



# 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

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Lenten Prayers - Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 7PM.



St. Louis CWL warmly invites the parish to our annual **Simple Supper and Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**.

This free meal will consist of soup and buns and will be held in the Large Hall at 5:30 PM. Following dinner, the CWL will lead the Stations of the Cross. Please join us. All are welcome.

**Parish Lenten Mission** with Bishop Lobsinger, March 14 to March 17 at St. Anthony Daniel Parish. Theme: *"Being Saints Today"*. He will preach during Masses on Sat. March 14 @ 5 PM, & Sun. March 15 @ 9 & 11 AM, Mon. & Tue. Mar. 16 & 17 @ 7 PM. A light reception to follow on Mar. 17.



**Did you know that St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Universal Church, and Patron Saint of the Marian Congregation (feast day March 19), is also the Patron Saint of Canada?**

Long before his official declaration as Patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX in 1870, Canada was already consecrated to St. Joseph, the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and foster-father of Jesus. As far back as 1615, a priest by the name of Fr. Joseph Le Caron began invoking St. Joseph's intercession upon his arrival to serve as a missionary in the land we now call Canada. Father Le Caron celebrated Mass the first time for the natives of Huronia (present-day southern Ontario), on Aug. 12, 1615.

In his memoir, 401 years ago, on March 19, 1624, Fr. Le Caron recorded, *"We held a great solemnity where all the inhabitants and several Amerindians were present, by a vow we made to St. Joseph, whom we chose as our patron saint of the country and protector of this newborn church."* A little more than a decade later, in 1637, Pope Urban VIII granted a plenary indulgence to anyone who kept the solemnity of the Feast of St. Joseph.

In 1834, Pope Gregory XVI approved Fr. Le Caron's vow, officially recognizing St. Joseph as the Patron Saint of Canada.

Why is St. Joseph celebrated on March 19? Some oral traditions hold that St. Joseph died on this date. As Catholics, we are encouraged to call upon St. Joseph's prayerful intercession. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (# 1014) tells us "to entrust ourselves to St. Joseph, the patron of a happy death". (From [marian.org](http://marian.org) – website of *Marians of the Immaculate Conception*)

**Memorare to St. Joseph** - *Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my great protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection, or implored your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you. Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen.*

insight. Rather, God teaches him how to see as God sees: by looking "on the heart." Having relied too much on his own experience, Samuel now needs to turn to a new way of seeing as he turns back to fully trust in God. Neither Eliab's lofty stature nor David's ruddy youthfulness matter when Samuel relies on the Lord to assist him in looking into David's heart and to unleash the Lord's spirit. (From *Workbook for Lectors*)

**Monday, March 16 – No Mass**

9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball Gym  
7:30 PM Bible Study (18/20) L. Hall

**Tuesday, March 17**

9:00 AM † Betty Lou Benninger – A. M. Webster  
9:30 AM Book Club L. Hall  
12:15 - 1 PM Fit Club Gym

**Wednesday, March 18**

9:00 AM † André Toussaint – Claire & Richard Armitage  
9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball Gym

**Thursday, March 19 – St. Joseph – Patron of Canada**

9:00 AM † Norm Collier – His Family  
12:15 - 1 PM Fit Club Gym

**Friday, March 20**

9:00 AM † Peter Côté – Webster Family  
9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball Gym  
5:30 PM Simple Supper L. Hall  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross – led by CWL

**Saturday, March 21**

**Vigil of Fifth Sunday in Lent**

9 AM – NOON SVDP Sandwich Project Kitchen  
5:00 PM † Joe Novak – Family  
† Edna Ertel – Larry Ertel  
† Dr. Paul Horan – Shirley Clairmont  
† Jack Horan – Shirley Clairmont

**Sunday, March 22 – Fifth Sunday in Lent**

9:30 AM † Phyllis Ertel – Larry Ertel  
† Peter Granic – Webster Family  
† Brian Krulicki – Charlie & Darlene Wilson & Family  
† Moe Webster – Webster Family  
10:30 AM Coffee Time L. Hall  
11:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish  
12:30 PM Lunch & Bible Study (19/20) L. Hall  
5 PM OOTC Community Supper Gym

**Reflection on the First Reading (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13)**

On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, the call to turn back to the Lord is expressed with a focus on what it means to see. In turning back, we are challenged to see in a new way.

