

# St. Louis Catholic Church

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**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. 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:

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# 2025 – YEAR OF JUBILEE – PILGRIMS OF HOPE

## MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

<b>Monday, February 10 – St. Scholastica, Virgin, No Mass</b>			
9 – 11:30 AM	Pickle Ball	Gym	
5:30– 6:45 PM	Good Shepherd Catechesis	Nursery	
<b>Tuesday, February 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes</b>			
9:00 AM	† Daphne Coelho – Noronha Family		
9:30 AM	Book Group	L. Hall	
7:00 AM	Painting with Kelly	L. Hall	
<b>Wednesday, February 12</b>			
9:00 AM	For Deceased Members of Estrada Family –Estrada Family		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym	
7:00 PM	SVDP Meeting	L. Hall	
<b>Thursday, February 13</b>			
9:00 AM	† Eugene & Beatrice August – Krause Family		
6 – 7 PM	First Communion Preparation	Nursery	
<b>Friday, February 14 – St. Cyril, Monk &amp; St. Methodius, Bishop</b>			
9:00 AM	In Thanksgiving for Graces Received by Estrada Family – Estrada Family		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym	
<b>Saturday, February 15</b>			
9 AM – NOON	SVDP Sandwich Project	Kitchen	
<b>Vigil of The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>			
5:00 PM	People of St. Louis Parish		
<b>Sunday, February 16 – The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>			
9:30 AM	† Judy Schnarr – Janet & Grant Ertel		
	† Moe Webster – Family		
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10:30 AM	Coffee Time	L. Hall	
11:30 AM	† Jocelyn Haroun – Martin Family		
	† Tim Montserin – John & Sharon Carey		
	† Peter Cote – Don & Lorraine Prior		
4:30 PM	OOTC Community Supper	Gym	

### Reflection on the First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Throughout salvation history, God has used various messengers to communicate His words to His people. But what qualifies an individual to take up such a role? While widely diverse in their qualifications, the messengers in today's readings share a common quality: a humbling realization of their own sinfulness in the presence of true holiness.

The Book of Isaiah is filled with the prophetic utterances of Isaiah of Jerusalem, whose prophetic call forms the heart of this first reading. Beginning his prophetic career around 742 BC – “the year that King Uzziah died” – Isaiah prophesied for forty years. A central feature of Isaiah's prophecies is his complementary description of the Lord as a regal figure who dominates in solemn majesty and as a parent who shows the enduring and comforting gentleness of a nursemaid.

It is the awe-inspiring majesty of the Lord that shapes Isaiah's account of his vocational call. First is the overwhelming scene of the heavenly throne room, dominated by a lofty throne occupied by the fullness of the Lord, even as attendants (seraphs) hover in flight and a divine choir sings of God's complete otherness and proclaim God's governance over the entire earth. It is amazing that only “the pivots on the thresholds shook”! In the second scene, when the novice Prophet is confronted with such divine fullness and holiness, he becomes frightfully aware of his unclean state. He who had earlier castigated his fellow Jews, calling them a “sinful nation, people laden with iniquity”, must now admit that he is one with them in their uncleanness. Even more, he is in mortal danger, for he, an unclean man, has seen the great King, and it can only end in doom and destruction. In the next



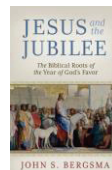
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**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 – Wednesday, February 12th 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.

**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](mailto:stmarkalpha@gmail.com) or 226-748-3210.

You are invited to a nine week **Christian Life Program** sponsored by *Couples for Christ* and its Family ministries at St. John's RC Church hall, 85 Strange St. Kit. Thursdays Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> to April 3<sup>rd</sup> inclusive. Dinner 6 PM, program 7 PM to 9 PM. Opened to Christian married couples, single women and men, widows and widowers and those separated or divorced. At the same time we offer a Children's program for those 12 years and under. There is no fee. Be enriched by talks on topics: *God's Love, Repentance and Faith, Transformation in Christ*. To register or more info. contact Len or Marie Solomon at 519 744 5198.

**Book Group** meets on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM (after the morning Mass at 9 AM) in the Large Hall. Meetings run for an hour. On February 4<sup>th</sup> we just started a new book by John Bergsma “*Jesus and the Jubilee – The Biblical Roots of the Year of God's Favor*”. In this book John Bergsma gets to the roots of the jubilee, showing how this practice was established in order to preserve freedom, family, and the fullness of God's blessing for the ancient Israelites. Discover how the jubilee is the very center of Jesus's mission and how we can fully participate in this ongoing “year of favour.” Jubilee means joy—a joy that's not fleeting, a joy that lasts. We read the book together at the meetings and discuss what we read. No homework. Come when you can. Refreshments provided.



