



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. 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

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

2025 – Year of Jubilee – Pilgrims of Hope.

What Catholics Should Know About Ordinary Time by Donna Frasier (excerpts from *Catechist.com*)

If you think of the liturgical calendar as the “circle of life”, the mystery of Christ unfolds. The significance and beauty of how Christ calls us to live our lives through Him comes to light.

Green is the liturgical color of Ordinary Time that we find on priestly vestments and in our church decor. It is the color of life and hope.

Ordinary Time is divided into two time periods. Following the Baptism of our Lord is the first period, which continues until Ash Wednesday. Pentecost Sunday starts the second period of Ordinary Time, the longest liturgical season, as it continues until the Advent season begins again.

Ordinary Time is anything but ordinary. This is a time of conversion, maturation, and quiet growth. It comprises the longest time on the liturgical calendar when the faithful consider the fullness of Jesus’ teachings and miracles while on this earth. One symbol often found in Ordinary Time is comprised of two fish and a basket of bread — symbolizing Jesus’ “Loaves and the Fishes” miracle. (Mt 14: 13-21.)

The second season of Ordinary Time follows the celebration of Pentecost; the gift of the Holy Spirit moves us to do God’s work. The Spirit does for us and the Church what Jesus did for His disciples — He left them with His love, fire, and Spirit to share with the world. Trinity Sunday is celebrated the first Sunday after Pentecost. The Holy Trinity, gives us fullness in Christ — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The next Sunday is Corpus Christi, which commemorates the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith and many parishes celebrate Eucharistic processions or Holy Hours at this time.

The final Sunday in Ordinary Time is the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, traditionally called the feast of Christ the King. We reverence our Lord as the King of all — and pray that all on earth may praise Him now — as we look forward to living with Him eternally in heaven forever.

There is a wonderful harmony between the mystery of Christ and the celebration of the Saints. Ordinary Time is a great time to explore the lives of the saints on their feast days. As we follow the saints feast days and share their stories with our children, we can find significance in their lives that can be related to our own.

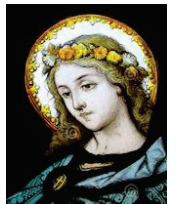
Saint Agnes’ Story (d. c. 258 AD)

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 honour.

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)



Monday, January 20 – No Mass			
9 – 11:30 AM	Pickle Ball	Gym	
5:30 – 6:45 PM	Good Shepherd Catechesis	Nursery	
7:30 – 9 PM	Bible Study – Book of Revelation 1/11	L. Hall	
Tuesday, January 21 – St. Agnes, Virgin, Martyr			
9:00 AM	† Barbara & Zygmunt Adamski – Malton Family		
9:30 AM	Book Group	L. Hall	
6:30 AM	CWL Exec Meeting	L. Hall	
Wednesday, January 22			
9:00 AM	† Rose Marie Gross – Cecilia Beechey		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym	
Thursday, January 23			
9:00 AM	† Eugene & Beatrice August – Krause Family		
Friday, January 24 – St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor			
9:00 AM	† Tony Yolkowski – Cecilia Beechey		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym	
Saturday, January 25– Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle			
Vigil of 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time			
5:00 PM	† Jack Horan – Miller Family		
	† Robert Halpin Sr., Robert Halpin, Liam Halpin – Pat & Joan Forde		
	† Michael Twomey – Pat & Joan Forde		
Sunday, January 26 – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time			
9:30 AM	† Don Miller – Ruetz Family		
	† Tony Yolkowski – Malton Family		
	† Ellie Howe – Mary Paparazzi		
	† Gregory Sloan – Mary Paparazzi		
10:30 AM	Coffee Time	L. Hall	
11:30 AM	People of St. Louis Church		
12:30 PM	Bible Study – Book of Revelation 2/11	L. Hall	
4:30 PM	OOTC Community Supper	Gym	

Reflection on the First Reading: Isaiah 62: 1-5

Few images embody the fullness, abundance, newness, and joy of the messianic age like a wedding and its celebrations. Weddings celebrate the beginning of new and fruitful relationships, full of promise and goodness. The first reading and the Gospel use this imagery to describe the action of God through Zion and then through Christ, respectively.