The books of Samuel recount Israel's story over a hundred years (1070 - 970 BC), moving from Samuel, the last of the judges, through the reign of Saul, and finally to the monarchy under David. Typically, such "historical" books are more of a theological reflection than a historical account.

1 Samuel reflects on the challenge of monarchy. In its earlier history, Israel was a covenanted people guided by temporary leaders such as Moses and the judges. The few attempts to seize control ended in disaster. Indeed, Samuel hesitated in responding to the people's request for a king and did so only at God's insistence. God chose Saul, and Samuel anointed him at God's direction, thus establishing the pattern: God identifies the king, and the prophet anoints him; all other attempts end in failure.

In turning to today's reading, we hear that, in spite of his experience in king-making, Samuel is shocked when God calls him to anoint another king, especially with Saul still in the office. Indeed, verses 2-3 (omitted from today's passage) describe how Samuel attempts to dissuade God. But God will not be dissuaded. The true focus of today's reading is its evaluation of Samuel's insight, or lack thereof. Samuel seems to have forgotten that God chooses and the prophet anoints. Samuel's assessment of Jesse's son Eliab on the basis of his appearance and lofty stature leads God to rebuke Samuel for his poor

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



VBS Camp registration is now open: July 20 – 24, 2026 for children ages 5 to 11. Ages 12 and up are welcome as Teen Leaders. Mornings – “Circus of Stars: Spotlight on the Father”. Afternoons – Lego Robotics.

**Good Friday Family Liturgy 10 AM** – Dramatization of the Gospel. We are looking for people of all ages to help with this dramatization. Whole families doing this together is a wonderful experience. Grandparents, aunts, and uncles are all welcome to join us. Children under 8 need to have at least one parent with them. This dramatization is done tableau style. This means that actors will pose, creating a scene. The readers will read a section of the Gospel. Then the actors will shift and go into different poses, creating a new scene. The readers will continue reading another section of the Gospel. There are no speaking parts for those who are doing the tableaux. We also as family groups have the privilege of carrying the cross up to Fr. Phil when it is time for the veneration of the cross. This dramatization is a beautiful way to participate and experience Good Friday with your family. There will be two practices, Sunday March 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> following the 11:30 AM Mass. I will feed you lunch and then we will proceed with the practice. If you can help with this event, please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office or in the Nursery on Sundays.

**Painting with Kelly** - we are starting a new project and we invite anyone who would like to join us to please sign up for the next set of classes. They will run Tue. March 24 - April 28, excluding April 21, 7 - 9 PM in the Large Hall. We will be learning to paint with watercolour for these sessions. The first class is mandatory as you will learn many of the techniques you will be using in the subsequent classes. Each class we will be painting one bookmark, with a total of 3 bookmarks. If you cannot come to all the classes, you can choose to come to one or two. If you were not a part of the previous classes, please register with Kelly Krause at the parish office. We need to make sure we have the supplies you will need for the class. Cost will be \$10.



St. Louis CWL is happy to announce two current **gift card fundraising programs** open to all parishioners.

Vincenzo's-This is one of two annual campaigns for this favourite local store – where they offer our council 10% of the value of gift cards we order. Cards are available in denominations of \$25, \$50 or \$100. This order period is from March 7 to March 26 only. Thank you for supporting both our CWL council and a treasured local business! Ongoing gift card program thru Vista Promotions. Cards are available for many businesses- Sobey's, Zehrs, FreshCo, No Frill, Walmart, Shoppers, Dollarama, Giant Tiger, Home Hardware, Esso & Petro Canada, Swiss Chalet and many more. We receive a variable percentage back on the value of the cards –depending on the business. The current order period for this program is also from March 7 to March 26 only. Please contact Patti Pagett with orders for either type of gift card- at [dpac@golden.net](mailto:dpac@golden.net) or at 519-744-7705. Thanks for your support for our Catholic Women's League Council.

