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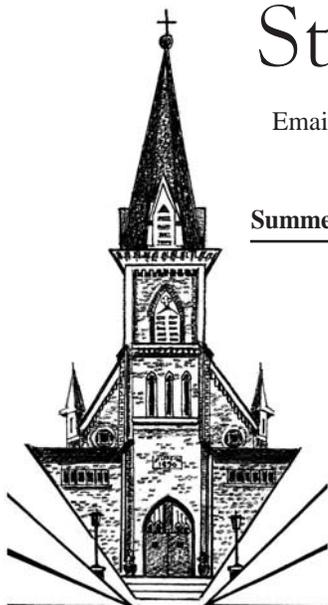
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Weekday Masses:

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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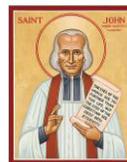
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2025 – YEAR OF JUBILEE – PILGRIMS OF HOPE

MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS



St. John Vianney (St. Jean Vianney) (May 8, 1786 – Aug. 4, 1859), also known as the Curé d'Ars, is considered the patron saint of parish priests. He is known for his deep devotion to the Church and his dedication to the sacrament of confession. His life inspires all priests, as he exemplified a genuinely holy priest through his humility, selflessness, and unwavering faith.

St John Vianney, was born on May 8, 1786, in the small village of Dardilly, near Lyon, France. His childhood coincided with significant political and social upheaval in France as the French Revolution unfolded. This era was marked by widespread conflict and change, impacting many aspects of society, including the Catholic Church. Despite these tumultuous conditions, John Vianney's family remained firmly rooted in their faith. His parents were devout Catholics and instilled in him a strong and unwavering commitment to his religion from an early age. This foundation would later guide him in his vocation and shape his path toward the priesthood, ultimately leading him to become a beloved figure in the Church.

A man with vision overcomes obstacles and performs deeds that seem impossible. St. Vianney was a man with a vision: He wanted to become a priest. But he had to overcome his meager schooling, which inadequately prepared him for seminary studies. He also had to overcome the reluctance of the bishop, who questioned his abilities. John almost ended up a farmer instead of a priest. His failure to comprehend Latin lectures forced him to discontinue. But his vision of being a priest urged him to seek private tutoring. After a lengthy battle with the books, John was ordained. Due to his lack of education, he struggled with understanding theology and often faced difficulties preparing his homilies. Despite these challenges, John persevered and became a priest who touched the hearts of many through his humble and authentic faith.

Situations calling for "impossible" deeds followed him everywhere. As pastor of the parish at Ars, St. Vianney encountered people who were indifferent and quite comfortable with their style of living. His vision led him through severe fasts and short nights of sleep. John spent much of his time in the confessional, hearing the confessions of countless penitents. His deep understanding of human nature and compassion for sinners made him an effective confessor, and many experienced spiritual conversion through his guidance and prayers.

With Catherine Lassagne and Benedicta Lardet, he established La Providence, a home for girls. Only a man of vision could have such trust that God would provide for the spiritual and material needs of all those who came to make La Providence their home. His deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary earned him the title "Mary's Priest" or "Maria of Ars." Many miracles were also attributed to John Vianney during his lifetime and after his death. He became a popular figure in France and beyond, with many seeking his intercession for healing and other spiritual needs. One of his famed miracles was the ability to read the souls of his parishioners and offer them the perfect penance for their sins.

His work as a confessor is John Vianney's most remarkable accomplishment. He was to spend 11 to 12 hours daily reconciling people with God in the winter months. In the summer months, this time was increased to 16 hours. Unless a man was dedicated to his vision of a priestly vocation, he could not have endured this giving of self day after day. His devotion to the sacrament of confession inspired many to return to their faith and receive God's forgiveness. He is known as the patron saint of confessors and is a role model for all priests in their duty to shepherd their flock and lead them towards God's mercy.

