

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.



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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

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2025 – YEAR OF JUBILEE – PILGRIMS OF HOPE

MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

Monday, March 24 – No Mass

9 – 11:30 AM	Pickle Ball	Gym
5:30 PM	Good Shepherd Catechesis	Nursery
7:30 PM	Bible Study – Revelation 8/11	L. Hall

Tuesday, March 25 – Annunciation of the Lord

9:00 AM	† Peter Dandeueau	
9:30 AM	Book Group – DVD: Jewish Roots of the Holy Week (1/3)	L. Hall
1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Meeting	L. Hall
5:30 PM	Pilgrimage to Guelph Basilica – Meet in St. Louis	
– 9 PM	see announcement	Parking Lot

Wednesday, March 26

9:00 AM	† Ghislana Delattre – SVDP	
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym

Thursday, March 27

9:00 AM	† Joyce Rooney – Marie Miller	
9:30 AM	Organ tuning	Church
6 – 7 PM	First Communion Prep. Class	Nursery
7 PM	Finance Council Meeting	Rectory

Friday, March 28

9:00 AM	† Ghislana Delattre – Sandy Williams	
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross (led by Robert Reinhardt & choir)	
7:30 – 8 PM	Jewish Roots of the Holy Week – ½ hr video (1/3)	L. Hall

Saturday, March 29

Vigil of The 4th Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM	† Ghislana Delattre – John & Sharon Carey	
	† Edna Ertel – Larry Ertel	
	† Thomas Forde & Noelle Forde – Pat & Joan Forde	

Sunday, March 30 – 4th Sunday of Lent – Lactare Sunday

9:30 AM	† Rudi & Kathi Ziegler – Elizabeth	
	† Ghislana Delattre – Malton Family	
	† David Thorpe – Thorpe Family	
	Intentions of Ronald Ayoung-Chee – Amanda Ayoung-Chee	
10:30 AM	Coffee Time	L. Hall
11:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish	
12:30 AM	Lunch & Book of Revelation 9/11	L. Hall
4:30 PM	OOTC Community Supper	Gym

Reflection on the First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

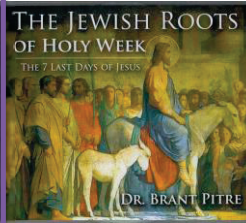
Today's first reading presents God calling Moses to the mission of rescuing His people from slavery in Egypt. This encounter reassures us of God's presence in our Lenten journey because it highlights God's initiative in remaining in relationship with His people and it demonstrates God's presence in the day-to-day activities of those people.

Moses did not seek out God, but God sought him, appearing to him in the midst of his daily tasks. There was nothing special about that day, nor did Moses do anything to bring about this divine revelation. Instead, God initiated this encounter out of love for His people. In revealing Himself to Moses God twice described Himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In so doing, God recalled for Moses His past providential care for His people. This laid the foundation for why He would do the same for the Israelites in Egypt. At the same time, God provided evidence of past care as a sign of His fidelity and power to intervene on their behalf. God also stated His reasons for taking action. He has witnessed His people's afflictions, heard their cries, and knew of their suffering. God responded to the distress of the Israelites and promised to rescue them. In a similar manner, during the season of Lent, we lift our cries to God as we continually seek to repent and



The cursing of the fig tree (Byzantine-style icon)
Jesus had previously performed all His miracles as proof of "His merciful benevolence", but now He confirms the faith of His disciples, by displaying the rigours of His justice. In cursing the fig-tree, He shows "His justice on the sinners who bring forth not the expected fruits of grace." Since even though a person should only expect fruit from a tree in its season, God by contrast always has the right to expect from mankind the fruits of righteousness and piety. (From Wikipedia, based on John McEvilly's Gospel commentaries)

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



Following the Stations of the Cross on Mar. 28, April 4 & 11 there will be a screening (in 3 parts, 1/2 hour each) of a talk by Dr. Brant Pitre: **The Jewish Roots of Holy Week: The 7 Last Days of Jesus**
If you knew you only had one week left to live, how would you spend it? What would you do?

Most people know that Jesus celebrated the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, died on Good Friday, and lay dead in the tomb on Holy Saturday. But what about the other days of Holy Week? What did Jesus choose to say and do on the last seven days of His life?

