

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 31 – No Mass

9 – 11:30 AM	Pickle Ball	Gym
5:30 PM	Good Shepherd Catechesis	Nursery
7:00 PM	SVDP Exec Meeting	Nursery
7:30 PM	Bible Study – Revelation 9/11	L. Hall

Tuesday, April 1

9:00 AM	† Moe Webster - Family	
9:30 AM	Book Group –DVD: Jewish Roots of the Holy Week (1/2- Revised)	L. Hall
10:00 AM	† Stella Dlugokecki – Family	At Terrace in the Square
7:00 PM	Painting with Kelly	L. Hall

Wednesday, April 2

9:00 AM	† Albert & Bernetta Dietrich – Estate of Ann T. Paleczny	
8:30 AM–12:30 PM	Cake Baking for OOTC	Kitchens
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
12:30 PM	Set up for CWL meeting	L. Hall
7:00 PM	† Liz Payne – CWL	
7:30 PM	CWL Meeting	L. Hall

Thursday, April 3

9:00 AM	† Earnest Forbes – Terry McTavish	
6 - 7 PM	First Communion Prep. Class	Nursery

Friday, April 4

9:00 AM	† Elizabeth Payne – Cecilia Beechey	
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross (by 11:30 Choir with musical reflection)	

Saturday, April 5 - St. Isidore, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

1 PM – 4 PM	Senior Fair	Gym
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Vigil of The 5th Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM	† Ghislina Delattre – John & Sharon Carey	
	† James Bauer – His Children	
	† Doreen & Anne Forde – Pat & Joan Forde	
	† Carol Schneider – Ron Schneider	

Sunday, April 6 – 5th Sunday of Lent

9:30 AM	† Marcella Kuntz – Peter Kuntz	
	† Ghislina Delattre – Dave & Patti Pagett	
	† Kenneth Ayoung-Chee – Amanda Ayoung-Chee	
	† Samran, Khamphens, Kasem & Johnny Xaysy – Xaysy Family	
10:30 AM	Coffee Time	L. Hall
11:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish	
12:30 AM	Lunch & Book of Revelation 10/11	L. Hall
4:30 PM	OOTC Community Supper	Gym

Reflection on the First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Today's first reading picks up right after the ancient Israelites crossed the Jordan into Canaan, the Promised Land, in a manner similar to the crossing of the Red Sea during the Exodus from Egypt. Afterwards, they commemorated their complete fidelity to God's covenant by circumcising all males. Based on that event, it seems that they had not kept the practice of circumcision, a hallmark of the Abrahamic covenant, immediately after the mass circumcision, we have the words spoken by God in today's reading: "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." With these words, God affirms their actions of reinstating covenantal practices. Once they perform this act, they are made new and are now able to receive the fulfillment of God's promise to both Abraham and Moses – living in the Promised Land.

The Return of the Prodigal Son

(Central portion of a painting by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo 1667-1670 currently at The National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC).

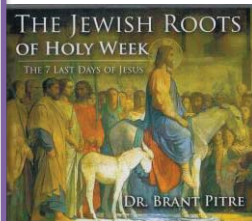
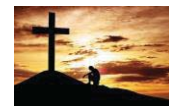
It was one of one of eight huge canvases painted for the Church of the Hospital of Saint George in Seville, a hospice for the homeless and hungry)



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

On April 4 the Stations are led by 11:30

Choir and are followed by musical reflection.



Revised schedule! Following the Stations of the Cross on Mar. 28 & April 11 there will be a screening (in 2 parts, 45 min. 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 of 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 9:30 – 10:15 AM Tuesdays April 1 & April 8). All welcome!

After these words, they celebrate another ritual that they had not been able to perform while wandering in the desert: Passover. Their ability to eat from the land of Canaan highlights both God's past providential care (that he provided manna for them to survive as they journeyed to the Promised Land) and God's current care (by bringing them into the land that would sustain them). Thus, we see God's care manifested through the provision of food and the act of eating. The renewal of the Passover ritual in this reading establishes the ancient Israelites as a new creation in God. (From Workbook for Lectors)

Good Friday Fish Fry (Apr. 18) at the Waterloo Knights of Columbus

(145 Dearborn Pl., Waterloo). Call Martin@519-884-2060 to reserve table. 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)

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT – MARCH 30, 2025

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



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 interested. 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. To register, pick up a form from the back of the church or in the Nursery. Questions? Please contact Kelly Krause at the parish office.



