

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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MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

Monday, February 23 – No Mass			
	9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
	5:30 PM	Good Shepherd Catechesis	Nursery
	7:30 PM	Bible Study (15/20)	L. Hall
Tuesday, February 24			
9:00 AM	† Doreen Gallagher – A.M. Webster		
	9:30 AM	Book Club	L. Hall
	12:15 - 1 PM	Fit Club	Gym
	1:00 AM	Prayer Shawl Meeting	L. Hall
	7:00 PM	Painting with Kelly	L. Hall
Wednesday, February 25			
9:00 AM	† Marjorie MacDonald – Paul & Catherine Motz		
	9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
	Morning	OOTC Cake Baking	L. Hall
	6 PM	First Communion Prep.	Nursery
Thursday, February 26			
9:00 AM	Intentions of Nancy Simmons – Noronha Family		
	12:15 - 1 PM	Fit Club	Gym
Friday, February 27			
9:00 AM	† John Swaigen – Webster Family		
	9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross – led by SVDP		
Saturday, February 28			
Vigil of Second Sunday in Lent			
5:00 PM	† Patricia Forde, Nell Forde & Teresa Forde – Pat & Joan Forde		
	† Arlene MacPherson – Webster Family		
	† Sean Henningar – Webster Family		
	† Gisele Migneault – Janet & Grant Ertel		
Sunday, March 1 – Second Sunday in Lent			
9:30 AM	† Vi Horton – Webster Family		
	† Kay Gravelle – Jackie Anstett		
	† Lloyd Cassel – John & Sharon Carey		
	† Brian Kurlicki – Linda & Robert Wanka		
	10:30 AM	Coffee Time	L. Hall
11:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish		
	12:30 PM	Lunch & Bible Study (16/20)	L. Hall
	5 PM	OOTC Community Supper	Gym

Reflection on the First Reading (Genesis 2:7-9, 16-18, 25, 3:1-7)

If Lent is a time to turn away from sin and turn back to God, it begs the question: Where does sin come from, and how does it fit into the divine plan? The readings on this First Sunday of Lent explore the origins of sin and death and contrast the power of sin with the mightier power of obedience to God.

The Book of Genesis describes the origins of things, especially in Genesis 1-11, which is known as the primeval narrative. Like other nations, Israel had a version of how things came to be. But Israel's narrative gave pride of place to its most unique insight: ethical monotheism. In contrast to the surrounding nations, Israel attributed the fullness of power and creation to its God alone. Equally striking is Israel's teaching that the source of evil is not some primordial force, but rather that evil flows from the moral decision of human beings. Both lessons are eloquently told in Genesis 2-3.

Today's reading from Genesis contains two parts of a larger story. The first part provides the story's context and emphasizes God's creative power. In a playful use of Hebrew language, God forms the "man-earth being" (*adam*) out of the ground/earth (*adamah*). Thus, we discover that "Adam" is not a proper name but rather a description of his origins. Though Adam is formed from the "dust of the ground," he is

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Lenten Prayers - Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent – On Friday, February 27th at 7 PM (till 7:30 PM), the Stations of the Cross will be led by St. Louis Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society Members. All are welcome.

Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2026 - Saturday, March 14th at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. If you would like to attend, or for more information regarding tickets and travel arrangements, please call Kelly Krause at the parish office.

also unique among God's creation in that God blows the breath of life into his nostrils. The story's context is further developed when God plants a garden of trees that are lovely and provide nourishment. Set in the middle are two trees of note: the tree of life (which provides eternal life to those who eat from it) and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. In abbreviated form are the intervening verses of Genesis 2:10-25 that include God's prohibition to Adam not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, as well as the story of the creation of the woman (*ishah* in Hebrew), drawn from man (*ish* in Hebrew).

The second part of today's reading explains how sin enters into the garden. It features the serpent, the woman, and the man. Although the serpent was both revered and feared in the ancient world, Genesis demotes it to being one of God's creatures, but a most crafty one. Its shrewdness is especially evident as it interacts with the woman, who had not yet been created when God prohibited Adam from eating from the tree. The serpent lures her into conversation, contradicts God's command, portrays God as selfishly unreasonable, and promotes the benefits of the forbidden fruit. In the end, the serpent's argument prevails. The woman eats the fruit, and Adam, who is with her, joins her. In a striking wordplay, the serpent's craftiness (*'arum* in Hebrew) has led to their first realization – their nakedness (*erumim* in Hebrew). So, what is this knowledge of good and evil? Genesis implies that the man and woman were convinced that they were capable of making decisions for themselves, apart from God's command. And the consequences of this ethical choice became immediately and painfully obvious (*From Workbook for Lectors*)



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

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



Dear Ladies, our next CWL General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 4th beginning with Mass at 7 PM. Our guest speakers will be Donna MacKay and Cathy Horgan from Saint Vincent De Paul and they will discuss the work SVDP does in our community and how our organizations can work together. Our evenings always include time for socializing, so why not come out and meet other like-minded women?! All ladies 16 years of age and older are welcome. See you there!



