



# 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

### Parish Organizations and Contacts:

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MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

# LENT

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**Lenten Prayers - Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent – On Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, the Stations of the Cross will be led by St. Louis Parish 11:30 Choir. Following the Stations there will be half an hour of musical reflection on Lent. All are welcome.**

**Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2026 - Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. If you would like to attend, or for more information regarding tickets and travel arrangements, please call Kelly Krause at the parish office.**

St. Anthony Daniel Parish invites you to their **Parish Lenten Mission** with Bishop Lobsinger, March 14 to March 17. Bishop Lobsinger will be focusing on the theme: *“Being Saints Today”*. He will preach during Masses on Sat. March 14 @ 5 PM, & Sun. March 15 @ 9 & 11 AM, Mon. March 16 @ 7 PM & Tue., March 17 @ 7 PM. A light reception will follow Mass on March 17.

**The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass - Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2026? You are invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 31 at the Cathedral in Hamilton at 1:30 PM. (Space allows for Anniversary couples only - those married 60+ years may bring one guest for assistance). Registration: under Upcoming Events at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com), or call Family Ministry Office 905-528-7988X 2249.**



**Mark your calendars: Vacation Bible School Camp will be during the week of July 20 – 24, 2026. Registration opens soon.**

<b>Monday, March 9 – No Mass</b>			
	9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
	5:30 PM	Good Shepherd Catechesis	Nursery
	7:30 PM	Bible Study (17/20)	L. Hall
<b>Tuesday, March 10</b>			
9:00 AM	† Connie Waiser – Webster Family		
	9:30 AM	Book Club	L. Hall
	12:15 - 1 PM	Fit Club	Gym
	6:30 PM	CWL Exec	L. Hall
<b>Wednesday, March 11</b>			
9:00 AM	Intentions of Glenda Zappitelli – Book Club Members		
	9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
	6 PM	First Communion Prep.	Church
	7 PM	SVDP Meeting	L. Hall
<b>Thursday, March 12</b>			
9:00 AM	In Thanksgiving for Graces Received by Estrada Family – Estrada Family		
	12:15 - 1 PM	Fit Club	Gym
<b>Friday, March 13</b>			
9:00 AM	† Judy Snow – Cathy, Marie & Doug Miller		
	9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym
7:00 PM	Stations of the Cross – led by 11:30 Choir		
<b>Saturday, March 14</b>			
<b>Vigil of Fourth Sunday in Lent</b>			
5:00 PM	People of St. Louis Parish		
<b>Sunday, March 15 – Fourth Sunday in Lent</b>			
9:30 AM	† Monica Doyle – Hulme Family		
	† Gloria Taylor – Anne Marie Webster		
	† Jonathan Reinhart – Jerry & Christa Fischer		
	† Andreas & Elisabeth Schwarz – Elizabeth		
	10:30 AM	Coffee Time	L. Hall
11:30 AM	† Angela Prost – Rosemary & Shaun MacNeil		
	† Sherman & Lorena Galvin – Rosemary & Shaun MacNeil		
	† Kenneth Ayoung-Chee – Amanda Ayoung-Chee		
	† Dana Woito – Krause Family		
	12:30 PM	Lunch & Bible Study (18/20)	L. Hall
	5 PM	OOTC Community Supper	Gym

**Reflection on the First Reading (Exodus 17:3-7)**

Ash Wednesday presented the idea that Lent is a season to turn back to the Lord. Yet such a turning back is about more than simply hearing God’s words. It is a turning back that occurs gradually, constantly, and with concrete action. The stories of Israel in the wilderness recall that turning back to the Lord is a process that is often repeated.

Two big events dominate the Book of Exodus: Israel’s deliverance from Egypt and its entrance into a covenant at Mount Sinai. Still, it contains many smaller scenes, such as the call of Moses, the victory at sea, the reception of the covenant, and the worship of the golden calf. Having left Egypt, God guides Moses and the people through the wilderness to Sinai, where they receive a covenant. It is from this wilderness trek to Sinai that today’s reading is drawn.

