

St. Louis Catholic Church

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Served by the Congregation of the Resurrection since 1890.

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

Parish Organizations and Contacts:

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2025 – YEAR OF JUBILEE – PILGRIMS OF HOPE

MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

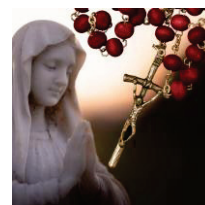


VBS Camp 2025 – morning theme will be **Weird Animals**, where Jesus' love is one of a kind. The afternoon theme will be **Spanish language and culture**. It is for campers ages 6 – 11. If you are 12 yrs old or older, you are invited to join our camp counselling team. Please contact Kelly if interested. 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.



Ladies, please join us on Wednesday, May 7th for a very special celebration. Following Mass at 7 PM, we will have our annual Crowning of Mary and Service Pin ceremonies. We invite all ladies of our parish to join us. We will then adjourn to the Large Hall for sweet treats and social time and end with a short meeting. We will also be collecting vitamins of any type for one of our ladies who is going on a medical mission to Peru later this year. We look forward to welcoming you!

May is the Rosary Month: Come and join other parishioners for a Rosary Prayer in the Garden (or in the Church, if it rains) on Mondays in May at 7 PM, starting on May 5th. Bring a lawn chair. We will meet by the statue of Jesus with Children.



Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - Three times Jesus asks Peter: "Do you love me?" Before mission comes love. Before vocation comes relationship. Discerning a call to religious life and priesthood is not first about what we do, but about whom we love. Jesus does not demand perfection — only love that is willing to grow. Is your love ready to trust Him with a "yes"? Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, CR; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

Lectures in Catholic Experience Presents: Fr. Gregory Boyle Cherished Belonging - The Healing Power of Love in Divided Times May 15th at 7:30 PM at SJ2 Academic Centre Atrium. Event is free - all are welcome. Fr. Gregory Boyle offers a transformative idea of what community and compassion mean through the lens of Christianity's origins. He has contributed to altering the lives of countless people through his foundational work at Homeboy Industries - the most extensive gang intervention program in the world.

testimony to Jesus' resurrection obeys a higher authority: God. Certain of Jesus' Resurrection, the Apostles daringly admit to blaming the Jerusalem leaders for instigating Jesus' death.

At the same time, though, they also speak of sharing a common heritage with their audience: "*The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus.*" Moreover, they profess that the events of Jesus' death, Resurrection, and Ascension, as well as the sending of the Holy Spirit, offer repentance and forgiveness of sins for Israel – this understanding would have included the Jerusalem leaders and their charges. For the Apostles, then, Jesus' death is part of a deeper truth: He died not simply because of the leaders but *for* them and *for* the people they wish to protect (i.e., Israel). The Apostles' message gives rise to a fundamental Christian message: all humanity is responsible for Jesus' death and enjoys forgiveness through it.

The leaders ultimately dismiss the Apostles without apparent concern for being singled out as responsible for Jesus' death. However, they still want the Apostles to obey them and stop teaching in Jesus' name. That reprimand gives the Apostles cause to rejoice, for they have been called upon to suffer like Jesus, who suffered out of obedience to God. (*From Workbook for Lectors*)

Monday, May 5 – No Mass			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball	Gym	
5:30 PM	Good Shepherd Catechesis	Nursery	
7:00 PM	Rosary in the Garden by Jesus statue (in the Church if rains)		
7:00 PM	SVDP Meeting	L. Hall	
Tuesday, May 6 – St. François de Laval, Bishop, Patron of Bishops in Canada			
9:00 AM	† Robert Joseph Thomas – Family		
	9:30 AM Book Group	L. Hall	
10:00 AM	Mass at the Terrace in the Square		
	7:00 PM Painting with Kelly	L. Hall	
Wednesday, May 7			
9:00 AM	† Albert & Bernetta Dietrich – Estate of Ann Therese Paleczny		
	9 AM – NOON Pickle Ball	Gym	
7:00 PM	† Liz Payne – CWL Mass		
	7:30 PM CWL Meeting	L. Hall	
Thursday, May 8			
9:00 AM	In Thanksgiving for Graces Received by Esther MacKinnon – Esther MacKinnon		
	7 – 8:30 PM Meeting of Teen VBS Camp Counsellors	Nursery	
Friday, May 9			
9:00 AM	Intentions of Peter Kuntz – Marcella Kuntz		
Saturday, May 10 – St. John of Avila, Priest, Doctor			
Vigil of the 4th Sunday of Easter			
5:00 PM	† Michael & Lana – Margaret Danard		
	† Ghislana Delattre – Martin Family		
	† Anis & Raymonde Haroun – Martin Family		
	† Constantinos Bazinas – Martin Family		
Sunday, May 11 – Fourth Sunday of Easter			
9:30 AM	Intentions of Ted & Helene Morris on their Anniversary – Elizabeth		
	Intentions of Moser Family – Moser Family		
	† Bert & Katie Ruetz – Ruetz Family		
	† Phyllis Ertel – Larry Ertel		
	† James Doyle – Frank & Annette Hulme		
11:30 AM	People of St. Louis Church		

Reflection on the First Reading: Acts 5:28-32, 40b-41

Today's first reading portrays a tense, post-Resurrection exchange between Jewish religious leaders from Jerusalem and the Apostles. After instructing the Apostles to cease teaching in Jesus' name – a name the leaders avoid uttering – the religious leaders accuse the Apostles of disobedience. Moreover, the Apostles are charged with attempting to blame the religious authorities for Jesus' death. For these leaders, the city in their care has been filled with message that undermines their governance. Additionally, being accused of enacting an unjust execution renders them enemies of the growing Jesus movement. Thus, the authorities respond by blaming the Apostles for their problem. And with good reason. If their authority is compromised (a problem which began during Jesus' ministry), the status quo of political influence in Jerusalem faces instability. That could lead to civil unrest. Maintaining the status quo, even if through an injustice, offers a modicum of predictability and peace.

