



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

Parish Organizations and Contacts:

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2025 – YEAR OF JUBILEE – PILGRIMS OF HOPE

MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

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| Monday, June 2 – No Mass | | |
| 9 AM – NOON | Pickle Ball | Gym |
| 7:00 PM | SVDP Exec Meeting | L. Hall |
| Tuesday, June 3 – St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs | | |
| 9:00 AM | † Austin & Anna McEvoy – Butler Family | |
| | 9:30 AM Book Group | L. Hall |
| 10:00 AM | Mass at the Terrace on the Square | |
| Wednesday, June 4 | | |
| 9:00 AM | † Bohdan Adamski – Malton Family | |
| | 9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball | Gym |
| 6:00 PM | CWL Mass | |
| | 6:30 PM CWL Meeting - Potluck | L. Hall |
| Thursday, June 5 – St. Boniface, Bishop, Martyr | | |
| 9:00 AM | Thanksgiving for Graces Received by Estrada Family – Estrada Family | |
| | 7 PM Meeting of Teen VBS Camp Counsellors | L. Hall |
| Friday, June 6 | | |
| 9:00 AM | † Ed Ruppe – Parishioners | |
| Saturday, June 7 | | |
| Vigil of Pentecost | | |
| 5:00 PM | † Carol Schneider – Ron Schneider | |
| | † Gordon Kropp – Barbara Lorentz & Family | |
| | Intentions of Anna & Andrew Malton – Marg & Time Hutter | |
| Sunday, June 8 – Pentecost | | |
| 9:30 AM | † Francis & Ursula Kuntz – Peter Kuntz | |
| | † Peter Robinson – Paul & Betty Gross | |
| | † Robert Helm – Fred & Joanne Bond | |
| | † Samran, Khampeng, Kasem & Johnny Xaysy – Xaysy Family | |
| | 10:30 AM Coffee time | L. Hall |
| 11:30 AM | People of St. Louis Parish | |

Reflection on the First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Throughout the Easter season we have been reading from Acts, the sequel to Luke's Gospel. Today, on this feast of Christ's Ascension, we revisit the beginning of Acts. In the opening chapter of Acts, Luke briefly recalls Jesus' teaching and healing ministry and then highlights the events and instructions associated with Jesus' Resurrection, Ascension, and sending of the Holy Spirit. For Luke, Jesus' post-Passion Resurrection appearances are numerous and protracted. He appears to His Apostles over a period of forty days. The same time span constituted the duration of Jesus' fast in the desert at the outset of His public life. Consequently, Jesus' Resurrection appearances elegantly recall the origins of His ministry. Yet, while Jesus' pre-ministry fast was accompanied by repeated, paradigmatic temptations, His Resurrection appearances constitute "many proofs" for His Apostles. At the same time, Jesus' post-Resurrection message continues the same message conveyed in His earlier public ministry: He speaks about God's kingdom. In effect, Luke makes plain that Jesus shares the good news of the kingdom of God across the most forbidding of obstacles – death.

And, as if this weren't remarkable enough, the risen Jesus continues to instruct His Apostles. They are to remain in Jerusalem, the place of His death and Resurrection, until they receive the Holy Spirit. The instruction to wait for the Spirit prompts their inquiry about the Lord's timetable. When will He "restore the kingdom of Israel"? But their request exceeds the Lord's plan. It is not for them to know when the kingdom will be restored. Instead, they should look forward to the reception of the Holy Spirit and the Spirit's accompanying power and prepare themselves for a three-stage mission to Jerusalem, Judea, and



Quotations on the Glorious Ascension

That our flesh should be seated in the heavens and be worthy of worship by the Angels, Archangels, Seraphim and Cherubim is truly a great, astonishing and marvelous thing. On contemplating that, I am often struck with amazement, and I entertain exalted thoughts about mankind, for I see God's great and abundant care for our existence. **St. John Chrysostom**

O man, become a bit more sober, come to your senses. As a rational creature, recognize that God in the Highest has descended from Heaven for you, to raise you up from the earth and take you to Heaven.

