

St. Louis Catholic Church

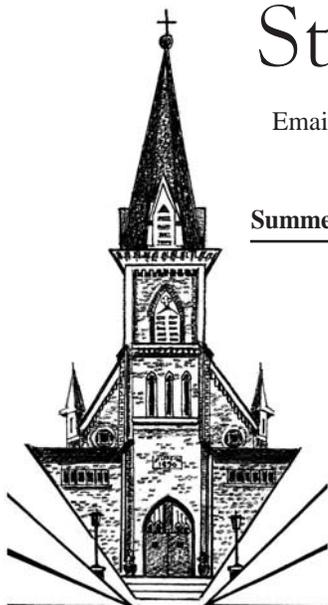
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Weekday Masses:
Tuesday – Friday 9:00 a.m.
*Rosary: Tuesday to Friday
before 9:00 a.m. Mass*

Sunday Masses:
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.

Pastoral Team:

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Custodian
Doug Lichty

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:

Finance Council
Terry Collins, 519-741-1534

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**Catechesis Of The Good Shepherd,
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2025 – YEAR OF JUBILEE – PILGRIMS OF HOPE

MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

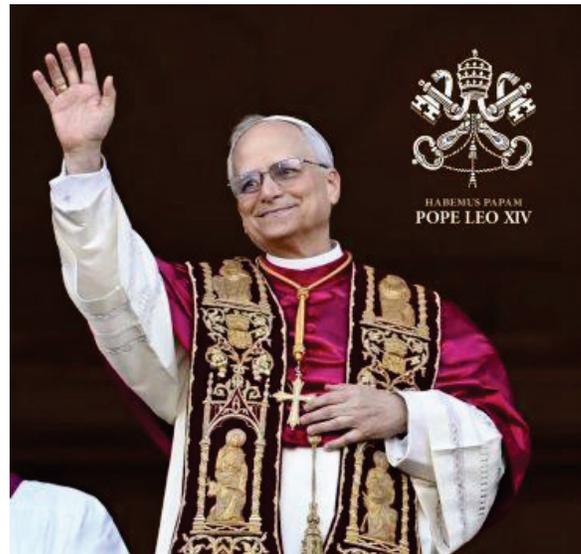
Monday, May 19 – No Mass – Office Closed – Victoria Day			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
7:00 PM	Rosary in the Garden by Jesus statue		(in the Church if rains)
Tuesday, May 20			
9:00 AM	† Don Kehn – Beaton Family		
10:00 AM	Mass at the Terrace in the Square		
9:30 AM	Book Group		L. Hall
6:30 PM	CWL Exec Meeting		L. Hall
Wednesday, May 21			
9:00 AM	† Dolores Sedlmeir – Jackie Anstett		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
Thursday, May 22			
9:00 AM	Intentions of Bob Martin – Martin Family		
7 PM	Meeting of Teen VBS Camp Counsellors		L. Hall
Friday, May 23			
9:00 AM	† Gloria Gonzáles Zuñiga – Blanco Family		
Saturday, May 24			
9 AM – 3PM	Crafting Day		L. Hall
Vigil of the 5th Sunday of Easter			
5:00 PM	† Dennis Mulhall – Pat & Joan Forde		
	† Walter & Kaye Hartman – Children		
	† Elizabeth Payne – Grant & Janet Ertel		
	† Lorraine & Anthony Dietrich – Barbara Lorentz & Family		
Sunday, May 25 – Fifth Sunday of Easter			
9:30 AM	† David Thorpe – Sandy Williams		
	† Guntis Obrascovs – Prayer Shawl Ministry		
	† Wilbert, Ursula, Dolores & Geraldine Kuntz –		
		Peter Kuntz	
	Intentions of Annette & Frank Hulme – Elizabeth		
	10:30 AM	Coffee time	L. Hall
11:30 AM	People of St. Louis Church		

Reflection on the First Reading: Acts 14: 21b-27

This reading recounts the return portion of Paul and Barnabas' first missionary journey. They aim to visit churches previously established and encourage the faithful in each place. Their "strengthening" (*episteizo* in Greek) of the disciples literally means "placing them firmly upon something." In other words, they give them a foundation. The same work will be undertaken in later missionary journeys (Acts 15:32, 41).

Importantly, the message of encouragement and support highlights the necessity of suffering when following Christ. On this point, we turn to the verses immediately preceding today's passage, wherein Paul and Barnabas faced profound misunderstanding in Lystra as they undertook their healing and preaching ministry. Things got so out of hand, in fact, that some people came from a nearby place, whipped the crowd into a frenzy, and stoned Paul (Acts 14:19-20). Yet, as the community of faith gathered around him, Paul got up and continued his missionary efforts elsewhere with Barnabas. So, when Paul and Barnabas make their return, they are speaking to at least some disciples who had recently witnessed Paul's suffering for the sake of the Kingdom of God. Some may have even gotten carried away and been part of the crowd. It is therefore possible that Paul's words on the necessity of suffering for God's Kingdom actually amounts to him extending forgiveness to some disciples. In any case, as Paul and Barnabas make their return to Antioch, their stay in each place highlights the spread of God's grace among the early disciples. Evidence of this growth is marked by sharing in pious practices (prayer and fasting) and the establishment of local leadership (elders).

(From Workbook for Lectors)



On May 8th – the second day of conclave – Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost was elected Pope and choose the name of Leo XIV.

He was born on September 14, 1955 in Chicago, Illinois, United States, and raised in a town near the city's South Side. Prevost became a friar of the Order of Saint Augustine in 1977 and was ordained priest in 1982. His service has included extensive missionary work in Peru from 1985 to 1986 and from 1988 to 1998, where he variously served as a parish pastor, diocesan official, seminary teacher, and administrator. Elected prior general of the Order of Saint Augustine from 2001 to 2013, he later returned to Peru as Bishop of Chiclayo from 2015 to 2023. In 2023, Pope Francis appointed him prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and president of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, and made him a cardinal the same year.

