

St. Louis Catholic Church

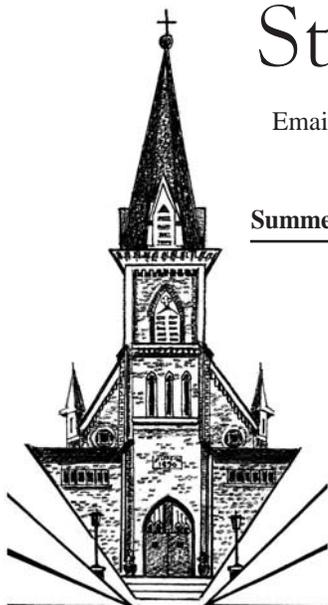
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St Louis Catholic Church



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. 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, May 26 – No Mass – St. Philip Neri, Priest	
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball Gym
7:00 PM	Rosary in the Garden by Jesus statue <i>(in the Church if rains)</i>
Tuesday, May 27	
9:00 AM	† Clarence Anstett – Jackie Anstett
9:30 AM	Book Group L. Hall
1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Meeting L. Hall
Wednesday, May 28	
9:00 AM	† Anne Voll-Reitzel – Janet & Grant Ertel
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball Gym
Thursday, May 29	
9:00 AM	† Maureen Healey – Butler Family
7 PM	Meeting of Teen VBS Camp Counsellors L. Hall
Friday, May 30	
9:00 AM	In Thanksgiving for Graces Received by Estrada Family – Estrada Family
Saturday, May 31 – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord	
5:00 PM	People of St. Louis Church
Sunday, June 1 – The Ascension of the Lord	
9:30 AM	† Hilda Reilly
	† Georg Pereira – Philip & Biniangel Varghese
	† Thomas Kuntz – Peter Kuntz
	† Sr. Coleen Young, SOS – Jackie, Mary & Jim
	10:30 AM Coffee time L. Hall
11:30 AM	† Elizabeth Payne – Donna McKay
	† Ghislana Delattre – Don & Lorraine Prior & Family
	† Marie Butler – Jim & Bonnie Rudnisky
	† Ida Theresa Spilak – Blanko Family

Reflection on the First Reading: Acts 15:1-2,22-29

This reading describes how the early Church experienced and responded to a case of rupture and unrest. Initially, disciples struggled to understand their emerging identity as followers of Jesus, especially as the number of non-Jewish (Gentile) disciples increased. All of Jesus' early followers recognized that He was Jewish. Moreover they recognized that He embodied God's fulfillment of the promises made to the Jewish people. Those promises are conveyed in Jewish tradition and Scripture (the latter being the basis for the Christian Old Testament).

Lack of clarity, however, emerges as Jesus' followers grapple with what it means to honour laws and customary practices characteristic of the Judaism of Jesus' day. Were these laws and customs to be retained? If some, which ones and how? The specific case addressed in today's passage is circumcision, which God mandated as a standard practice for all descendants of Abraham. For Jesus' followers in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia the response is mixed. Some teach that circumcision is necessary to follow Christ. Other, like Paul and Barnabas, argue that it is not. (Though they seem to have thoughts that it could be beneficial as Acts 16:3 suggests. There, Paul has Timothy circumcised for the sake of the mission.) Evidently, the case of circumcision disturbs disciples in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia enough to appeal to Jerusalem, where the first disciples of Jesus (now called Apostles and elders/presbyter(s)) continue to reside.

After hearing the "case" and praying about it, the disciples in Jerusalem – the "mother" church of the earliest Christianity - come to a decision with the help of the Holy Spirit. Circumcision, as Paul and Barnabas maintain, would not be necessary for disciples of Jesus. Other practices, however, like dietary and marriage restrictions, would

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary



This is a fairly late feast, going back only to the 13th or 14th century. It was established widely throughout the Church to pray for unity. The present date of celebration was set in 1969, in order to follow the Annunciation of the Lord and precede the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist.

Like most feasts of Mary, it is closely connected with Jesus and His saving work. The more visible actors in the visitation drama (see: Luke 1:39-45) are Mary and Elizabeth. However, Jesus and John the Baptist steal the scene in a hidden way. Jesus makes John leap with joy—the joy of messianic salvation. Elizabeth, in turn, is filled with the Holy Spirit and addresses words of praise to Mary—words that echo down through the ages.

It is helpful to recall that we do not have a journalist's account of this meeting. Rather Luke, speaking for the Church, gives a prayerful poet's rendition of the scene. Elizabeth's praise of Mary as "the mother of my Lord" can be viewed as the earliest Church's devotion to Mary. As with all authentic devotion to Mary, Elizabeth's (the Church's) words first praise God for what God has done to Mary. Only secondly does she praise Mary for trusting God's words.