St. Ephraim of Syria

By ascending to Heaven before [the eyes of] His holy disciples, Christ also showed all believers the way. Christ the Head ascended unto Heaven; His holy members, the true Christians, will ascend as well. The path had been closed to men, but by Christ's death, it was opened. In Christ's death, "the veil of the temple was rent in two" (Matthew 27: 51), and the path and entrance to the Kingdom of Heaven was opened to the faithful (Hebrews 10: 19-20).

St. Tikhon of Zadonsk (Venerated by the Orthodox)



Painting with Kelly – there will be a Colour Theory class on **Tuesday, June 10th (new date!)**, in the Large Hall from 7 – 9 PM. If you have been a part of the painting classes previously or are new and would like to join us, please RSVP with Kelly Krause at the parish office. We will be mixing colours and playing with paint so it is imperative that there are enough supplies for everyone who would like to take this class.



Our next CWL General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 4th beginning with Mass at 6 PM. In lieu of a guest speaker, we are having a Potluck and will have extra time for socializing before we break for the Summer. We are continuing to collect vitamins of any type for one of our ladies going on a medical mission trip to Peru later this year. We are also inviting you to make use of our little library in the Large Hall. Feel free to peruse the books, borrow what you like and donate books of a spiritual or uplifting nature that you no longer need. All ladies 16 years of age and older are welcome to come to our General Meetings and you do not need to be a member to attend!



SVDP North of 60 Canned Meat Project for Chesterfield Inlet, Nunavut - For the next few weeks in June (1 - 15) St. Louis parish will be collecting canned meat for the community of Chesterfield Inlet. These supplement their fish and hunted meats. Brands that are recognizable to them are Spam, Klik, and Holiday Luncheon Meat, Mario Corned Beef, Hereford Corned Beef, and Canned Swift, Mario and Maple Leaf brand Hams. Our target is 300 tins. Please place cans in the container located in the entrance of the Church. Thank you for your continued generosity to our SVDP conference and to this special project.

Samaria, "and to the ends of the earth." And with this final commissioning, Jesus ascends to heaven, disappearing into the clouds. Awestruck and astonished, the Apostles gaze heavenward until two white robed men (often considered Angels) prompt them to get on with their mission while promising that Jesus will return from His heavenly glory. So, while gazing heavenward is not to be Apostles' lot (nor the lot of any of His followers), there will be a return of Jesus from that place to which His Apostles saw Him ascend. *(From Workbook for Lectors)*

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - JUNE 1, 2025



Perennial Plant Sale - Sat. June 21, 9 AM to NOON (or by appointment: 519-746-8073)

Location: Sharon & John Carey's Garden - 556 Canewood Cres., Waterloo (just off Glen Forest Blvd. & Thorncrest St.).

Does your garden need a little lift with a few perennials? This is a great opportunity to come visit a beautiful garden, ask the experts and choose plants directly from the garden. Sharon and John have over 150 different kinds of hostas and there are a variety of other plants at great prices. If possible, bring your own containers. Sponsored by and all proceeds to support St. Louis Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - Jesus commissions His disciples not because they are perfect, but because they have seen and received His mercy. Discernment for priesthood or religious life begins with being a witness to what God has done in your own life. Our mission stems from the encounter with the Risen Christ, not from our own abilities or skills. Where in your life have you witnessed Christ's mercy, and how might you be called to share that with others? Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, CR; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com



VBS Camp 2025 – morning theme will be **Weird Animals, where Jesus' love is one of a kind**. The afternoon theme will be **Spanish language and culture**. It is for campers ages 6 – 11. If you are 12 yrs old or older, you are invited to join our camp counselling team. Please contact Kelly if interested. The camp will run **July 14-18 from 9 AM – 4 PM for full day**. Half day is an option, please refer to the registration form for details. To register, pick up a form from the back of the church or in the Nursery. Questions? Please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office.