**The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** – Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 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 you require assistance). Registration is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com).

scene, the Lord clearly has a remedy for one who realized his unworthy state. One of the divinely attending seraphs flies to Isaiah with a live coal and touches his mouth, thus removing his guilt and sin and qualifying him to stand in the divine presence without being destroyed. The fourth and final scene ends with the reminder that God uses emissaries to accomplish His work on earth. Isaiah, his wickedness having been removed offers to be sent. (*From Workbook for Lectors*)



## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 9, 2025

### Message of His Holiness Pope Francis XXXIII World Day of The Sick

Dear brothers and sisters,

We are celebrating the 33<sup>rd</sup> World Day of the Sick in the Jubilee Year 2025, in which the Church invites us to become “pilgrims of hope”. The Word of God accompanies us and offers us, in the words of Saint Paul, an encouraging message: “Hope does not disappoint” (Rom 5:5); indeed, it strengthens us in times of trial.

These are comforting words, but they can also prove perplexing, especially for those who are suffering. How can we be strong, for example, when our bodies are prey to severe, debilitating illnesses that require costly treatment that we may not be able to afford? How can we show strength when, in addition to our own sufferings, we see those of our loved ones who support us yet feel powerless to help us? In these situations, we sense our need for a strength greater than our own. We realize that we need God’s help, His grace, His Providence, and the strength that is the gift of His Spirit.

Let us reflect on how God remains close to those who are suffering in three particular ways: through encounter, gift and sharing.

1. Encounter. When Jesus sent the seventy-two disciples out on mission (Lk 10:1-9), he told them to proclaim to the sick: “The kingdom of God has come near to you”. He asks them, in other words, to help the sick to see their infirmity, however painful and incomprehensible it may be, as an opportunity to encounter the Lord. In times of illness, we sense our human frailty on the physical, psychological and spiritual levels. Yet we also experience the closeness and compassion of God, who, in Jesus, shared in our human suffering. God does not abandon us and often amazes us by granting us a strength that we never expected, and would never have found on our own.

Sickness, then, becomes an occasion for a transformative encounter, the discovery of a solid rock to which we can hold fast amid the tempests of life, an experience that, even at great cost, makes us all the stronger because it teaches us that we are not alone. Suffering always brings with it a mysterious promise of salvation, for it makes us experience the closeness and reality of God’s consoling presence...

2. This brings us to the second way that God is close to the suffering: as gift. More than anything else, suffering makes us aware that hope comes from the Lord. It is thus, first and foremost, a gift to be received and cultivated, by remaining “faithful to the faithfulness of God”.

Indeed, only in Christ’s resurrection does our own life and destiny find its place within the infinite horizon of eternity. In Jesus’ paschal mystery alone do we attain the certainty that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God” (Rom 8:38-39). This “great hope” is the source of all those small glimmers of light that help us to see our way through the trials and obstacles of life. The risen Lord goes so far as to walk beside us as our companion on the way, even as He did with the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Like them, we can share with Him our anxieties, concerns and disappointments, and listen to His Word, which enlightens us and warms our hearts. Like them too, we can recognize Him present in the breaking of the bread and thus, even in the present, sense that “greater reality” which, by drawing near to us, restores our courage and confidence.

3. We now come to God’s third way of being close to us: through sharing. Places of suffering are frequently also places of sharing and mutual enrichment. How often, at the bedside of the sick, do we learn to hope! How often, by our closeness to those who suffer, do we learn to have faith! How often, when we care for those in need, do we discover love! We realize that we are “angels” of hope and messengers of God for one another, all of us together: whether patients, physicians, nurses, family members, friends, priests, men and women religious, no matter

where we are, whether in the family or in clinics, nursing homes, hospitals or medical centres.

We need to learn how to appreciate the beauty and significance of these grace-filled encounters. We need to learn how to cherish the gentle smile of a nurse, the gratitude and trust of a patient, the caring face of a doctor or volunteer, or the anxious and expectant look of a spouse, a child, a grandchild or a dear friend. All these are rays of light to be treasured; even amid the dark night of adversity, they give us strength, while at the same time teaching us the deeper meaning of life, in love and closeness.

Dear brothers and sisters who are ill or who care for the suffering, in this Jubilee you play an especially important part. Your journey together is a sign for everyone: “a hymn to human dignity, a song of hope”. Its strains are heard far beyond the rooms and beds of health facilities, and serve to elicit in charity “the choral participation of society as a whole” in a harmony that is at times difficult to achieve, but for that very reason is so comforting and powerful, capable of bringing light and warmth wherever they are most needed.

The whole Church thanks you for this! I do as well, and I remember you always in my prayers. I entrust you to Our Lady, Health of the Sick, in the words that so many of our brothers and sisters have addressed to her in their hour of need:

*We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God.  
Do not despise our petitions in our necessities,  
but deliver us always from all dangers,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

I bless you, along with your families and loved ones, and I ask you, please, not to forget to pray for me. *FRANCIS*  
Rome, Saint John Lateran, 14 January 2025 (*Excerpts from Vatican.va*)

**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](mailto: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](mailto:childrencalledtothedivinewill@execulink.com).

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