



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 9 – No Mass

9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
5:30 PM	Good Shepherd Catech.	Nursery
7:30 PM	Bible study(14/20)	L. Hall

Tuesday, February 10 – St. Scholastica, Virgin

9:00 AM	† Deceased Members of 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 11

9:00 AM	† Gord Maisey - Elizabeth	
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
6 - 7 PM	First Communion Class	Nursery

Thursday, February 12

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

Friday, February 13

9:00 AM	† Carolyn Steinbach – Webster Family	
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym

Saturday, Feb. 14 – Sts. Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop

Vigil of Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM	† Al Enns – Giselle Potvin-Enns	
	† Gabe Miller – Marie, Cathy & Doug Miller	
	† Jack Horan – Shirley Clairmont	
	† Leo Tesolin – Janet & Grant Ertel	

Sunday, February 15 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish	
10:30 AM	Coffee Time	L. Hall
11:30 AM	† Frank & Marie Butler – Butler Family	
	† James Gorrell – Rosemary & Shaun MacNeil	
	† Daniel Burne – Rosemary & Shaun MacNeil	
	† Loyd Cassel – St. Louis SVDP	
5 PM	OOTC Community Supper	Gym

Saint Scholastica (c. 480 – February 10, 542)

Twins often share the same interests and ideas with an equal intensity. Therefore, it is no surprise that Scholastica and her twin brother, Benedict, established religious communities within a few miles from each other.



Born in 480 of wealthy parents, Saint Scholastica and Benedict were brought up together until he left central Italy for Rome to continue his studies.

Little is known of Scholastica's early life. She founded a religious community for women near Monte Cassino at Plombariola, five miles from where her brother governed a monastery. The twins visited each other once a year in a farmhouse because Scholastica was not permitted inside the monastery. They spent these times discussing spiritual matters.

According to the *Dialogues of St. Gregory the Great*, the brother and sister spent their last day together in prayer and conversation. Scholastica sensed her death was close at hand and she begged Benedict to stay with her until the next day.

He refused her request because he did not want to spend a night outside the monastery, thus breaking his own Rule. Scholastica asked God to let her brother remain and a severe thunderstorm broke out, preventing Benedict and his monks from returning to the abbey. Benedict cried out, "God forgive you, Sister. What have you done?" Saint Scholastica replied, "I asked a favor of you and you refused. I asked it of God and he granted it."

Brother and sister parted the next morning after their long discussion. Three days later, Benedict was praying in his monastery and saw the soul of his sister rising heavenward in the form of a white dove. Benedict then announced the death of his sister to the monks and later buried her in the tomb he had prepared for himself.

Reflection: Saint Scholastica and Benedict gave themselves totally to God and gave top priority to deepening their friendship with Him through prayer. They sacrificed some of the opportunities they would have had to be together as brother and sister in order better to fulfill their vocation to the religious life. In coming closer to Christ, however, they found they were also closer to each other. In joining a religious community, they did not forget or forsake their family but rather found more brothers and sisters. Patron Saint of: Cloistered Nuns
(From franciscanmedia.org)

Saints Cyril and Methodius

(Cyril: c. 827 – Feb. 14, 869, Methodius: c. 815 – April 6, 884)

Because their father was an officer in a part of Greece inhabited by many Slavs, these two Greek brothers ultimately became missionaries, teachers, and patrons of the Slavic peoples.

After a brilliant course of studies, Cyril (called Constantine until he became a monk shortly before his death) refused the governorship of a district such as his brother had accepted among the Slavic-speaking population. Cyril withdrew to a monastery where his brother Methodius had become a monk after some years in a governmental post.

A decisive change in their lives occurred when the Duke of Moravia asked the Eastern Emperor Michael for political independence from German rule and ecclesiastical autonomy (having their own clergy and liturgy). Cyril and Methodius undertook the missionary task.

Cyril's first work was to invent an alphabet, still used in some Eastern liturgies. His followers probably formed the Cyrillic alphabet. Together they translated the Gospels, the psalter, Paul's letters and the liturgical books into Slavonic, and composed a Slavonic liturgy, highly irregular then.

