St. Louis Catholic Church



YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

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Office hours: Monday - Thursday 9 - 12 and 1-4, Friday 9 - 12

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.

Pastoral Team:

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Custodian Doug Lichty



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),

5:00 Choir - Peter DeSousa (organist) or Youth Music.

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 Annointing 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 (Annointing).

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 crvocations@gmail.com or www.resurrectionist.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:

Finance Council Terry Collins, 519-741-1534

Maintenance Committee Bob Lorentz, 519-576-5556

OOTC Community Suppers Keith & Sharon Schnarr 519-801-8687

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Catechesis Of The Good Shepherd, **Youth Ministry** Kelly Krause, 519-743-4101

Catholic Women's League Donna Herbstreit, 519-884-9380

Ministry to the Elderly & Homebound Cecilia Beechey, 519-572-5435

Prayer Shawl Ministry Sandra Williams, 519-742-9239 GLUTEN

Prayer Chain Sharon Carey, 519-746-8073

St. Vincent De Paul For food hamper or more information call 519-743-4101



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HOSTS

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 12 – No Mass

Tuesday, July 13

9:00 AM To Bring the Loved Ones Home to the Church – Lunch & Learn Monday Group

Wednesday, July 14

9:00_{AM} † Pat Oberholzer – Cecilia Beechey

Thursday, July 15 - St. Bonaventure, Bishop,

Doctor

9:00 AM + Murray Lorentz - Cecilia Beechey

Friday, July 16

9:00 AM + Linnoy Mahabir – Amanda Ayoung-Chee

Saturday, July 17

Vigil of 16th Šunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM + Walter & Kaye Hartman – Their Family + Francis Forde Sr. & Elizabeth Halpin – Pat & Joan Forde

† Rheal Gingras – Potvin Family

Sunday, July 18 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish 11:30 AM † David Kirby – Kirby Family † Robert Dupuis – Rosemary & Shaun MacNeil Intentions of Maria Leung – Amanda Ayoung-Chee

Reflections on the First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

In this week's first reading we hear from another Prophet, Amos, who has a fierce message of condemnation for Israel because of the hard-heartedness of God's people. Amos comes on the scene during a time of considerable prosperity for Israel. However, Israel's prestige soon began to diminish, until its capital, Samaria, fell to the Assyrians in 721BC.

The brief snippet of autobiography in today's lectionary reading interrupts a series of five visions (Amos: 7:1 -9:10). The theme of each of these visions is the impending punishment of the Northern Kingdom of Israel because of its unfaithfulness to God's covenant. Amos is considered so great a threat to the status quo that Amaziah, the priest of the Israelite temple in Bethel, orders him to flee the city and return to the land of Judah, from which he came.

Amaziah treats Amos with contempt. He accuses him of conspiring against King Jeroboam and calls him a seer (Hebrew *chozeh*, sometimes translated "visionary"), which is a very early term for Prophets, but in this case it is most likely intended to insult Amos. He adds to the insult when he suggests that Amos is a Prophet for hire and a foreigner besides. Amos counters by saying that he was never a professional prophet meaning he is not beholden to the temple or the king. Rather, he as a shepherd and an orchard keeper, and he came to Bethel to deliver his prophetic message only because God commissioned him to do so.

(From the Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers, and Proclaimers of the Word)

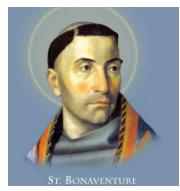
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St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

St. Bonaventure, known as "the seraphic doctor," was born at Bagnoregio, in the Lazio region of central Italy, in 1221. He received the name of Bonaventure in consequence of an exclamation of St. Francis of Assisi, when, in response to the pleading of the child's mother, the saint prayed for John's recovery from a dangerous



illness, and, foreseeing the future greatness of the little John, cried out "O Buona ventura"- O good fortune!

At the age of twenty two St. Bonaventure entered the Franciscan Order. Having made his vows, he was sent to Paris to complete his studies under the celebrated doctor Alexander of Hales, an Englishman and a Franciscan. After the latter's death he continued his course under his successor, John of Rochelle. In Paris he became the intimate friend of the great St. Thomas Aquinas. He received the degree of Doctor, together with St. Thomas Aquinas, ceding to his friend against the latter's inclination, the honour of having it first conferred upon him. Like St. Thomas Aquinas, he enjoyed the friendship of the holy King, St. Louis.

At the age of thirty five he was chosen General of his Order and restored a perfect calm where peace had been disturbed by internal dissensions. He did much for his Order and composed *The Life of St. Francis.* He also assisted at the translation of the relics of St. Anthony of Padua. He was nominated Archbishop of York by Pope Clement IV, but he begged not to be forced to accept that dignity. Gregory X obliged him to take upon himself a greater one, that of Cardinal and Bishop of Albano, one of the six suffragan Sees of Rome. Before his death he abdicated his office of General of the Franciscan Order. He died while he was assisting at the Second Council of Lyons, on July 15, 1274.

