – Chair of St. Peter the Apostle			
	9 AM – 3 PM	Handcrafting drop in	L. Hall
Vigil of The 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time			
5:00 PM	† Patricia Forde, Ellen Forde, Teresa Forde – Pat & Joan Forde		
	† Mary & Geraldine Smith – Pat & Joan Forde		
	† Edna Ertel – Larry Ertel		
Sunday, February 23 – The 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time			
9:30 AM	† Mary Smith – Marilyn Foster		
	† James Hanley – Cecilia Beechey		
	10:30 AM	Coffee Time	L. Hall
11:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish		
	12:30 AM	Bible Study – Lunch & Book of Revelation 4/11	L. Hall
	4:30 PM	OOTC Community Supper	Gym

Reflection on the First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

In what, or in whom, should we place our trust? This question has often been answered by an appeal to the two ways, exemplified in today’s responsorial psalm (Psalm 1). Today’s readings clearly argue for placing one’s trust in God and God’s way.

The poetic oracles of Jeremiah, the second of the three major prophets, are set against the backdrop of the threat and later assault against Jerusalem, its inhabitants, and its rulers. In the end, Jerusalem and its Temple were destroyed in 587 BC and its people and royal family taken into exile in Babylon.

Reflecting the wisdom tradition, Jeremiah’s prophetic oracle describes two ways of life and their consequences. One way is the path of the cursed person, who places his trust in human beings. When we consider the historical context of this trust in mere flesh, Jeremiah points to Jerusalem’s reliance on military strength and armaments, as well as economic and diplomatic experience. The fate of those who walk this path is barrenness and emptiness. While the shrub may have the appearance of life, it will ultimately perish because it lacks the required nourishment, roots, and water for survival. In contrast, the blessed one who trusts in the Lord follows the opposite path. Steering clear of reliance on doubtful and fickle human resources, the blessed one finds power and strength in the Lord and His covenant of justice. Thus one’s ultimate end – death or life – is determined by the object of one’s trust. Sadly, Jerusalem, its people, and its leaders walked the path of the cursed and paid the price.

(From Workbook for Lectors)

ANTIQUA ET NOVA - Note on the Relationship Between Artificial Intelligence and Human Intelligence - Jan. 28, 2025 (Short excerpts)

AI and Our Relationship with God

104. Technology offers remarkable tools to oversee and develop the world’s resources. However, in some cases, humanity is increasingly ceding control of these resources to machines. Within some circles of scientists and futurists, there is optimism about the potential of artificial general intelligence (AGI), a hypothetical form of AI that would match or surpass human intelligence and bring about unimaginable advancements. Some even speculate that AGI could achieve superhuman capabilities. At the same time, as society drifts away from a connection with the transcendent, some are tempted to turn to AI in search of meaning or fulfillment—longings that can only be truly satisfied in communion with God.

105. However, the presumption of substituting God for an artifact of human making is idolatry, a practice Scripture explicitly warns against (e.g., Ex. 20:4; 32:1-5; 34:17). Moreover, AI may prove even more seductive than traditional idols for, unlike idols that “have mouths but do not speak; eyes, but do not see; ears, but do not hear” (Ps. 115:5-6), AI can “speak,” or at least gives the illusion of doing so (cf. Rev. 13:15). Yet, it is vital to remember that AI is but a pale reflection of humanity—it is crafted by human minds, trained on human-generated material, responsive to human input, and sustained through human labor. AI cannot possess many of the capabilities specific to human life, and it is also fallible. By turning to AI as a perceived “Other” greater than itself, with which to share existence and responsibilities, humanity risks creating a substitute for God. However, it is not AI that is ultimately deified and worshipped, but humanity itself—which, in this way, becomes enslaved to its own work.

106. While AI has the potential to serve humanity and contribute to the common good, it remains a creation of human hands, bearing “the imprint of human art and ingenuity” (Acts 17:29). It must never be ascribed undue worth. As the Book of Wisdom affirms: “For a man made them, and one whose spirit is borrowed formed them; for no man can form a god which is like himself. He is mortal, and what he makes with lawless hands is dead, for he is better than the objects he worships since he has life, but they never have” (Wis. 15:16-17).

115. In a world marked by AI, we need the grace of the Holy Spirit, who “enables us to look at things with God’s eyes, to see connections, situations, events and to uncover their real meaning.”

116. Since a “person’s perfection is measured not by the information or knowledge they possess, but by the depth of their charity,” how we incorporate AI “to include the least of our brothers and sisters, the vulnerable, and those most in need, will be the true measure of our humanity.” The “wisdom of the heart” can illuminate and guide the human-centered use of this technology to help promote the common good, care for our “common home,” advance the search for the truth, foster integral human development, favor human solidarity and fraternity, and lead humanity to its ultimate goal: happiness and full communion with God.

The Supreme Pontiff, Francis, at the Audience on 14 January 2025 to the undersigned Prefects and Secretaries of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Dicastery for Culture and Education, granted and approved this Note and ordered its publication on 28 January 2025, (the Liturgical Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church).