Help Reclaim Stolen Lives - The CAUGHT Foundation is a Canadian not-for-profit corporation that was created by former Canadian law enforcement, military and intelligence professionals. Our Caregiver Education Program helps teachers, parents and guardians learn to identify the signs of human trafficking and child luring and equips them with preventative measures. Fish DINNER Friday, June 20th at 6 PM at the Waterloo Knights of Columbus Centre 145 Dearborn Pl. in Waterloo. Addressing human trafficking and child exploitation through a multi-pronged approach in partnership with law enforcement.

Purchase Dinner — All donations go to the CAUGHT Foundation.
Reservations - Call KW RTL 519.746.5433 or kwrtlife@gmail.com

Monthly Pro-Life Prayer Vigil Opposite Freeport Hospital on Thursday, June 5th, 10 -11 AM. All are welcomed to come out to pray and to be a witness for God's unborn babies being aborted. Please pray to end abortion, and for the conversion of hearts. Where? At Freeport Hospital - 3570 King St. E., Kitchener. Parking at Schneider Park (across the road). If you cannot attend, would you devote an hour praying? For more info email of call Cathy at cmlamers@rogers.com 519 – 742-9025. Future vigils: July 3rd, August 7th, September 4th.

Young Adults Night in June - 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 - 7:30 PM), social with food (7:30 - 8:00 PM), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00 - 9:00 PM), and Compline (9 PM) on Saturday, June 7th at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church (934 Highway #8, Stoney Creek, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Customs for the Feast of Our Lord's Ascension

The Catholic Church is filled with rich and sometime forgotten gems. 40 days* after the celebration of the Resurrection of Christ, the Church in her wisdom calls us to lift our minds toward heaven in a special way. Here are some traditions and customs that you might be interested in adopting this Feast:

1. **Eat Fowl:** "It was a widespread custom in many parts of Europe during the Middle Ages to eat a bird on Ascension Day, because Christ "flew" to Heaven. Pigeons, pheasants, partridges, and even crows, graced the dinner tables. In western Germany bakers and innkeepers gave their customers pieces of pastry made in the shapes of various birds. In England the feast was celebrated with games, dancing, and horse races." (see CatholicCulture.org)

2. **Hike a Mountain:** "From the very beginning of its observance as a separate festival, the Ascension had a distinctive feature in the liturgical procession which went outside the city, and usually to the top of a hill, in imitation of Christ's leading the Apostles "out towards Bethany" (Luke 24, 50). In Jerusalem it was, of course, the original path that Christ took to the summit of the Mount of Olives. In Constantinople the suburb of Romanesia, where Saint John Chrysostom had preached his sermons on the Ascension, was chosen. In Rome, the pope was crowned by the cardinals in his chapel after the morning service, and in solemn procession conducted to the Basilica of St. John Lateran. From there, after the Pontifical Mass, toward noon, the procession went to a shrine or church outside the walls. The Epistle of the Ascension was read and a prayer service held." (see CatholicCulture.org) Perhaps this makes the Ascension a good opportunity to take advantage of the Spring season and hike a mountain near you, and read the account of the ascent in Scripture.

3. **Catch Crickets:** While on that mountain, you might catch some crickets and have them sing for you. In certain parts of Tuscany, particularly in Florence, a man used to gift his beloved some flowers on this Feast, and give her a cricket cage. It is uncertain how the cricket became associated with the Ascension, but the Feast is known in parts of Italy as "La Festa del Grillo" ("the Feast of the Cricket"). According to Tracy Tucciarone, of FishEaters.com, this "custom usually takes place on the Sunday after Ascension Day, and caged crickets are sold so that children can release them." (From thomasmorecollege.edu)

* - The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on a Thursday (40 days after the Resurrection), but in some countries (Canada included) it is transferred by the Bishop's Conference to the following Sunday.



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