Bonaventure on Nature: The world is a sign from God: "Every creature is the divine word, because it speaks of God. To love the world above God is to confuse the sign for its giver. Charity or true love involves recognizing the sign as a sign, and thereby turning one's love to the sign giver". (*From Catholic Online catholic.org and Christopher Cullen's book "Bonaventure"*)

In today's first reading Amos says he did not choose to be a prophet; God selected him. Maybe God is asking you to consider what you are doing at this time and perhaps begin the special work He has for you. If you feel God may be selecting you for the special life of priest, religious or deacon contact Most Rev. W. Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop and Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988, <u>vocations@hamiltondiocese.com</u>, or Fr. Raphael Ma, Congregation of the Resurrection Vocation Director, at crvocations@gmail.com, or Carmel of St. Joseph in St. Agatha at 519-884-6700.

Marriage Support – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. It has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving partnership. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. Retrouvaille is offering their weekends by Zoom. For more info. call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

Do you need support after an abortion? Your own, or someone else's? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. Contact us at 1-888-385-3850.

Guelph Virtual Walking Pilgrimage - July 31- Aug 7 Nourish your spirituality, exercise; enjoy the outdoors. Participate for 1 day, a weekend or the full 8 day trip!

This year, like last summer, we are not able to walk the pilgrimage as we have for the last 18 years. Covid -19 brought the birth of a Virtual Walking Pilgrimage in a slightly different format. To register or for more information go to www.ignatiusguelph.ca (under programs - Guelph Walking Pilgrimage). Registration fee \$75.



2021 is the Year of St. Joseph.

The following excerpts are taken from the book *Consecration to St. Joseph – The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father* by Fr. Donald H. Calloway, MIC. In this book Fr. Calloway describes ten "wonders" of St. Joseph, which we will follow in successive bulletins this summer.

Wonder 2: Our Spiritual Father

There is but one fatherhood, that of God the Father, the one Creator of the world, of all that is seen and unseen. Yet, man, created in the image of God, has been granted a share in this one paternity of God. Saint Joseph is a striking case of this, since he is a father, without fatherhood according to the flesh. He is not the biological father of Jesus, whose Father is God alone, and yet he lives his fatherhood fully and completely. To be a father means above all to be at the service of life and growth. Saint Joseph, in this sense, gave proof of great devotion. – Pope Benedict XVI.

Perhaps you are wondering, "Why did Jesus need the fatherhood of St. Joseph at all since God is Jesus' Father?" It's a good question. Essentially, Jesus needed St. Joseph as a father because the human nature of Jesus required it. When the Son of God became incarnate, he placed himself under the anthropoloigical (human) requirements of needing a human father to love, feed, educate, shelter, clothe and protect him. Jesus, the Incarnate Word, is not a pure spiritual being. He is the God-Man. He has a divine nature and a human nature. In his human nature, Jesus had physical, emotional, and psychological needs. God the Father entrusted his Son to the watchful, loving care of a human father. Through the fatherhood of St. Joseph, Jesus grew into the fullness of manhood.

From the same fact that the most holy Virgin is the mother of Jesus Christ is she the mother of all Christians whom she bore on Mount Calvary amid the supreme throes of the Redemption: Jesus Christ is, in a manner, the first-born of Christians, who by the adoption and Redemption are His brothers. And for such reasons the Blessed Patriarch, St. Joseph, looks upon the multitude of Christians who make up the Church as confided especially to his trust. – Pope Leo XIII.

Blessed Pope Pius IX was very devoted to St. Joseph and for years had been receiving letters with requests to declare St. Joseph the Patron of the Universal Church, which he did on December 8, 1870 with the following decree:

As almighty God appointed Joseph, son of the patriarch Jacob, over all the land of Egypt to save grain for the people, so when the fullness of time had come and he was about to send to earth his onlybegotten Son, the Savior of the world, he chose another Joseph, of whom the first had been the type, and He made him the lord and chief of his household and possessions, the guardian of his choicest treasures.

Indeed, he had as his spouse the Immaculate Virgin Mary, of whom was born by the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ our Lord, who deigned to be reputed in the sight of men as the son of Joseph, and was subject to him.

Him whom countless kings and prophets had desired to see, Joseph not only saw but conversed with, and embraced in paternal affection, and kissed. He most diligently reared Him whom the faithful were to receive as the bread that came down from heaven whereby they might obtain eternal life.

Because of this sublime dignity which God conferred on his most faithful servant, the Church has always most highly honored and praised blessed Joseph next to his spouse, the Virgin Mother of God, and has besought his intercession in times of trouble.

And now therefore, when in these most troublesome times the Church is beset by enemies on every side, and is weighed down by calamities so heavy that ungodly men assert that the gates of hell have at length prevailed against her, the venerable prelates of the whole Catholic world have presented to the Sovereign Pontiff their own petitions and those of the faithful committed to their charge, praying that he would deign to constitute St. Joseph Patron of the Church. And this time their prayer and desire was renewed by them even more earnestly at the Sacred Ecumenical Council of the Vatican.

Accordingly, it has now pleased our Most Holy Sovereign, Pope Pius IX, in order to entrust himself and all the faithful to the Patriarch St. Joseph's most powerful patronage, has chosen to comply with the prelates' desire and has solemnly declared him [St. Joseph] Patron of the Catholic Church.

As the best and most loving of fathers, St. Joseph stands ready to shelter you in the safety of the Sacraments and teachings of the Catholic Church, clothe you with virtue, educate you in the interior life, protect you under his fatherly cloak, and correct you should you go astray.

If anyone cannot find a master to teach him how to pray, let him take this glorious Saint Joseph as his master, and he will not go astray – St. Teresa of Avila.



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