That and their free use of the vernacular in preaching led to opposition from the German clergy. The bishop refused to consecrate Slavic bishops and priests, and Cyril was forced to appeal to Rome. On

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

In 1 Corinthians, Paul highlights the cross of Jesus as the mode of "education" that he experienced while at Corinth. The picture he gives stands in stark contrast to his earlier life. Paul came from a major education centre for stoic philosophy (Tarsus) and was well-educated in pharisaic Judaism under the great rabbi Gamaliel (Acts 22:3). Despite his learned heritage and training, Paul's time at Corinth found him prioritizing neither sophisticated rhetoric characteristic of first century philosophy nor wisdom lauded in the Judaism of his day. Instead, his object of knowledge – his "teacher" – became "Jesus Christ, and him crucified."

It was the same crucified Christ that Paul sought to make known to the Corinthians. That is, Paul regarded his time at Corinth as a new "course of Study" in which he sought to internalize and show forth the abject humiliation of the Lord. As one who was likely well-trained in human learning and wisdom before arriving at Corinth, Paul did not demonstrate the Spirit's power through compelling, well-formed arguments, good as that might have been and capable as he probably was. Rather, weakness and fear characterized Paul's mode of existence while at Corinth.

In this way, the picture we get of Paul's ministry at Corinth was one marked by meekness and lowliness, traits characteristic of the crucified Jesus. He had to depend on the Spirit's power, not his own ability. Thus, Paul's experience at Corinth made him a model Christian disciple since he was made more Christlike and consciously willing to embrace the lowliness characteristic of Christ's cross. (From *Workbook for Lectors*)

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

the visit to Rome, he and Methodius had the joy of seeing their new liturgy approved by Pope Adrian II. Cyril, long an invalid, died in Rome 50 days after taking the monastic habit.

Methodius continued mission work for 16 more years. He was papal legate for all the Slavic peoples, consecrated a bishop and then given an ancient see (now in the Czech Republic). When much of their former territory was removed from their jurisdiction, the Bavarian bishops retaliated with a violent storm of accusation against Methodius. As a result, Emperor Louis the German exiled Methodius for three years. Pope John VIII secured his release.

Because the Frankish clergy, still smarting, continued their accusations, Methodius had to go to Rome to defend himself against charges of heresy and uphold his use of the Slavonic liturgy. He was again vindicated.

Legend has it that in a feverish period of activity, Methodius translated the whole Bible into Slavonic in eight months. He died on Tuesday of Holy Week, surrounded by his disciples, in his cathedral church.

Opposition continued after his death, and the work of the brothers in Moravia was brought to an end and their disciples scattered. But the expulsions had the beneficial effect of spreading the spiritual, liturgical, and cultural work of the brothers to Bulgaria, Bohemia and southern Poland. Patrons of Moravia, and specially venerated by Catholic Czechs, Slovaks, Croatians, Orthodox Serbians and Bulgarians, Saints Cyril and Methodius are eminently fitted to guard the long-desired unity of East and West. In 1980, Pope John Paul II named them additional co-patrons of Europe. (From franciscanmedia.org)



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

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 Feb. 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug. 13, Sep. 19, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10. 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.



Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - A lamp is lit to be placed on a stand, not hidden under a bushel basket. Often, the early signs of a vocation to religious life feel fragile, and we are tempted to hide them out of fear of what others might think. But if God has lit the flame of this vocation in your heart, He intends it to shine. Are you willing to let that call be seen? Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, CR; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2026

Saturday, March 14th at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. For information regarding tickets and travel arrangements, please call Kelly Krause at the parish office.



Donations on-line:

Via diocesan website:

hamiltondiocese.com/ways-to-give
select “Online to a Parish” & then “St. Louis Waterloo”.
Via Canada Helps canadahelps.org/en/
(search for “St. Louis Waterloo” or use this QR code)

Happy Family Day long weekend.
The office will be closed on Monday, February 16th.



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

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.

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 and the Catholic Women's League is hosting a **SPAGHETTI DINNER** on **Friday, Feb. 13, 2026** at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. There will be continuous seating until 7 PM. Take-out: 4:30 – 5 PM. Bring your own take-out bag! Cost is \$16 for adults, \$10 for children (6-12), and free for young children 5 & under. Purchase tickets by calling Rick Weishar at 519-577-5928 or the Parish Office at 519-669-3387 between 9 AM & 1 PM (Tuesday to Friday). Proceeds: to reupholstering the hall chairs.

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.

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