



# 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. 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

### Monday, March 17 – St. Patrick, Bishop - No Mass

9 – 11:30 AM Pickle Ball Gym  
5:30 PM Good Shepherd Catechesis Nursery  
7:30 PM Bible Study – Revelation 7/11 L. Hall

### Tuesday, March 18

9:00 AM † John Swaigen – Anne Marie Webster  
9:30 AM Book Group - “Jesus & the Jubilee” L. Hall  
6:30 PM CWL Exec Meeting L. Hall

### Wednesday, March 19 – St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Principal Patron of Canada, Patron of the Universal Church

9:00 AM For Intentions of Holy Family SVDP Conference in Mt. Albert, Trinidad – St. Louis SVDP Members  
9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball Gym

### Thursday, March 20

9:00 AM Deceased Members of the Estrada Family – Estrada Fam.  
6 - 7 PM First Communion Prep. Class Nursery

### Friday, March 21

9:00 AM † Ann Peake  
9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball Gym  
5 PM Simple Supper L. Hall  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross (led by CWL)

### Saturday, March 22

#### Vigil of The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM † Ghislene Delattre – Cecilia Beechey  
† Walter & Kaye Hartman – Children  
Intentions of Debbie H. – Auntie D. & Cousins

### Sunday, March 23 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

9:30 AM † David Thorpe – Cecilia Beechey  
10:30 AM Coffee Time L. Hall  
11:30 AM People of St. Louis Parish  
12:30 AM Lunch & Book of Revelation 8/11 L. Hall  
4:30 PM OOTC Community Supper Gym



The Transfiguration is the last painting by the Italian High Renaissance master Raphael. Cardinal Giulio de Medici – who later became Pope Clement VII (in office: 1523–1534) – commissioned the work, conceived as an altarpiece for Narbonne Cathedral in France; Raphael worked on it in the years preceding his death in 1520. The painting exemplifies Raphael's development as an artist and the culmination of his career. Unusually for a depiction of the Transfiguration of Jesus in Christian art, the subject is combined with the next episode from the Gospels (the healing of a possessed boy) in the lower part of the painting. The work is now in the Pinacoteca Vaticana in the Vatican City.

## Every Friday in Lent – Stations of the Cross at 7 PM.



St. Louis CWL warmly invites all parishioners to our annual **Simple Supper** on **Fri., Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>** at 5 PM in the Large Hall. This free dinner will consist of homemade soup and bread. Following our meal, the CWL will lead the Stations of the Cross at 7 PM. Please join us!



## St. Louis CWL Presents a ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARD PARTY



Wed., March 19<sup>th</sup>, from 11:30 AM till 4:00 PM at Knights of Columbus Hall, 145 Dearborn Pl. Waterloo. Tickets: \$20- includes lunch! WHY? Why not? What else have you got to do on a weekday in March? For tickets contact Patti Pagett at dpac@golden.net or 519-501-8062 Proceeds to St. Louis C.W.L. THANK YOU!

**Senior Information Fair:** Sat., April 5, from 1 to 4 PM at St. Louis Gym, 77 Willow St., (a barrier-free environment). Meet over 30 professionals from many areas impacting seniors' lives to ask questions about what is available. Admission and refreshments are free. Sponsored by St. Louis Ministry to the Elderly and St. Louis CWL. For info. email StLouisSeniorFair2025@gmail.com or call Cecilia 519-572-5435

**Resurrectionist Vocation Minute** - When we think of making a vow, especially religious vows, we generally think of something that we do “for” God. But the truth is, it is God who has already made a vow to be faithful to us, through the death and resurrection of Jesus, for which during the season of Lent, we are preparing to celebrate at Easter. Like our Lenten observances - whatever they may be – vows are not meant to be a “bargaining chip” with God, but a wholehearted response to the God. Fr. Raphael Ma, 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 this is of interest to you. 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. If you would like to register, please pick up a form from the back of the church or in the Nursery. If you have any questions, please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office.

## Reflection on the First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

The first reading depicts the forming of the covenant between Abram and God in Gen. 15 and reaffirming it later (Gen. 17), at which time God renames Abram, by calling him Abraham. Today's reading begins with God's promise of many descendants for Abram. These descendants will be so numerous that they can be barely counted, as evidenced by the comparison to the stars in the sky. Abram believes in God's words without question; he does not ask for proof. It is this ready faith that God deems righteous. While it seems that believing that he will have descendants (at the time, he and his wife Sarai had no children) and that they will be numerous would require such a level of faith on Abraham's part that is credited to his favour, that faith is seen as even more remarkable when one recognized that this interaction occurred during the day, when the stars would not have been visible. After God brings Abram's attention to the sky, Abram gathers the animals listed by God and then the sun sets. Thus, Abram's faith is even more significant: he believed in a comparison to something that was not currently visible. Along with the promise of descendants, God also promises land for Abram. It is at this point that Abram asks for confirmation that this will come to pass. Abram assembles the offering God requested, and in response, God manifests His acceptance of Abrams' offering in the flaming torch and the smoking fire pot that pass between the sacrificed animals. This action ratifies the covenant between God and Abram. In return for his faithful obedience, Abram will be blessed with descendants, land, and a special relationship with God. As Catholics, we are part of Abram's descendants and thus recipients of this blessing. (From Workbook for Lectors)

