

St. Louis Catholic Church

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Office hours: Monday – Thursday 9 - 12 and 1- 4 p.m.

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St Louis Catholic Church



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.

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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MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS



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Bishop Barron Word on Fire Lenten Reflections

can be reached via this QR code or the link below:

<https://www.wordonfire.org/reflections/>

Lenten Prayers – The last Stations of the Cross this Lent will be on Friday March 27th at 7PM (till 7:30 PM). The Choral Stations of the Cross will be sung, led by Robert Reinhart. All are welcome.

Reconciliation Services or extra confession times in KW this Lent

- Tue. Mar. 24 – St. Agnes, Wat. from 9:30 - 11:30 AM
- Wed. Mar. 25 – St. Anne, Kit. at 6:30 PM
– St. Agnes, Wat. from NOON - 4 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
– St. Agnes, Wat. from 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?

Although the people view themselves as cut off from life (i.e. dead, buried, and abandoned), the Lord commands Ezekiel to prophesy over the bones, thus disinterring them and reassembling them. In this way, the first interpretation in today's reading is completed: "I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves." Still, the reconstituted but lifeless bones must be reanimated. Using the same word that described how God breathed (*nph* in Hebrew) the breath of life into Adam in the garden, the Lord instructs the prophet to call on the wind (*rwh* in Hebrew) to breathe (*nph*) spirit (*rwhy*) into the bones. In this way, the second interpretation is fulfilled: "I will put My Spirit (*rwhy* in Hebrew) within you, and you shall live." And what is it all for? As a disinterred and reanimated people, the vast throng will be restored to its land, the fulfilment of its hope. (*From the Workbook for Lectors*)

Monday, March 23 – No Mass

9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
5:30 PM	Good Shepherd Catechesis	Nursery
7:30 PM	Bible Study (19/20)	L. Hall

Tuesday, March 24

9:00 AM	† Robert Waechter – A. M. Webster	
9:30 AM	Book Club	L. Hall
12:15 - 1 PM	Fit Club	Gym
5:30 – 6:45 PM	Painting with Kelly	L. Hall

Wednesday, March 25 – The Annunciation of the Lord

9:00 AM	Intentions of Members of Prayer Shawl Ministry	
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
6 PM	First Communion Prep.	Church

Thursday, March 26

9:00 AM	† Doris Toussaint – Claire & Richard Armitage	
12:15 - 1 PM	Fit Club	Gym

Friday, March 27

9:00 AM	† Mary Ann Toussaint – Claire & Richard Armitage	
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross – Choral Stations led by R. Reinhart	

Saturday, March 28

Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:00 PM	† Thomas Forde & Noelle Forde – Pat & Joan Forde	
	† Marlene Donnelly – Bobby & Giselle Lorentz	
	† Jonathan Reinhart – Krause Family	
	† Gerald Stockie – Stockie Family	

Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish	
10:30 AM	Coffee Time	L. Hall
11:30 AM	† Frank & Marie Butler – Butler Family	
	† Richard & Delia Byrne – Rosemary & Shaun MacNeil	
	† Cameron MacLean – Rosemary & Shaun MacNeil	
	† Brian Krulicki – Charley & Darlene Wilson & Family	
12:30 PM	Lunch & Practice #2 for Dramatization of Good Friday Passion	Nursery & Church
12:30 PM	Lunch & Bible Study (20/20)	L. Hall
5 PM	OOTC Community Supper	Gym

Reflection on the First Reading (Ezekiel: 37:12-14)

The unfolding weeks of Lent, with their call to turn back, are moving toward an ultimate destination: a new life in God's Spirit. Today's readings make it clear that this is not a return to a former way of being, but rather to the fundamentally new way of being alive.

Ezekiel, one of the three major prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel), was deported in the first deportation to Babylon in 597 BC. In Tel Abib near Babylon, he produced some of the most memorable images to describe the fate of his people. Whereas the first thirty-three chapters of the book consist of oracles of doom and denunciation, once news of Jerusalem's destruction reaches Ezekiel, he shifted to oracles of hope and restoration. It is from those oracles that today's reading is taken.