The Annual Joint Waterloo CWL Lenten Retreat is taking place on Saturday, March 7th from 9 AM to 12:30 PM at St. Agnes Church (75 Bluevale St. North, Waterloo). The guest speaker will be Deacon Richard Olson and he will present "Listening in the Wilderness of Lent". If you have any questions about this event, please call St. Agnes: 519-885-4480. Come and meet your League sisters from across Waterloo!



Mark your calendar: Simple Supper will be on Friday, March 20th from 5 PM (prior to 7 PM Stations of the Cross led by St. Louis CWL Members)

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: under Upcoming Events at hamiltondiocese.com, or call Family Ministry Office 905-528-7988X 2249.

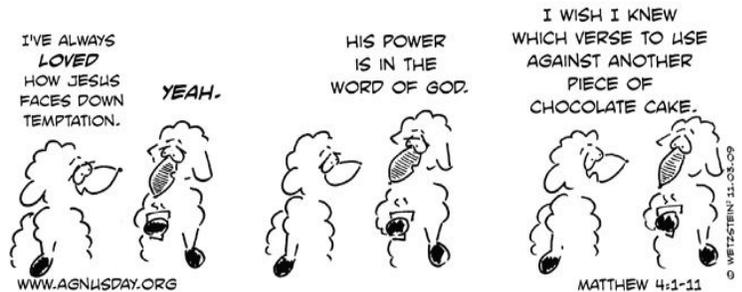
Young Adults Night - Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and music for Lent in support of you as you discern your vocation and as we prepare to celebrate Easter. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30 PM - 7:30 PM), social with food, vocations testimony, Lenten music concert, and Compline (9 PM) on Saturday, March 7th at St. Ann Church (120 Sherman Ave. N., Hamilton). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/ For info., contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

The Reel Justice Film Festival brings you an insightful exploration of the dangers of book banning and the loss of intellectual freedom with a screening of *The Librarians* on Feb. 26, 7 – 9 PM. The film is told through the personal experiences of librarians under siege as they fight for democracy alongside everyday people who join their ranks in defense of books. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events at: hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/. A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

ReStart: Moving Forward – Have you experienced a divorce or separation? Are you looking to learn ways to cope, for support from others and to gain a feeling of moving forward? Our 10-week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal or simply learn more. The sessions will run Tuesdays from Feb. 17 – April 21 from 7-9 PM and are held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in Hamilton in person. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration online can be found by going to hamiltondiocese.com and looking for the date under Upcoming Events, or by contacting Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

Enhancing Self-Esteem - This program provides the opportunity to increase awareness of yourself and to learn specific skills for building a positive self-esteem. It can help you to feel stronger in all areas of your life. Issues covered during the course include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings, positive ways to behave assertively and setting realistic goals for your future. The program will run Tuesdays from Feb. 17 – April 21 from 7-9 pm and are held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. Registration online can be found by going to hamiltondiocese.com and looking for the date under Upcoming Events, or by contacting Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

Spring Book Club: "On Love of The Poor" - The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invite you to join us for a four-week virtual book club, exploring Pope Leo XIV's first Apostolic Exhortation, "On Love of the Poor." Aligned with our Lenten journey, this series will explore the key themes and messages of our Holy Father's message on love and solidarity with those who experience marginalization. Registration can be made here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>



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Date	Sunday	Maint.	Diocesan	Loose	PAD
Feb.15	2268.40	1440.00	140.00	434.00	2464.31

Pope Leo XIV to declared year 2026 as Year of St. Francis of Assisi to mark 800th anniversary of his death

Excerpt from Catholic Online (catholic.org) about St. Frances' life:

In 1182, Pietro Bernardone returned from a trip to France to find out his wife had given birth to a son. Far from being excited or apologetic because he'd been gone, Pietro was furious because she'd had his new son baptized Giovanni after John the Baptist. The last thing Pietro wanted in his son was a man of God -- he wanted a man of business, a cloth merchant like he was, and he especially wanted a son who would reflect his infatuation with France. So he renamed his son Francesco -- which is the equivalent of calling him Frenchman.

Francis enjoyed a very rich easy life growing up because of his father's wealth and the permissiveness of the times. From the beginning everyone -- and I mean everyone -- loved Francis. He was constantly happy, charming, and a born leader. If he was picky, people excused him. If he was ill, people took care of him. If he was so much of a dreamer he did poorly in school, no one minded. In many ways he was too easy to like for his own good. No one tried to control him or teach him.

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