



# St. Louis Catholic Church

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**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.**



### Pastoral Team:

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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

### Parish Organizations and Contacts:

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MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

# LENT

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**Lenten Prayers - Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent – On Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM (till 7:30 PM), the Stations of the Cross will be led by St. Louis Parish Prayer Shawl Ministry. All are welcome.**

**Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2026 - Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. If you would like to attend, or for more information regarding tickets and travel arrangements, please call Kelly Krause at the parish office.**

**Listening And Fasting: Pope Leo XIV's Message for Lent 2026 - Pope Leo XIV's message for Lent 2026, entitled "Listening and fasting. Lent as a time of Conversion," was published on Friday, February 13, by the Holy See Press Office. To read Pope Leo's message, and download a helpful infographic, visit the Dicastery for Integral Human Development at [www.humandevlopment.va](http://www.humandevlopment.va).**



**Rosary – If you would like to join a group of parishioners in praying the Rosary for the Sick and for individual intentions on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at St. Louis Church in front of the Holy Family Altar, you are most welcome to join.**

**The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass - Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2026? You are invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 31 at the Cathedral in Hamilton at 1:30 PM. (Space allows for Anniversary couples only - those married 60+ years may bring one guest for assistance). Registration: under Upcoming Events at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com), or call Family Ministry Office 905-528-7988X 2249.**



**Mark your calendars: Vacation Bible School Camp will be during the week of July 20 – 24, 2026. Registration opens soon.**

best understood through the promises given by God to Abram. Not only will Abram's house become prosperous, great, and numerous – a promise that seems incredible given Abram's age and the fact that his wife, Sarai, remains childless – but Abram's name will define what it is to be blessed (that is, to enjoy well-being at God's hand). Nor is such blessing limited to Israel. Abram's example of obedient faith will speak to "all the families of the earth." (*From Workbook for Lectors*)

<b>Monday, March 2 – No Mass</b>			
	9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
	5:30 PM	Good Shepherd Catechesis	Nursery
	7:30 PM	Bible Study (16/20)	L. Hall
<b>Tuesday, March 3</b>			
9:00 AM	† Shirley Hinsperger – Hisperger Family		
	9:30 AM	Book Club	L. Hall
	12:15 - 1 PM	Fit Club	Gym
	7:00 PM	Painting with Kelly	L. Hall
<b>Wednesday, March 4</b>			
9:00 AM	Intentions of Pope Leo XIV		
	9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
	6 PM	First Communion Prep.	Nursery
7:00 PM	† Deceased Members of CWL		
	7:30 PM	CWL Meeting	L. Hall
<b>Thursday, March 5</b>			
9:00 AM			
	12:15 - 1 PM	Fit Club	Gym
<b>Friday, March 6</b>			
9:00 AM	Intentions of Glenda Zappitelli – Book Club Members		
	9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
6:30 PM	Rosary		
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross – led by Prayer Shawl Ministry		
<b>Saturday, March 7</b>			
<b>Vigil of Third Sunday in Lent</b>			
5:00 PM	† Carol Schneider – Ron Schneider		
	† Lorne Winkler – Elizabeth Schwarz		
	† Phyllis Ayoung-Chee – Amanda Ayoung-Chee		
	† Barbara & Jonathan Reinhart – Elizabeth Schwarz		
<b>Sunday, March 8 – Third Sunday in Lent</b>			
9:30 AM	† Don Miller – Miller Family		
	† Katie & Burt Ruetz – Ruetz Family		
	† Shirley Hinsperger – Hisperger Family		
	† Deceased Members of Gies Family – Hisperger Family		
	10:30 AM	Coffee Time	L. Hall
11:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish		
	12:30 PM	Lunch & Bible Study (17/20)	L. Hall
	5 PM	OOTC Community Supper	Gym

**Reflection on the First Reading (Genesis 12:1-4)**

Last Sunday's readings identified the presence and power of sin in the world and hinted that the antidote is obedience to God, as modelled by Jesus in the wilderness. The readings for today offer further reflection on such faithfulness and obedience in the person of Abram and divine plan for universal salvation embodied in Jesus.

The primeval history of Genesis 1-11 employed a wide lens to explain the origins of things, and especially evil and its consequences. At the end of Genesis 11, the lens begins to narrow and focuses on Abram. The primeval history's final genealogy is Abram's. It connects Abram to the issues of the primeval history, it traces his lineage from Ur to Haran, and it provides important family information, such as the childlessness of his wife Sarai.

Genesis 12:1-4 marks a pivotal moment in salvation history when God, after eleven generations of divine silence, say to Abram to "go from" (a term which has the sense of "separating from") his country, extended family, and even his father, Terah, to go to an unnamed place that God will show him. At the end of the passage, we are told that Abram obediently did as the Lord directed him.