A United States citizen and a naturalized citizen of Peru, Leo XIV is the first pope from North America, the first from Peru, and the second from the Americas after Francis. He is the first pope from the Order of Saint Augustine. His papal name was inspired by Pope Leo XIII, who developed Catholic social teaching. (From Wikipedia.org)

V. Let us pray for Leo, our Pope.

R. May the Lord preserve him, and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.

Our Father. Hail Mary.

O God, Shepherd and Ruler of all the faithful, look favourably on Your servant Leo, whom You have set at the head of Your Church as her shepherd; grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen. (From vaticannew.va)



World Day of Prayer for the Church in China – May 24

In May 2007, Pope Benedict XVI asked that May 24 be observed as a Day of Prayer for the Church in China. He chose this day since it is the traditional Feast of Our Lady of Help of Christians, venerated at the Shrine of Sheshan in Shanghai.

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 18, 2025



SVDP North of 60 Canned Meat Project:

Chesterfield Inlet, Nunavut

For the next several weeks of June (the 1, 8, 15,) St. Louis parish will be collecting canned meat for the community of Chesterfield Inlet. These are used to supplement their fish and hunted meats. Brands that are recognizable to them are Spam, Klik, and Holiday Luncheon Meat, Mario Corned Beef, Hereford Corned Beef, and Canned Swift, Mario and Maple Leaf brand Hams. Our target is to collect 300 tins. Please place cans in the container located in the entrance of the Church.

Thank you for your continued generosity to our SVDP conference and to this special project.

Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - Today's Gospel passage follows immediately after Jesus washes the feet of His disciples. His commandment to love is not abstract - it is very practical. If you are discerning a vocation, ask yourself: Where is God calling you to serve with this kind of love? Are you open to a path that seeks not recognition, but a quiet giving of your life in service to others? Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, 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 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.



Attention High School Graduating Students!

St. Louis CWL Christian Leadership Award for one student who is: active member of St. Louis parish, active in their schools, exemplify Christian gospel values, use well their

God given talents, model Christian virtue, wish to continue education via University, College or Apprenticeship

Applicants to submit an essay where they share: what the Catholic Faith means to them, how they practice their faith, how they use their God given talents (2 page max., Times New Roman, 12 pt. font.)

Submit essay: by May 25th to St. Louis CWL at the Parish Office. Attention: Kitty Tsang.

May is the Rosary Month - Come for a Rosary Prayer in the Garden (or in the Church, if it rains) on Mondays in May at 7 PM. (Yes, we are meeting on Victoria Day). Bring a lawn chair. We will meet by the statue of *Jesus with Children*.



Reel Justice Film Festival - Join us for our final screening of the season with *The Condor and the Eagle*, May 22, 7 – 9 PM. Four Indigenous leaders embark on a trans-continental adventure from the Canadian Boreal forests to deep into the heart of the Amazonian jungle to unite the peoples of North and South America and deepen the meaning of Climate Justice. Never-before-seen images expose the extractive mining economy and the global rise of land and water protectors across the Americas. Film followed by conversation with guest speaker Jamie Bourque-Blyan, Engagement Manger with Indigenous Climate Action. Register at: hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/. A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

About The Spirituality of Childhood - Holy Rosary Parish in Guelph is hosting the first of a two-part Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level One Formation Course July 7-12, 2025. This retreat-like experience immerses the adult in scripture, liturgy, theology, prayer, the needs and capacities of children, and making materials the child works with to internalize the Christian message. Catechists formed in this method usually go on to work with 3–6-year-olds in a parish or school, or are involved in ministries such as RCIA, Children's Liturgy of the Word, and preparation for the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. For more information: www.cgsac.ca/Courses/Level One or contact the course registrar: therese.wright8591@gmail.com.

Separated or Divorced? Struggling with the impact of divorce or separation? You're not alone! Join the award-winning Critical Mass for an inspiring two-day retreat, where music, testimonies, and faith-filled discussions will guide you toward hope and healing. Don't miss this chance to reconnect with your faith and find strength in community—space is limited to 25 participants. Choice of two retreat weekends: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Waterloo on May 23/24 or St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Hamilton on May 30/31. Cost is \$130 and includes materials, snacks and lunch. Friday evening: 6:45- 9:30 PM and Saturday: 8:45 – 4 PM. To register contact davefromcm@gmail.com or 519-572-6962 or www.criticalmassmusic.org/tour-dates.

Saints Who Were Mothers - Saint Helena of Constantinople

Widow (+ c. 329) - Feast: 18 August

Helena was only the daughter of an innkeeper in a port city in Sicily when she met and married the dashing Roman general Constantius Chlorus. They had one child, a son named Constantine. Constantine was a teenager when his father divorced Helena. Though it was a bitter event for Helena, it was merely a career move to Constantius, who quickly remarried so that he could become emperor.

But Constantine had not forgotten his mother. When Constantine himself became emperor, he invited Helena back to the imperial court and gave her many titles. For her part, Helena learned about the God whom Constantine said had given him victory. She became a Christian at the age of sixty-three.

Helena took her new faith seriously. She dressed simply, gave generously to the poor, and loved to pray the Divine Office. When Constantine defeated his rival Licinius in battle, Helena celebrated by travelling as a pilgrim to the Holy Land. As Helena thanked the Lord for His blessings on her son, she also directed the building of churches over important sites. As tradition has it, with the help of local Christians she located relics of Jesus' Passion. Unlike most saintly mothers, Helena learned about Christ from her son, not the other way around. (From us.magnificat.net)



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