Ezekiel 37:1-14 describes how the Lord led Ezekiel to a broad valley filled with bones. Although the majority of the vision consists of the Lord's instructions to the prophet, there is a keyline which identifies the hopelessness of the people, who say: "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely". Through the metaphor of dried bones, Israel bemoans its fate. But God has other plans for Israel, first described in Ezekiel's vision and then interpreted in today's first reading.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Holy Week Services at St. Louis

April 2 - Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7 PM
April 3 - Good Friday Services: 10 AM (FAMILY) & 3 PM
April 4 - Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday): 8:30 PM
April 5 - Easter Sunday Masses: 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM



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.

Share Lent Collection this weekend – Founded and mandated in 1967 by the Bishops of Canada, and now a member of the Caritas International network of Catholic agencies, the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace financially supports development and aid projects in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as informs Canadian Catholics on international social justice questions. (*From Ordo 2026 p.91*)

Please make cheques payable to St. Louis Parish, as the parish will cash them and send a lump sum to the Diocese later in April.

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, grandparents, aunts, and uncles are all welcome. Children under 8 need to have one parent with them. This dramatization is done tableaux style with no speaking parts. (The readers will be reading the Gospel.) This is a beautiful way to participate and experience Good Friday with your family. There will be two practices, Sunday March 22nd & 29th following the 11:30 AM Mass. Lunch will be provided in the Nursery prior to each 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 – A new session is starting. It 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. If you were not a part of the previous classes, please register with Kelly Krause at the parish office so that we have enough supplies. Cost will be \$10.

Help Not Harm: Take Action to Support Bill C-218 Write your Member of Parliament Today! Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca

You're invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca where you can e-mail your Member of Parliament (MP), asking for their support of Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act), which would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027. Chances are you know someone struggling with mental illness — a family member, friend, or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we are called to offer care, hope, and protection — not death — to those who are suffering and most vulnerable. Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

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Annunciation of the Lord - The Feast of the Annunciation, now recognized as a solemnity, was first celebrated in the 4th or 5th century. Its central focus is the Incarnation: God has become one of us. From all eternity God had decided that the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity should become human. Now, as Luke 1:26-38 tells us, the decision is being realized. The God-Man embraces all humanity, indeed all creation, to bring it to God in one great act of love. Because human beings have rejected God, Jesus will accept a life of suffering and an agonizing death: “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends”.



Mary has an important role to play in God's plan. From all eternity, God destined her to be the mother of Jesus and closely related to Him in the creation and redemption of the world. We could say that God's decrees of creation and redemption are joined in the decree of Incarnation. Because Mary is God's instrument in the Incarnation, she has a role to play with Jesus in creation and redemption. It is a God-given role. It is God's grace from beginning to end. Mary becomes the eminent figure she is only by God's grace. She is the empty space where God could act. Everything she is she owes to the Trinity.

Mary is the virgin-mother who fulfills Isaiah 7:14 in a way that Isaiah could not have imagined. She is united with her Son in carrying out the will of God (Psalm 40:8-9; Hebrews 10:7-9; Luke 1:38).

Together with Jesus, the privileged and graced Mary is the link between heaven and earth. She is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God. She shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become. She is the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God. She manifests what the Incarnation is meant to accomplish for all of us. (*From franciscanmedia.org*)

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. 29th 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 29th 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 or Cecilia, 519-572-5435



Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - In the Gospel for this Sunday, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead by commanding him to come out of the tomb. But He also commands the crowd of people assembled around the tomb to roll the stone away from the entrance, unbind Lazarus, and let him go. God calls each one of us to personal transformation and to service to others. How is God calling you in both these ways? Grant Hartley (Resurrectionist Vocations Office, USA); resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

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