Our parish CWL is happy to announce our next round of **gift card fundraising.** We are 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 Sat. April 5. To order please contact Patti Pagett – 519-744-7705, or dpac@golden.net. Thank you for supporting both our CWL council & 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, Sundays 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.

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - Discerning God's will for our lives, or our vocation is in a real sense a "coming home" – but not to one or another particular set of circumstances, however, they may "check off" our boxes. It is more like the realization that the younger son had, which he didn't fully understand, but pursued, and in the end, was able to come home. Fr. Raphael Ma, CR; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

WHY@Breakfast ONLINE PRESENTATION – Online presentation, *Pilgrims of Hope in the Jubilee Year: A View From Rome*, April 5th, from 9:30 - 11 AM 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. For info. & free registration, see [//whyatbreakfast.com](http://whyatbreakfast.com).

St. Isidore of Seville's Story (c. 560 – April 4, 636)

The 76 years of Isidore's life were a time of conflict and growth for the Church in Spain. The Visigoths had invaded the land a century and a half earlier, and shortly before Isidore's birth they set up their own capital. They were Arians—Christians who said Christ was not God. Thus, Spain was split in two: One people (Catholic Romans) struggled with another (Arian Goths).

Isidore reunited Spain, making it a center of culture and learning. The country served as a teacher and guide for other European countries whose culture was also threatened by barbarian invaders.

Born in Cartagena of a family that included three other sibling saints—Leander, Fulgentius and Florentina—he was educated by his elder brother, whom he succeeded as bishop of Seville.

An amazingly learned man, he was sometimes called "The Schoolmaster of the Middle Ages" because the encyclopedia he wrote was used as a textbook for nine centuries. He required seminaries to be built in every diocese, wrote a Rule for religious orders, and founded schools that taught every branch of learning. Isidore wrote numerous books, including a dictionary, an encyclopedia, a history of Goths, and a history of the world—beginning with creation! He completed the Mozarabic liturgy, which is still in use in Toledo, Spain. For all these reasons, Isidore has been suggested as patron of the Internet. Several others—including Anthony of Padua—also have been suggested.

He continued his austerities even as he approached age 80. During the last six months of his life, he increased his charities so much that his house was crowded from morning till night with the poor of the countryside. (*From Franciscanmedia.org*)

Patron Saints for Modern Challenges

If you had to name a patron saint of the Internet, whom would you choose? By 1999, a movement had sprung up among Catholic dot-com workers to petition Pope John Paul II for their own patron saint. And they had someone in mind: the learned Spanish bishop, Saint Isidore of Seville.

Because Saint Isidore died in 672, he obviously never surfed the Web. That tiny detail did not trouble his supporters, however. They pointed out that in his lifetime Isidore compiled a 30-volume encyclopedia of all knowledge then extant. This encyclopedia, the dot-com Catholics said, could be regarded as the world's first database.

At this writing (*in 2018*), the Holy Father has not yet responded to the request to make Saint Isidore the patron of the Internet. If today the pope were to give Saint Isidore the nod, he would be playing a game of catch-up. Over the last three years, thanks to Web sites, chat rooms and e-mail, the enthusiasm for Saint Isidore among Catholics who work in the Internet industry and Catholics who surf the Web has made his patronage an unofficial fact.

Deciding which saint gets to be patron of what cause has always been a grassroots movement. From time to time popes have officially appointed a patron saint (Pope John Paul II, for example, has named Saint Francis of Assisi patron saint of ecology and Saint Thomas More patron saint of statesmen and politicians). But by and large, associating a particular saint with a particular need is a manifestation of devotion from the folks in the pews.

Saint Isidore is not the only saint who has been "updated." In our day we find Saint Helen as patron of divorced people, Saint Margaret of Cortona for single mothers, Saint Aloysius Gonzaga for AIDS patients and their caregivers, Saint Benedict Joseph Labré for homeless people, Saint Clare of Assisi for television, Saint Martin de Porres for those who suffer discrimination and Saint Monica for lapsed Catholics. (*Introduction to an article by Thomas J. Craughwell from St. Anthony Messenger*)

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