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## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT – MARCH 16, 2025

**Pilgrimage to the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph on March 25** – You are welcome to join the members of the St. Louis Book Group on the Pilgrimage to the Guelph Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate for The Feast of the Annunciation on March 25. The Basilica was named by Bp. Crosby as a Pilgrimage Church in our Diocese. On Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> Bp. Lobsinger, will celebrate a special Pilgrimage Mass. You are all very welcome, and encouraged to come. The Evening Prayer will be at 6:30 PM. Mass at 7 PM. Reception in the Parish Hall after Mass.

We will meet at St. Louis Parking lot at 5:30 PM and carpool to Guelph so we can attend the Evening Prayer, the Mass and part of the reception. (Sacrament of Reconciliation will not be available that evening.) If you are planning to attend, please inform the parish office.

### **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 tableaux 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 April 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> following the 11:30 AM Mass. I will feed you and then we will proceed with the practice. If you can help with this event, please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office or see her in the nursery on Sundays to sign up.

**St. Teresa Kitchener Parish Pasta Dinner-** Sunday, Mar. 30<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 or 6:30 PM for our Pasta Dinner fundraiser—pasta by Ennio's. All proceeds towards the needs of the parish. Tickets: Adults - \$25, Children - \$10 for ages 7–14, children 6 and under free. Silent auction. Tickets can be purchased by emailing Barbara at bmdaly@me.com.



**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?**

Canada houses the world's largest and most renowned shrine dedicated to St. Joseph: Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal, located in Montréal in Quebec. Oh, 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.

Two nuns were given prophetic visions concerning St. Joseph and the nation of Canada. The first was St. Mary of the Incarnation (1599-1672), an Ursuline sister canonized in 2014 by Pope Francis; she lived amongst the Huron and Algonquin peoples as a missionary. St. Mary saw St. Joseph as "the guardian of this place" — the "great country," which became Canada. The second was Bl. Catherine of St. Augustine (1632-1668), an Augustinian nun beatified by Pope St. John Paul II in 1989, and another Canadian missionary. Bl. Catherine said, "in different circumstances of her life," she had "seen St. Joseph and heard from him the affirmation that God had constituted him father, guardian and defender of the country of Canada."

Another very important saint is St. André Bessette, a lay brother of the Congregation of the Holy Cross. "Brother André," was a great devotee of St. Joseph. In 1904, Brother André was authorized to build a small chapel in honour of St. Joseph on Mount Royal in Montréal. Quickly outgrowing its size in 10 short years, the present St. Joseph's Oratory was then commissioned to be built. Taking 50 years in total to complete, the Oratory was raised to the status of a minor basilica during construction on St. Joseph's Feast in 1955. Rising 232.5 meters above sea level, the Oratory is the only structure allowed to rise higher than Mount Royal, situated 30 feet below. It is the largest church in all of Canada, and one of the 50 tallest structures on earth.

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".

St. Faustina was visited by St. Joseph several times, as mentioned in her Diary. Usually, he came accompanying the Blessed Mother and the Infant Jesus. However, there was one instance when she records him speaking with her. She said: St. Joseph urged me to have a constant devotion to him. He himself told me to recite three prayers [the *Our Father*, *Hail Mary*, and *Glory be*] and the *Memorare* [to St. Joseph] once every day. He looked at me with great kindness and gave me to know how much he is supporting this work [of mercy]. He has promised me this special help and protection. I recite the requested prayers every day and feel his special protection (*Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska*, #1203).

Pope Bl. Pius IX said "the Church has always most highly honoured and praised blessed Joseph next to his spouse, the Virgin Mother of God, and has besought his intercession in times of trouble."

In his apostolic letter *Patris Corde*, Pope Francis said: Each of us can discover in Joseph ... an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation ... The greatness of St. Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the father of Jesus. In this way, he placed himself, in the words of St. John Chrysostom, "at the service of the entire plan of salvation."

We must especially call upon St. Joseph's intercessory power for our nations. In those countries with a special devotion and patronage to St. Joseph — including Canada — he awaits the prayers of its inhabitants, in good times and in bad, to direct the consciences of its people and leaders to essential truths, and helps to spread the Kingdom of God on earth.

May Canada, the United States, and all countries avail themselves of the special help, protection, and blessings that prayers said through the intercession of St. Joseph can provide us.

St. Joseph, Patron Saint of Canada and Universal Patron of the Church, pray for us! (*From marian.org – website of Marians of the Immaculate Conception*)

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