Nevertheless, the Apostles, sharing in the courage of the Holy Spirit after encountering the risen Jesus, respond in kind, though they are concerned with a different authority. The Apostles must submit first to divine authority before obeying human authorities. This means that they admit to knowingly disobeying the Jerusalem authorities. But their

Conclave 2025

The conclave to elect the 267th Pope will begin on May 7th, following the conclusion of the Novemdiales Masses to pray for the eternal repose of the late Pope Francis.

The conclave will take place in the Vatican's Sistine Chapel, which will remain closed to visitors during those days. It will be preceded by a solemn Eucharistic celebration with the votive Mass *Pro Eligendo Pontifice* attended by the Cardinal electors.

In the afternoon, the Cardinal electors proceed in a solemn procession to the Sistine Chapel. At the end of the procession inside the Sistine Chapel, each Cardinal elector takes the oath as prescribed in paragraph 53 of *Universi Dominici Gregis*. Through this oath, they commit, if elected, to faithfully fulfill the *Munus Petrinum* as Pastor of the Universal Church. They also pledge to maintain absolute secrecy regarding everything related to the election of the Roman Pontiff and to refrain from supporting any attempts of external interference in the election.

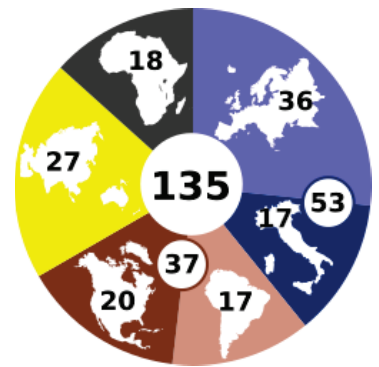
At this point, the Master of Pontifical Liturgical Celebrations proclaims *extra omnes*, meaning that all individuals who are not part of the Conclave must leave the Sistine Chapel. Only the Master himself and the ecclesiastic designated to deliver the second meditation remain. This meditation focuses on the grave responsibility that rests upon the electors and the necessity of acting with pure intentions for the good of the Universal Church, keeping only God before their eyes. Once the meditation is delivered, both the ecclesiastic and the Master of Pontifical Liturgical Celebrations leave.

The Cardinal electors then recite prayers according to the *Ordo Sacrorum Rituum Conclavis* and listen to the Cardinal Dean, who asks whether they are ready to proceed with voting or if any clarifications regarding the rules and procedures. All election procedures take place exclusively in the Sistine Chapel within the Vatican Apostolic Palace, which remains completely sealed off until the election is concluded.

Throughout the election process, the Cardinal electors must refrain from sending letters or engaging in conversations, including phone calls, except in cases of extreme urgency. They are not allowed to send or receive messages of any kind, receive newspapers or magazines of any nature, or follow radio or television broadcasts.

To validly elect a new Pope, a two-thirds majority of the electors present is required. If the total number of electors is not evenly divisible by three, an additional vote is necessary. If voting begins on the afternoon of the first day, there will be only one ballot. On subsequent days, two ballots are held in the morning and two in the afternoon.

After the votes are counted, all ballots are burned. If the ballot was inconclusive, a chimney positioned over the Sistine Chapel emits black smoke. If a Pope is elected, white smoke will billow out of the chimney. If the electors fail to reach an agreement on a candidate after three days of inconclusive voting, a break of up to one day is allowed for prayer, free discussion among voters, and a brief spiritual exhortation by the Card. Proto-Deacon (Card. Dominique Mamberti). (Text from vaticannews.va, Image from en.wikipedia.org by Bacon Noodles)



Retreat at the Carmel - The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild is hosting their annual retreat at the Carmelite Monastery on Saturday, May 24.

The theme of the Retreat is "Hope". The retreat will give you an opportunity to experience the graces and blessings of the Jubilee Year. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. If you wish to attend, please see the poster for more details on the Carmel of St. Joseph website: www.thecarmel.ca

If you haven't registered yet, please do so, as space is limited. RSVP before May 16 either by phone: 519-884-6700 or email: saintagatha@thecarmel.ca

Reel Justice Film Festival - Join us for our final screening of the season with The Condor and the Eagle, May 22, 7:00 – 9:00 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 and view our full schedule at: <https://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.

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass – Last Chance to Register! - Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 1, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 PM. (Space allows room

for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration under *Upcoming Events* at hamiltondiocese.com, or call Sarah at 905-528-7988 X 2249.

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%20One) or contact the course registrar: therese.wright8591@gmail.com.



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