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St Louis Catholic Church



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

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MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS



St. Agnes (d. c. 258) - Almost nothing is known of this saint except that she was very young—12 or 13—when she was martyred in the last half of the third century. Various modes of death have been suggested — beheading, burning, strangling.

Legend has it that Agnes was a beautiful girl whom many young men wanted to marry. Among those she refused, one reported her to the authorities for being a Christian. She was arrested and confined to a house of prostitution. The legend continues that a man who looked upon her lustfully lost his sight and had it restored by her prayer. Agnes was condemned, executed, and buried near Rome in a catacomb that eventually was named after her. The daughter of Constantine built a basilica in her honor.

Reflection: Like that of Maria Goretti in the 20th century, the martyrdom of a virginal young girl made a deep impression on a society enslaved to a materialistic outlook. Also like Agatha, who died in similar circumstances, Agnes is a symbol that holiness does not depend on length of years, experience, or human effort. It is a gift God offers to all. Saint Agnes is the Patron Saint of: Girls and Girl Scouts. (From franciscanmedia.org)

Saint Francis de Sales (Aug. 21, 1567 – Dec. 28, 1622) was destined by his father to be a lawyer so that the young man could eventually take his elder's place as a senator from the province of Savoy in France. For this reason Francis was sent to Padua to study law. After receiving his doctorate, he returned home and, in due time, told his parents he wished to enter the priesthood.

His father strongly opposed Francis in this, and only after much patient persuasiveness did his father finally consent. Francis was ordained and elected provost of the Diocese of Geneva, then a center for the Calvinists. He set out to convert them, especially in the district of Chablais. By preaching and distributing the little pamphlets he wrote to explain true Catholic doctrine, he had remarkable success.

At 35, he became bishop of Geneva. While administering his diocese he continued to preach, hear confessions, and catechize the children. His gentle character was a great asset in winning souls. He practiced his own axiom, "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar."

Besides his two well-known books, the *Introduction to the Devout Life* and *A Treatise on the Love of God*, he wrote many pamphlets and carried on a vast correspondence. For his writings, he has been named patron of the Catholic Press. His writings, filled with his characteristic gentle spirit, are addressed to lay people. He wants to make them understand that they too are called to be saints.

As he wrote in *The Introduction to the Devout Life*: "It is an error, or rather a heresy, to say devotion is incompatible with the life of a soldier, a tradesman, a prince, or a married woman.... It has happened that many have lost perfection in the desert who had preserved it in the world."

In spite of his busy life, he had time to collaborate with another saint, Jane Frances de Chantal, in establishing the Sisters of the Visitation. These women were to practice the virtues exemplified in Mary's visit to Elizabeth: humility, piety, and mutual charity. They at first engaged to a limited degree in works of mercy for the sick and poor. Today some communities run schools, others live a contemplative life.

Saint Francis de Sales took seriously the words of Christ, "Learn of me for I am meek and humble of heart." As he said himself, it took him 20 years to conquer his quick temper, but no one ever suspected he had such a problem, so overflowing with good nature and kindness was his usual manner of acting. His perennial meekness and sunny disposition won for him the title of "Gentleman Saint." He is the Patron Saint of: Authors, Deafness, Journalists and Writers. (From franciscanmedia.org)

Monday, January 19 – No Mass			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
5:30 PM	Good Shepherd Catechesis	Nursery	
7:30 PM	Bible Study – Acts – 12/20		L. Hall
Tuesday, January 20			
9:00 AM	† Jerry Brienza – Marie, Cathy & Doug Miller		
9:30 AM	Book Club		L. Hall
12:15 - 1 PM	Fit Club		Gym
6:30 PM	CWL Exec		L. Hall
Wednesday, January 21 – St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr			
9:00 AM	† Mike Box – Cecilia Beechey		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
Thursday, January 22			
9:00 AM	† Leo Tesolin – Larry Ertel		
12:15 - 1 PM	Fit Club		Gym
Friday, January 23			
9:00 AM	Intentions of Malton Family – Malton Family		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
Saturday, January 24 – St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor			
Vigil of Third Sunday in Ordinary Time			
5:00 PM	† Joe Novak – Family		
	† Jack Horan – Shirley Clairmont		
	Intentions of Linda Resch – Pat McGrinder		
	Intentions of Giselle & Bobby Lorentz on their 1 st Anniversary – Elizabeth Schwarz		
Sunday, January 25 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time			
9:30 AM	† Richard Blackwell – Malton Family		
	† Barbara & Zygmunt Adamski – Malton Family		
	† Brian Krulicki – John & Sharon Carey		
10:30 AM	Coffee Time		L. Hall
11:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish		
12:30 PM	Lunch & Bible Study – Acts – 13/20		L. Hall
5 PM	OOTC Community Supper		Gym