*Prefects: Victor Manuel Card. Fernández & José Card. Tolentino de Mendonça
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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 16, 2025



VBS Camp – July 14-18, 2025. If you helped in the past, or are interested in helping this year, we are in need of volunteers. We are looking for adults and teens to help run the camp. To get more information please come to our first meeting – **New Snow Date: Wed., Feb. 19th at 7PM in the Nursery.** We will discuss the theme, whether we can run a full day, or a half day camp, and who is comfortable doing what roles within the camp. Any young adults or teens thinking about helping out, I really need you to come to this meeting. We have many roles for you and I need to know I have enough help to make the camp a great success.



Our next **CWL General Meeting** will take place on **Wednesday, February 26th** beginning with Mass at 7 PM. We are having our March meeting early in order to not interfere with Ash Wednesday. We will be having some fun and holding a scarf and bracelet exchange. Our very own Marlene Hergott will give us a tutorial on creative techniques for wearing scarves. We ask you to dig in your closets and bring some scarves and bracelets you would like to part with to our meeting. Patti Pagett will also continue to have gift cards for sale from Vista VIP which can be used for your everyday purchases and popular restaurants. We look forward to welcoming you!

Fish And Chips! Friday February 21st at 5:30 PM at Knights of Columbus in Waterloo - A table will be reserved for St. Louis parishioners. A great opportunity to get to know others in our Church. Interested? Great! Let me know by Wednesday, February 19th! Donna @ 519-884-9380 or donna.marie2000@icloud.com

All are invited to attend a **Senior Information Fair** on **Saturday, April 5, 2025, drop-in from 1 to 4 PM** at St. Louis Gym, 77 Willow St., Waterloo (a barrier-free environment). This is a great opportunity to meet over 30 professionals from many areas impacting seniors' lives to ask questions about what is available. Admission and refreshments are free. Sponsored by St. Louis Ministry to the Elderly and St. Louis Catholic Women's League. For information contact StLouisSeniorFair2025@gmail.com or Cecilia, 519-572-5435

ALPHA 2025 at St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Dr., Kit. **Thursdays, Feb. 20 to May 1, 6:30 to 9:15 PM.** Alpha is an 11-week program that brings adults together for conversations about life, faith and Jesus. It's an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting. We start each session with a delicious home-made meal. After dinner, we watch a video and then break into small groups for discussion. All are welcome! For more info. or to sign up, contact Ron Denomme at stmarkalpha@gmail.com or 226-748-3210.

Next St. Agnes Education Cafe: In ancient times, leprosy was a frightening disease that kept people distanced & feeling "outcast" from their community. Today we ask: who are the marginalized among us? From homeless encampments, bullying, rising mental health cases & more, many today feel outcast & unloved. We are always called to love the sick, poor & suffering - even when it is easier to look the other way. When we show love, we are Christ's merciful hands reaching out to heal. Sunday March 2nd 2-3:30 PM with guest Fr. Toby Collins, Pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Kitchener, Founder "Tiny Home Takeout". www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass – Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2025? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 1, 2025** 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 they require assistance). Registration: at hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming Events.

The Feb 8th Potluck, Ceili & Games evening was a very successful event in spite of the substantial snowfall.



to all who came and participated,
to all who wore a costume,
to all who contributed to the potluck,
to organizers and facilitators of the
children's games,

to all those who made decorations, and
to those who decorated and set up Gym, Large Hall and Nursery,
to those who cleaned-up and tidied,
to Medieval Singers for entertainment during the mid-dance
break and finally
to Shane and Mika for the music and
to Bev for calling the dances.

Stay tuned for the next year's date and theme.



Handicraft from Holy Land Christians

On the weekend of February 22-23, hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by families in Bethlehem will be available for purchase after every Mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted. www.HolylandChristians.ca



Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - ...one saying gave me hope during that early period of my discernment: "God wants what's best for us, and so God will only call you to where God knows you will be happiest." God calls all of us to beatitude, to blessedness, to happiness – that's not tied to any one particular thing or things we think will make us happy, because happiness, blessedness, and beatitude can be found even in the most unexpected places. Fr. Raphael Ma, CR; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

New availability in Catholic Retirement Home - Seniors are welcome to tour Marian Residence near Shantz Hill in Cambridge. This is a wonderful option for clean and comfortable living in a quiet residential area. Three homemade meals are served each day in a friendly atmosphere. Residents are welcome to participate in the rosary and daily Mass in the chapel. Marian Residence is home to many Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate, who live onsite and operate this special place with supportive and qualified staff. Please email info@marianresidence.ca or call 519-653-0363 to arrange a tour.

The Gift of Living in the Divine Will - Many people around the world are finding renewed hope, peace and happiness in applying this Gift in their daily lives. Are you interested in learning more about this Gift, and the writings of Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta? Do you want to know how people are implementing this Gift in their daily lives? If so, we invite you to email Patrick Morgan or Shirley Gatchene at: childrencalledtothedivinewill@execulink.com.



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