God's call to Abram changes the earlier family migration into a response to a divine summons with a divine purpose. That purpose is

# SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



Dear Ladies, our next CWL General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 4th beginning with Mass at 7 PM. Our guest speakers will be Donna MacKay and Cathy

Horgan from Saint Vincent De Paul and they will discuss the work SVDP does in our community and how our organizations can work together. Our evenings always include time for socializing, so why not come out and meet other like-minded women?! All ladies 16 years of age and older are welcome. See you there!



The Annual Joint Waterloo CWL Lenten Retreat is taking place on Saturday, March 7th from 9 AM to 12:30 PM at St. Agnes Church (75 Bluevale St. North, Waterloo). The guest speaker will be Deacon Richard Olson and he will present "Listening in the Wilderness of Lent". If you have any questions about this event, please call St. Agnes: 519-885-4480. Come and meet your League sisters from across Waterloo!

**Young Adults Night** - Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and music for Lent in support of you as you discern your vocation and as we prepare to celebrate Easter. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30 PM - 7:30 PM), social with food, vocations testimony, Lenten music concert, and Compline (9 PM) on Saturday, March 7th at St. Ann Church (120 Sherman Ave. N., Hamilton). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. [hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/) For info., contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).



**Mark your calendar: Simple Supper will be on Friday, March 20th from 5:30 PM (prior to 7 PM Stations of the Cross led by St. Louis CWL Members)**



**Resurrectionist Vocation Minute** - Like Abram, the sacrifices we embrace out of love are not losses, but the very path by which God transfigures our hearts. This Lent, what are you willing to work on or surrender, "relying on the power of God," to respond better to your holy calling "according to His own purpose and grace?" Fr. Michal Kruszewski, CR; [resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com](mailto:resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com)

**Pope Leo XIV to declared year 2026 as Year of St. Francis of Assisi to mark 800th anniversary of his death**



*Excerpt from Catholic Online (catholic.org) about St. Frances' life – Continued from last week's bulletin.*

As he grew up, Francis became the leader of a crowd of young people who spent their nights in wild parties. Thomas of Celano, his biographer who knew him well, said, "In other respects an exquisite youth, he attracted to himself a whole retinue of young people addicted to evil and accustomed to vice." Francis himself said, "I lived in sin" during that time.

Francis fulfilled every hope of his father Pietro -- even falling in love with France. He loved the songs of France, the romance of France, and especially the free adventurous troubadours of France who wandered through Europe. And despite his dreaming, Francis was also good at business. But Francis wanted more...more than wealth. But not holiness! Francis wanted to be a noble, a knight. Battle was the best place to win the glory and prestige he longed for. He got his first chance when Assisi declared war on their longtime enemy, the nearby town of Perugia. *(To be continued...)*

Donations on-line: Via diocesan website: [hamiltondiocese.com/ways-to-give](http://hamiltondiocese.com/ways-to-give) select "Online to a Parish" & "St. Louis Waterloo". Via Canada Helps [canadahelps.org/en/](http://canadahelps.org/en/) (search for "St. Louis Waterloo" or use this QR code)



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

February 23, 2026

To the Faithful of the Diocese of Hamilton

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The season of Lent presents to us the privileged paths of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, inviting us to strip away all that holds us back from a deeper relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Prayer connects us with the very Author of life, while fasting sharpens our attention to those things which truly nourish our spirit. Almsgiving, in turn, is an essential expression of our Lenten journey, allowing us to put our faith into action by serving the Lord through those whom He holds so dearly: the poor and the disadvantaged.

Giving to those in need not only helps to transform their lives—a worthy pursuit in itself—but it transforms our own hearts and lives as well. Serving Christ in His poor configures us more closely to the Lord and draws us nearer to the Kingdom He proclaimed during His public ministry. In *Dilexi te*, Pope Leo XIV's recent Apostolic Exhortation, our Holy Father reminds us: "I am convinced that the preferential choice for the poor is a source of extraordinary renewal both for the Church and for society, if we can only set ourselves free of our self-centeredness and open our ears to their cry."

On Sunday, March 22, 2026, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, our parishes will invite support for Development and Peace – Caritas Canada through the Solidarity Sunday Collection. This year's Share Lent campaign, On Track for Justice, is an important expression of solidarity with Catholics across Canada and with our brothers and sisters throughout the world who rely on these vital humanitarian initiatives. I am deeply grateful for your generous support in past years and for the many ways you continue to advance works of justice and compassion.

This collection takes place during the Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi, proclaimed by the Holy Father to mark 800 years since the saint's passing to eternal life. The life of Saint Francis bears enduring witness to the inseparable bond between Christ and the poor, reminding us that self-giving love for Christ bears abundant evangelical fruit in every generation. May his example inspire us to respond generously to those in need this Solidarity Sunday.

As we journey through Lent, let us recall the words of the prophet Micah and embrace anew what the Lord asks of us: "to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8).

With gratitude and prayerful best wishes for a blessed and fruitful Lenten journey, I remain

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, CSMA  
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