Reflection on the Second Reading (1 Cor. 1:1-3)

As we begin a reading of First Letter to the Corinthians, we can note that this letter is uniquely relevant. Addressed to a very gifted group of Christians in Corinth, the letter aims to foster their unity by highlighting their common bond with Christ and with Christians everywhere.

Corinth, to put it mildly, was a compromising setting for local Christians. Situated on the road between mainland Greece and the Peloponnese peninsula, Corinth was a trade hub. Its adjacent port cities (Lechaean and Cenchræe) also connected it with trade on the Adriatic and Aegean seas. Through this first-century hub passed significant material wealth, cutting-edge ideas, and new spiritual practices. As a cosmopolitan city, Corinth was also hub for decadence and debauchery.

Today's passage opens the letter with Paul and Sosthenes noting their roles as apostle and brother, respectively. Then, as if raising a mirror to the Corinthians, it summarizes the Corinthians' identity. For Paul and Sosthenes, the Corinthians are fundamentally a gathering brought about by God. At the time, the term "church" (*ekklesia* in Greek) could refer to any gathering of people, such as merchants or labourers in clubs. Reminding the Corinthians that they are God-assembled highlights that the community's origin, union, and abundant blessings come from God, not themselves. Similarly, the Corinthians' sanctity (a point of pride for them) comes from life "in Christ Jesus," not their deeds, wealth, or status. With God highlighted as their origin and source of blessing, the Corinthians are then reminded of their call to respond to such grace with holy lives and awareness of their bond to all who call on Jesus as Lord. (From *Workbook for Lectors*)

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



First Communion Preparation Classes will start on Wed. Jan. 28th 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 Federation of North-American Explorers (FNE) is an international association of the Catholic Church for youth and young adults that builds its members into saints through an adventurous outdoors program. **Timberwolf FNE program (ages 8-12) is coming to KW area.** The registration is now open. The first meeting is on **Friday, January 30 @ 6:30 PM** in St. Paul Catholic Elementary School, 45 Birchcliff Ave, Kitchener. The link to registration is: <https://sites.google.com/view/fne-kwc/timberwolf-program>.

Thomas Toast – January 28th - The Communio Circle of the Diocese of Hamilton invites you to our annual Thomas Toast event on Saturday, January 31st at St. Anthony Daniel Church, 29 Midland Dr, Kitchener, ON. Coffee will be available when the doors of the hall open at 9:30 AM. At 10 AM we will gather for Daytime Prayer and a talk by Dr. Peter Erb entitled: *"Newman, Aquinas, and Pryzwara Revisited"* followed by a toast to Thomas and a social until 12 PM. For more information visit: communiohamiltondiocese.org, or contact Father Mark Morley: mmorley@communiohamiltondiocese.org, or Deacon Charles Fernandes: 519-923-0454.



Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - Jesus had a particular vocation to be the Word made flesh and by His "yes" to this calling, so much healing, forgiveness and direction was given to literally billions of people since His conception. I wonder if we realize the significance of our "yes" to God? How many lives does God want to change through the commitments and sacrifices we might make? And how much goes unchanged because of the times when we might say "no." May we always be attentive to God's Word calling forth our gifts. And for the sake of ourselves and the world may our answer be more often a resounding "yes." Fr. Toby Collins, CR, resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

SOCIAL EVENTS AT ST. LOUIS PARISH COMING UP:



Saturday, January 31 from 4:30 to 10 PM Annual Midwinter Potluck, Ceili Dance & Children Games with Fairy Tales Theme – Mark your calendars!