Then comes the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55). Here, Mary herself—like the Church—traces all her greatness to God.

The Magnificat - My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for He has looked with favour on His lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is His Name.

He has mercy on those who fear Him in every generation.
He has shown the strength of His arm,
He has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich He has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of His servant Israel
for He has remembered His promise of mercy,
the promise He made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Reflection - One of the invocations in Mary's litany is "Ark of the Covenant." Like the Ark of the Covenant of old, Mary brings God's presence into the lives of other people. As David danced before the Ark, John the Baptist leaps for joy. As the Ark helped to unite the 12 tribes of Israel by being placed in David's capital, so Mary has the power to unite all Christians in her Son. At times, devotion to Mary may have occasioned some divisiveness, but we can hope that authentic devotion will lead all to Christ and therefore, to one another.

(From franciscanmedia.org)

characterize discipleship of Jesus. It is important to note that these restrictions in Acts 15 do not equate with Jewish practices extant at the time. Kosher dietary practices, for example, would have been more restrictive. Still, once a decision was made, correspondence was drawn up and representatives from Jerusalem accompanied Paul and Barnabas to confirm the message.

The end of Acts 15, not included in today's reading, highlights the fact that the decision causes rejoicing where there has been strife. As such, we see a portrayal of the early Church as vulnerable to discord but open to reconciliation through the Spirit's guidance and faithful leadership. *(From Workbook for Lectors)*

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 25, 2025



Painting with Kelly – we will be having a colour theory class Tuesday, June 3rd, in the large hall from 7pm-9pm. If you have been a part of the painting classes previously or are new and would like to join us, please RSVP with Kelly Krause at the parish office. We will be mixing colours and playing with paint so it is imperative that there are enough supplies for everyone who would like to take this class.



Our next CWL General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 4th beginning with Mass at 6 PM. In lieu of a guest speaker, we are having a Potluck and will have extra time for socializing before we break for the Summer. We are continuing to collect vitamins of any type for one of our ladies going on a medical mission trip to Peru later this year. We are also inviting you to make use of our little library in the Large Hall. Feel free to peruse the books, borrow what you like and donate books of a spiritual or uplifting nature that you no longer need. All ladies 16 years of age and older are welcome to come to our General Meetings and you do not need to be a member to attend!



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 - Sometimes what we need is a break. But Jesus came to give us more than a break, He came to give us peace. The peace that Jesus gives us is deeper, and it can exist even when external peace is not available to us right now for whatever reason. Jesus' peace actually springs from that inner restlessness, that absence of rest, which awakens in us a desire for more – a desire for the peace that Jesus is offering us. Fr. Raphael Ma, 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. Our last session will be on May 26th. Bring a lawn chair. We will meet by the statue of *Jesus with Children*.



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](http://www.cgsac.ca/Courses/Level One) or contact the course registrar: therese.wright8591@gmail.com.

Saints Who Were Mothers – St. Gianna Molla
Married laywoman († 1962) Feast: 28 April

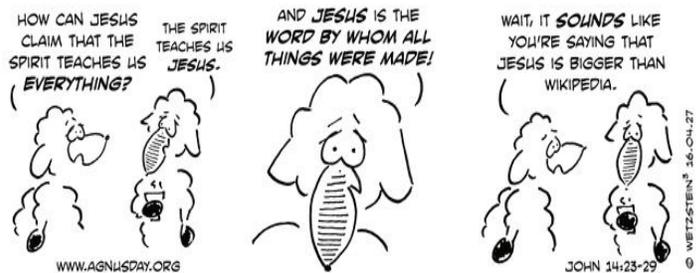


Gianna was the dream child of any Catholic parent. She lived out her faith as a teenager, believed in the power of prayer, accepted setbacks as part of God's providence, and volunteered to serve the needy. She believed God wanted her to become a medical doctor and help the sick, so she earned medical degrees and specialised in paediatrics. She particularly loved caring for babies and their mothers.

Gianna planned to travel to Brazil to help her brother who was a missionary priest, but health problems prevented her from doing so. Then, when she was thirty- two years old, she met her future husband, Pietro. Five months later, they were engaged, and the next year, they were married.

Gianna and Pietro soon had three children. Gianna loved being a mother, but she also continued her work as a medical doctor, seeing that as part of her life's work. But during her fourth pregnancy, the doctors discovered a tumour growing on her uterus. As a doctor, a mother, and a Catholic, Gianna refused to permit a surgery that would save her life at the expense of her child's. Gianna gave up her life for her daughter, and that daughter repaid the gift by eventually becoming a medical doctor herself, just like her mother.

Heavenly Father, may the sacrifices and blessings of motherhood lead both mothers and their children to heaven. (From us.magnificat.net)



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