Many people look forward to retirement and taking it easy, doing the things they always wanted but never had the time. But John Vianney had no thoughts of retirement. As his fame spread, more hours were consumed in serving God's people. The devil frequently disturbed even the few hours he would allow himself to sleep. He became known as a

Monday, July 28 – No Mass	
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball Gym
Tuesday, July 29 – Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus, Disciples of the Lord	
9:00 AM	† Marg Dooley – Cecilia Beechey
Wednesday, July 30	
9:00 AM	† Doris Toussaint – Richard & Claire Armitage
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball Gym
Thursday, July 31 – St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	
9:00 AM	
6 PM	Finance Council Meeting Rectory
Friday, August 1 – St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor	
9:00 AM	† André Toussaint – Richard & Claire Armitage
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball Gym
Saturday, August 2	
Vigil of 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
5:00 PM	† Carol Schneider – Ron Schneider
	† Albert Potvin – Giselle, Cathy, Colette Potvin & Family
Sunday, August 3 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish
11:30 AM	† Frank & Marie Butler – Butler Family
	† Cletus & Frances Byrne – Shaun & Rosemary MacNeil
	† Annie Donkers – Don & Lorraine Prior
	Intentions of Mary & Mike Lambert – Shaun & Rosemary MacNeil
Monday, August 4 – St. Jean-Marie Vianney, Priest	
- No Mass	
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball Gym
Tuesday, August 5	
9:00 AM	
10:00 AM	† Karl Herbst – Helma Herbst - <i>At the Terrace in the Square</i>
Wednesday, August 6 – Transfiguration of the Lord	
9:00 AM	† Mary Anne Toussaint – Richard & Claire Armitage
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball Gym
Thursday, August 7	
9:00 AM	
Friday, August 8 – St. Dominic, Priest	
9:00 AM	† Daniel Caron – Claire Armitage
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball Gym
Saturday, August 9	
Vigil of 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
5:00 PM	People of St. Louis Parish
Sunday, August 10 – 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
9:30 AM	† Don Miller – Miller Family
	Intentions of Wendy Ayong-Chee – Amanda Ayong-Chee
	In Thanksgiving for Graces Received by Betty & Paul Gross on their 50 th Wedding Anniversary – Gross Family
	In Thanksgiving for Graces Received by Dave & Patti Pagett on their 50 th Wedding Anniversary – Pagett Family
11:30 AM	† Patricia Thomas – Shaun & Rosemary MacNeil
	† John & Veronica MacNeil – Shaun & Rosemary MacNeil
	† Edward & Stella Hrycyk – Caravaggio Family
	Intentions of Barb & Keith Loughridge – Shaun & Rosemary MacNeil

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JULY 27 – 17TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 3 – 18TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

holy priest. More people came to seek his counsel and guidance. Despite these challenges, John Vianney remained steadfast in his devotion to God and continued to fast and sacrifice for the sake of others, following the example of Jesus.

John Vianney's fame spread beyond France, and people worldwide came to seek his spiritual guidance. However, with this fame came many spiritual battles for John, as he faced attacks from the devil and endured physical ailments. Despite these trials, he remained steadfast in his faith and continued to serve God's people until his death on August 4, 1859. He was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1925.

Reflection - Indifference toward religion and a love for material comfort seem to be common signs of our times. A person from another planet observing us would not likely judge us as pilgrims on our way elsewhere. On the other hand, John Vianney was a man on a journey, with his goal before him at all times.

Saint John Vianney is the Patron Saint of: Diocesan and Parish Priests
(From franciscanmedia.org)



The Story of the Transfiguration of the Lord - All three Synoptic Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration (Mt 17:1-8; Mk 9:2-9; Lk 9:28-36). With remarkable agreement, all three place the event shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of His passion and death. Peter's eagerness to erect

tents or booths on the spot suggests it occurred during the week-long Jewish Feast of Booths in the fall.

Certainly Peter, James, and John had a glimpse of Jesus' divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. Such an experience defies description, so they drew on familiar religious language to describe it. And Jesus warned them that His glory and His suffering were to be inextricably connected—a theme John highlights throughout his Gospel. Tradition names Mount Tabor as the site of the revelation. A church first raised there in the 4th century was dedicated on August 6. A feast in honour of the Transfiguration was celebrated in the Eastern Church from about that time. Western observance began in some localities about the eighth century.