The evening will start with Children Games and Crafts in the Nursery from 4:30 to 5:45 PM. Potluck dinner at 6 PM in the Gym. Ceili Dancing from 7 to 10 PM with intermission and entertainment by Fairy Singers around 8:45 PM. Once again, our fiddler will be Shane Cook, Canadian and US National Champion. Bev Bernbaum (our Caller from last year) will teach us all the dance steps. If you can follow instructions, you can dance. If dancing is not your thing, come and listen to the music and socialize. This is an event for all ages! The decorating theme will be "Fairy Tales". Wear a costume, if you wish for more fun! See posters with more information. Invite friends and family.

Help needed with decorating (Because of the on-going use of the gym, the decorating will take place in the evenings and in stages.)

Thu., Jan. 29 from 9 PM for about an hour – installing wall decorations.
Fri., Jan. 30 from 9 PM for about an hour – installing above head décor.
Sat., Jan. 31 from 11:45 AM for about an hour - Set up of tables etc.

Also... Handy with a hot glue gun, or scissors? Call Anna at the parish office.

Bible Study of the Book of Acts - Sundays at 12:30 PM (with lunch), or on Mondays at 7:30 PM (with refreshments). We keep both sessions in parallel, so you can come when it suits you better. So far, we covered 11 of the 20 sessions and studied the first twelve chapters of this book. It is still possible to join the study groups for the remainder of the Book of Acts. Link to the detailed schedule is on our parish website main page.

Book Club just completed our Fall book "How to Share Your Faith with Anyone" by Terry Barber. The participants found it very beneficial to their own faith journey and very informative about how to share it with others. In January, the **Book Club will start a new book**, one that the members selected in winter of 2020 and never got to read it together. It is "**Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary – Unveiling the Mother of the Messiah**" by **Dr. Brant Pitre**. Here is what the author writes in introduction to this book: "As I hope to show, far from being "unbiblical," Catholic doctrines about Mary are deeply rooted in Scripture – if you interpret the New Testament in light of the Old Testament. Keep looking at the New Testament by itself, and you'll never see them. Start looking at Mary through ancient Jewish eyes, and all will become clear."

The way book club works: the book is read aloud for part of the time, and then discussed. No homework. Come when you can. Tuesday mornings from 9:30 AM for about an hour.

The books have arrived and they are \$13 each. We have a few extras, if you would like to read it on your own. Contact parish office.

New Year's resolution to become more fit? St. Louis clubs can help:

St. Louis Fit Club –Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:15 – 1 PM at St. Louis Gym. Low-impact, mobility-oriented workout delivered by certified trainer and Globe and Mail fitness columnist Paul Landini. Free (donations accepted). Bring indoor shoes & exercise mat, if you have one.

St. Louis Pickle Ball Club – Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 AM till Noon. Bring your own indoor shoes. Paddles, balls and nets provided. Free will donation. Drop in. First come, first play.



NO GREATER LOVE

Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2026 - theme is "No Greater Love." Date is March 14th. Where? Metro-Toronto Convention Center. There is an all-day youth and adult rally that takes place simultaneously in different parts of the convention center. Please don't delay in your decision to go, we would like to order tickets and take advantage of the early bird pricing. Adult tickets are \$35, youth are \$25. Transportation to the event will be on a bus. If Kelly has numbers early enough, we will be joining another parish in sharing the bus. If you would like to join Kelly Krause for this event, adult or youth, please contact her at the parish office before February 1st.

Christian Life Program - Sponsored by *Couples for Christ*. Please join us at St Francis Church Hall (49 Blueridge Ave., Kit.) Thursdays, Jan. 29th to Mar. 26th inclusive. Be enriched by such talks as: *God's Love, Who is Jesus Christ?* and *Transformation In Christ*. Open to Christian married couples, Singles, Widows, Widowers and those separated or divorced. Dinner at 6 PM. Program: 7 to 9 PM. Child care provided for children ages 12 years and under. No fee. Contact: Ave/ Maricar Bagnes 226-978-9933 or 416-564-2239 or Len/Marie Solomon 519-744-5198.

Date	Sunday	N.Y.	Initial	Loose	PAD
Jan. 11	3343.25	270.00	475.00	374.50	2415.61



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