The final chapters of Isaiah (56-66), place Isaiah’s focus on the Lord’s sovereignty with emphasis on God’s new initiative regarding Jerusalem (Zion). Today’s reading comprises the first five verses of a poem that highlights this new initiative, which is described as God’s marriage to Zion, even as it recalls the depths of Zion’s wretchedness. The poem affirms several key features of the relationship between God and Zion. First, this renewed relationship gives Zion new identity and a new chance for life. Second, Zion’s previous exilic status as desolate and forsaken is over. And finally, there is nothing secret about God’s delight in Zion. God declares that the very nations that oppressed Jerusalem will witness Zion’s vindication. Her oppressors will see these reversals and know that Zion is now a crown of beauty, a royal diadem, the Lord’s delight, and His virgin bride. (From *Workbook for Lectors*)

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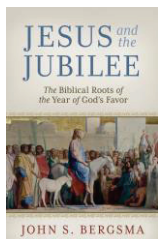
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First Communion Preparation Classes - If you have a child in gr. 2 and would like them to receive the Sacrament of First Communion here at St. Louis parish, classes will begin Thursday, January 30th, 6 PM - 7 PM. The First Communion will take place on Sunday, May 4th at 9:30 AM. Please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office to register.

Coming up - Bible Study: The Book of Revelation

with Jeff Cavins. 11 part DVD course running concurrently on Sundays at 12:30 PM (lunch included), or on Mondays at 7:30 PM (with refreshments). This study program shows how the kingdom established by Christ in His Church is intimately connected with the Kingdom of Heaven. Jeff Cavins pulls back the veil on the rich symbolism present in Revelation. Discover what the mysterious figures and images of Revelation mean and see how Revelation is more than an apocalyptic vision of the "end times." Course is free. Handouts provided. If you wish to have your own workbook (\$38) please contact the office. **Start: Jan.19/20 in the Large Hall.** Full schedule on saintlouisparish.ca



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. We will conclude our current book this week and on January 28th are starting 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.

ALPHA 2025 at St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener Thursday evenings, 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 to ask questions, share thoughts and explore answers. All are welcome! For more information or to sign up, please contact Ron Denomme at stmarkalpha@gmail.com or 226-748-3210.

St. Agnes Parish Education Café - Families today can be faced with many challenges: mental health, addiction, division, financial stress & beyond. Even the strongest of families can suffer under the pressure. How can we draw on our faith to persevere with unshakeable hope despite the struggles? Join us for the next **St. Agnes Education Café: "Our Families: Signs of Hope amid the Challenges"** with Teresa Hartnett, Director, Family Ministry, Diocese of Hamilton. Sun., January 26th 2 - 3:30 PM, St. Agnes Parish (75 Bluevale St N, Waterloo).

Prayer Vigil on Tue. Jan 28th from 5 to 6 PM in front of Kitchener City Hall (200 King St. W. Kitchener) to promote sanctity of life from conception to natural death on the anniversary (Jan. 28th, 1988) of striking down by the Supreme Court of Canada all legal abortion restrictions from conception until birth. For more information call 519-746-5433 or email: jane@kwrtl.ca.

Reel Justice Film Festival: We start the lineup on January 23th with the film *She Rises Up*, a revealing look at the power of women's economic participation. The film follows radically different women from Sri Lanka, Peru, and Senegal who are working to build businesses, create job opportunities for women, and contribute to the reduction of poverty in their communities. Film Director, Maureen Castle Tusty and Executive Producer James Tusty will join us as guest speakers. In 2008, they founded Sky Films Inc. to produce documentary films that inform, uplift, and inspire.

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - ...So, next time you're stuck with a decision, whether something small or life altering, turn to God in prayer, and "Do whatever he tells you." And even if it is something seemingly ordinary and unspectacular – remember that it was something seemingly ordinary and unspectacular that Jesus asked the servants in today's Gospel to do. But when they did, they saw His glory and believed in Him. Fr. Raphael Ma, CR, resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com



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To celebrate 135 years of St. Louis Parish
Potluck – Ceili – Games Night
with a Medieval Theme

Saturday, February 8th at St. Louis Gym

No tickets required - Free will offering
Wear a Medieval costume, if you wish.

4:30 PM – 5:45 PM Children Games

6 PM – Potluck dinner (Non-licensed)

7 -10 PM – Ceili Dances from Irish, Scottish & English Traditions
Bring indoor shoes, water bottle & mess kit



Featuring: SHANE COOK (fiddle) &
Kyle Waymounth (guitar)

Guest performance by Medieval Singers
around 8:30 PM

7-10 PM – Board & card games in the Hall

For more info. contact parish office.



ATTENTION: Help is needed with the set-up of the GYM on
Saturday Feb. 8th at noon. Please contact the parish office to let
us know that you are able to do so!

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