**Tunes for Tiny Homes Takeout** – Sat. Mar. 28 at 1:30 PM at St. Mary's in Kitchener. Enjoy a wonderful blend of classical, jazz & pop music pieces performed by members of Wilfrid Laurier Faculty of Music.

**St. Agnes Education Cafe: “God speaks - are we listening? Overcoming Spiritual Deafness.”** Sunday Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> 2-3:30 PM, at St. Agnes Parish, with Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R. (Associate Pastor of St. Mary's, Kitchener).

**The 7 Last Words** - Special musical presentation by The Philippine Choral Society of Mississauga. Palm Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM at St. Mark's Parish, Kitchener. Hosted by St. Mark's CWL. A time of meditation and song, helping us to enter more deeply into this sacred time. All are welcome. A goodwill offering will be collected.

All are invited to attend a **Senior Information Fair** on Sat., April 18, drop-in from 1 to 4 PM at St. Louis Gym, 77 Willow St., Waterloo (a barrier-free environment). This is a great opportunity to meet over 30 professionals from many areas impacting seniors' lives to ask questions about what is available to help. Admission and refreshments are free. Sponsored by St. Louis Ministry to the Elderly and St. Louis Catholic Women's League. For info. email [StLouisSeniorFair@outlook.com](mailto:StLouisSeniorFair@outlook.com) or Cecilia, 519-572-5435



**Resurrectionist Vocation Minute** - Jesus heals a man who was blind from birth. At first, the man does not fully understand who Jesus is, but step by step his eyes and his faith are opened. Discernment often works the same way. God does not reveal everything at once; He gradually helps us see more clearly. Are you ready to let Jesus open your eyes as you discern your vocation? Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, CR; [resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com](mailto:resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com)

**Spiritual Director (Ignatian formed)** - Susan Scanlan - Offering spiritual accompaniment for those who desire to delve more deeply into their faith journey. Email: [snsscanlan@gmail.com](mailto:snsscanlan@gmail.com)

## Reconciliation Services in KW & extra confession times in Lent 2026

Tue. Mar. 17 – St. Francis, Kit. 2 PM & St. Mark, Kit. 7 PM

Wed. Mar. 25 – St. Anne, Kit. 6:30 PM

Sat. Mar. 28 – Blessed Sacrament, Kit. from 8 AM to 8 PM

Wed. April 1 – St. Michael, Wat. from 8 AM to 8 PM

Extra Confession times at St. Agnes, Wat.: Tue. Mar. 24: 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Wed. Mar. 25: NOON – 4 PM, Wed. April: 5 - 8 PM.

## Examination of Conscience

Do I place God as top priority?

Do I set time aside to be conscious of the presence of God in my life?

Do I actively seek spiritual growth by prayer and good works?

Have I allowed the Gospel to influence my life?

Do I show respect for God's name?

Do I use language appropriately?

Do I worship God? By going to Mass, praying, spiritual reading?

Do I respect those in authority over me? Parents, teachers, bosses

Have I been violent in word or deed? Bullied, shouted, pushed.

Have I held grudges, or been resentful?

Do I take care of my health? Eat, drink and sleep appropriately

Have I been respectful of God's gift of sexuality to me?

Do I read, or watch, or think about inappropriate things?

Do I respect others' property? Have I stolen? Vandalized,

Have I been generous, or selfish?

Do I contribute according to my gifts and talents?

Am I a good steward of God's gifts to me?

Do I tell the truth? Am I honest with God and with myself?

Do I pass on rumors, spread gossip?

Am I satisfied and thankful for God's gifts to me?

Am I envious or jealous of others?

Do I pray for my enemies?

Have I taken any action to redress a wrong or an injustice?

Have I been thankful to God? For strengths and weaknesses?

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