On July 22, 1456, Crusaders defeated the Turks at Belgrade. News of the victory reached Rome on August 6, and Pope Callistus III placed the feast on the Roman calendar the following year. (From franciscanmedia.org)

Frassati Leadership Program - Calling all those entering Grade 10 in September 2025! Are you looking to grow in your faith? Do you want to explore what it means to be a Catholic leader? The Frassati Leadership Program may be for you. Join us as we reflect on the foundations of Catholic leadership and foster opportunities for you to grow in your own faith and leadership skills. For more information and to register please visit: hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/youth-ministry/frassati/

Young Adults Night in August - Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30 PM -7:30 PM), social with food (7:30 PM – 8 PM), praise night with vocations testimony (8 PM - 9 PM), and Compline (9 PM) on Saturday, Aug. 2nd at St. Catherine of Siena Church (620 Rymal Road East, Hamilton, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/ . For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com .

2025 Marian Days at the Basilica of Our Lady in Guelph – Once again, this year the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate as the Diocesan Marian Shrine, will be hosting the Hamilton Diocesan Marian Days on the first Saturdays from June to October. The Marian Days will begin with a Holy Hour at 9 AM, with confessions being heard during the Holy Hour. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 AM, followed by the Rosary Procession. You are welcome to bring a lunch, coffee and tea will be served after the Procession, and tours of the Basilica will be available. Dates are as follows: August 2 (Bishop Burgie), September 6 (Cardinal Leo) and October 4 (Bishop Crosby).

Programs at the Chancery Office (700 King St. West in Hamilton):
Restart: Moving Forward – Ten-week program offers education and support to help to heal and move forward after divorce or separation.
Restart: Refresh, Renew, Revive Support Group – Struggling after divorce or separation? Join us for learning, support and fun on Friday evenings. Held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month.
Enhancing Self-Esteem - This program provides opportunity to increase your self-awareness and to learn specific skills for building a positive self-esteem, which will help you to feel stronger in all areas of you life. For info. contact Sarah: familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com 905-528-7988 X 2249.

Struggling After an Abortion? Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry and in need of support? 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. Please call 1-888-385-3850.

Experience a Retreat at Loyola House in Guelph:
Walking with a Wounded World: The Gift of Ignatius Loyola - July 28-30 - Explore the gift of the Spiritual Exercises has to offer for us in the 21st century, especially for helping us know how to be with a fragile world, accompanying the wounded.
Laudato Si: Ten Years Still Waiting – Sep.23-28 - Responding to ten years of largely unmet urgency in Laudato Si', this retreat aims to awaken deeper ecological conversion in light of Pope Francis' call to care for our common home. Register at loyolahouse.com or registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or 519-824-1250 X 266.



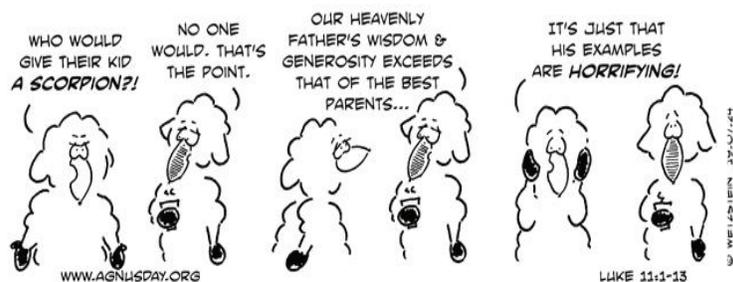
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Summer- Office hours (Mon. – Thu. 9 AM – 1 PM) till Labour Day.

Sunday Social/Coffee Time, Babysitting and Sunday School are pausing until September.

The beautiful flower gardens of St. Louis - Take time to admire. Pause for a prayer. Huge *Thank you!* to St. Louis gardening team.

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