In these riveting presentations, Dr. Brant Pitre takes his knowledge of the Jewish roots of Christianity and uses it to unveil the mysteries of the most sacred and solemn week of the entire year: "Holy Week." In these presentations, you will discover:

1. Palm Sunday: Why did Jesus ride into Jerusalem on a donkey?
- 2-3. Holy Monday-Tuesday: Why did Jesus curse the fig tree on holy Monday?
4. Spy Wednesday: What is the hidden meaning to Judas' betrayal of Jesus? And why is this day called "Spy Wednesday"?
5. Holy Thursday: How exactly did the disciples prepare the Passover for Jesus?
6. Good Friday: What is the meaning of the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' side?
7. Holy Saturday: Why did Jesus rest in the tomb? Where did Jesus' soul go on Holy Saturday?
8. Easter Sunday: Why did Jesus rise on the "first day of the week"?

If you're looking to get more out of the season of Lent this year and to truly enter into the mystery of Holy Week with Jesus, then this Bible study is for you.

This Bible Study video will also be shown during the Book Group meetings (9:30 - 10 AM Tuesdays March 25th, April 1 and April 8). All welcome to come!

St. Teresa Kitchener Parish Pasta Dinner- Sunday, Mar. 30th at 4:30 or 6:30 PM — pasta by Ennio's. All proceeds go to the parish. Tickets: Adults - \$25, Children - \$10 for ages 7-14, children 6 and under free. Silent auction. For tickets email Barbara at bmdaly@me.com.

transform our lives. God hears our prayers, recognizing our failings and mercifully rescuing us from sin when we turn to Him. Hearing this reading during Lent reminds us of God's past care and continued fidelity to us, His people. It also serves as a reminder to us that we encounter God daily. These encounters may not be as flashy as a burning bush, but they are nevertheless very real and intimate moments with the God who loved us first. What then is our response to our daily encounters with God? (From Workbook for Lectors)

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT – MARCH 16, 2025



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.

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. 25th Bp. Lobsinger, will celebrate a special Pilgrimage Mass. All are welcome. 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 to 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.



Our parish CWL is happy to announce our next round of **gift card fundraising**. We are again taking orders for gift cards from a favourite local store- Vincenzo's. Through their program, each gift card we order through our council will provide 10% of the value back as a donation to the CWL. Cards are available in denominations of \$25, \$50 or \$100. Orders must be placed by Saturday April 5, 2025. To order please contact Patti Pagett – 519-744-7705 or dpac@golden.net. Thank you for supporting both our CWL council and our local business!

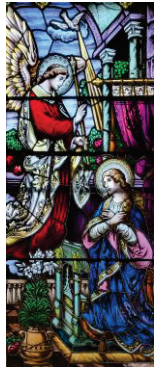


Ladies, please join us for our next General Meeting on Wed., April 2nd beginning with Mass at 7 PM. Our guest speaker will be crowd favourite dance instructor Anne Cameron. She will give us a presentation: *Dance around the World*. All ladies 16 years and older are always welcome to our General Meetings, which take place in the Large Hall. We look forward to seeing you!

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 6th & 13th 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.

Good Friday Fish Fry (Apr. 18) at the Waterloo Knights of Columbus
145 Dearborn Place in Waterloo
Eat-In booking times: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 PM. Take-Out from 1 PM to 6 PM
1pc Dinner \$17.50, 2pc Dinner \$22.50 (taxes Included)
Call Martin@519-884-2060 to reserve table

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)

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - Jesus' parable of the fig tree illustrates God's patient mercy. The gardener asks for more time, believing the tree might yet bear fruit. Similarly, discernment requires patience - not rushing to immediate results, but allowing time for God's grace to cultivate growth within us. Are you patient enough to let God guide your vocation, trusting His timing and care? Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, CR; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

WHY@Breakfast ONLINE PRESENTATION – Special online presentation, *Pilgrims of Hope in the Jubilee Year: A View From Rome*, with Fr. Alex Yeung, LC, STL, PhD. (a graduate from UW & now a professor at Regina Apostolorum Pontifical Athanaeum in Rome). He will share insights about how the Jubilee Year is going in and around Rome. The online presentation will be on April 5th, from 9:30 - 11 AM. For info. & free registration, see [/whyatbreakfast.com](http://whyatbreakfast.com).

Heroes of Hope: Prayer for Those Who Care For the Poor

Lord God, by the grace of our baptism, You have given us new life in Christ and called us to serve as pilgrims of hope. We pray in thanksgiving for those who have responded to Your call to respond to the needs of the poor, who provide safe shelter for the homeless, food to those who hunger, counsel to the unemployed, and support to those who live with mental and physical disabilities. Through their varied ministries, may they touch the hearts of all in our community who long for the hope, born of our Christian faith, that never disappoints. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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