Shortly before arriving at Sinai, while camping at the oasis of Rephidim, the people grumble for the third time against Moses, this time over the lack of water. Although it is likely that the rival Amalekites are blocking access to the water, the people grumble against Moses. Their grumbling shows their distrust of God (who commissioned Moses) in spite of all that God has done to free them. Indeed, this quarrelling with God is embodied in the place names we see at the end of today’s reading: *Meribah* (in Hebrew, a rib is a legal accusation) and *Massah*

(meaning trial or testing in Hebrew). The scene becomes such a symbol of contention and strife that other biblical passages mournfully recall this painful situation (for example, Psalm 95:8). In response, God instructs Moses to strike the rock with the same rod that he used to make the waters of Egypt undrinkable. In this way, the people have water to drink. Remarkably, the people are not punished for their contentious revolt, perhaps because they have not yet received the covenant.

Clearly, coming to trust and stand firm in God’s providence required more than reassuring words, a dramatic deliverance from Pharaoh, or even the way that God provided for them in the wilderness. It seems that at the first sign of difficulty, Israel forgot everything. As Israel’s history testifies, the process of returning to God is long, and people then and now required multiple returns.

*(From Workbook for Lectors)*

# THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



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.

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a **FISH FRY** on Friday, March 13 at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. There will be continuous seating from 5 – 7 PM. Take-out will be at 4:30 – 5 PM. Please bring your own take-out bag. Purchase your tickets by calling Rick Weishar at 519-577-5928 or call the St. Teresa of Avila Parish Office at 519-669-3387 between 9 AM and 1 PM. (Tuesday to Thursday). Cost is Adults \$20, Children (aged 6 - 12 years) \$12, Children (aged 5 and under) free; and Take-out is \$20. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to reupholstering the hall chairs.

All are invited to attend a **Senior Information Fair** on Saturday, 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 information contact [StLouisSeniorFair@outlook.com](mailto:StLouisSeniorFair@outlook.com) or Cecilia, 519-572-5435



**Resurrectionist Vocation Minute** - It is unlikely if you are reading this that you have not had a taste of the "living water" that Jesus is speaking of, the deeper satisfaction that comes from encountering God. The clearest sign of such an encounter is our ability to leave our water jar behind, and share with others the living water we have received. When was the last time you had a sip of the living water of an encounter with God? Fr. Raphael Ma, CR; [resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com](mailto:resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com)

**Lectures in Catholic Experience Presents:** Micah True, *Anne of Austria's Surgeon: François Gendron, the 17th-century Jesuit Mission to the Wendat, and the History of Medicine* March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at SJ1, Classrooms and Library Building, Notre Dame Chapel. Event is free - all are welcome. Register on-line at <https://uwaterloo.ca/st-geromes/events>. Attend in person or view the live-stream.



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Pope Leo XIV to declared year 2026 as Year of St. Francis of Assisi to mark 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death



Excerpt from Catholic Online ([catholic.org](http://catholic.org)) about St. Francis' life – Continued from last week's bulletin.

As a youth, Francis wanted to be a noble, a knight. Battle was the best place to win the glory and prestige he longed for. He got his first chance when Assisi declared war on their longtime enemy, the nearby town of Perugia.

Most of the troops from Assisi were butchered in the fight. Only those wealthy enough to expect to be ransomed were taken prisoner. At last Francis was among the nobility like he always wanted to be...but chained in a harsh, dark dungeon. All accounts say that he never lost his happy manner in that horrible place. Finally, after a year in the dungeon, he was ransomed. Strangely, the experience didn't seem to change him. He gave himself to partying with as much joy and abandon as he had before the battle.

The experience didn't change what he wanted from life either: Glory. Finally, a call for knights for the Fourth Crusade gave him a chance for his dream. But before he left Francis had to have a suit of armor and a horse -- no problem for the son of a wealthy father. And not just any suit of armor would do but one decorated with gold with a magnificent cloak. Any relief we feel in hearing that Francis gave the cloak to a poor knight will be destroyed by the boasts that Francis left behind that he would return a prince.

But Francis never got farther than one day's ride from Assisi. There he had a dream in which God told him he had it all wrong and told him to return home. And return home he did. What must it have been like to return without ever making it to battle -- the boy who wanted nothing more than to be liked was humiliated, laughed at, called a coward by the village and raged at by his father for the money wasted on armor. (To be continued...)



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**Reel Justice Film Festival** - Join us for our March screening of *Living on One Dollar*. Four college students from the United States travelled to rural Guatemala to live on just \$1 a day for two months. They battled hunger, parasites, and the realization that there are no easy answers to solving extreme poverty. Yet, the generosity and strength of their neighbors left them a resilient optimism. \$56 for 56 days, how would you survive? No discussion with this screening. Watch the film once you receive the link on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Registration required. Register and view our schedule at: [hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/). A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

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