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MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Louis Parish is a welcoming Catholic Community united in our efforts to live the Gospel message and offer ourselves as the heart and hands of Jesus Christ to all we encounter. We strive to bring people together in devotion to the presence of the risen Lord, through sacraments, liturgy, and worship. We are committed to living the teaching of our Lord in all our affairs, while honoring His living presence in the Most Holy Eucharist. We endeavor to remain a strong, supportive, and interactive community within, but seek to support our surrounding community by sharing our faith, actions, and stewardship to help make a positive difference in the world around us.

PARISH LIFE

MARRIAGES

The policy for the Diocese of Worcester requires a period of preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage, which includes sessions with the parish priest and participation at either the pre-Cana conference or the Engaged Encounter weekend. Contact the pastor for arrangements. We want your wedding to be beautiful, memorable and meaningful. Don't hesitate to talk to us about what we can do to make it so. May God bless you in your marriage.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on Saturdays before 3:00pm or Sundays after 2:00pm. Please call the Rectory office to make arrangements for your child's baptism.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Sacramental and pastoral services are offered to the sick, hospitalized, homebound, and all who are in need by the pastoral staff of the parish. To arrange a visit, please call the rectory. Regular visits are made to the hospitals and to the nursing homes in our town of Webster, with the celebration of weekly Mass. Please call the rectory (508-943-0240) to inform us of someone in need of a visit.

NEW MEMBERS

New parishioners are always welcome! Please introduce yourself to Father Javier or Deacon Tom at the end of Mass.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND O.C.I.A.

Saint Louis offers a full program of religious education up to and including adults. O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process for welcoming new members into the Catholic Church. If interested, please call the religious education office (508-943-0817) for more information.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Javier Julio, **Pastor** Deacon Tom Creamer, **Deacon**

Mr. Brian Betty, Sexton
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RECTORY OFFICE INFORMATION

Hours: Monday-Friday 9 AM - 2 PM Phone - 508-943-0240, Fax - 508-943-0801

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Mrs. Teri Cacciapouti, Phone/Fax 508-943-0817 E-mail: stlouisreledwebster@gmail.com

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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Mrs. Joan Matys, Head of School www.allsaintswebster.org ~ office@allsaintswebster.org **School**: 48 Negus Street ~ Phone - 508-943-0257 Grades: Preschool through Grade 8

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 5 PM Sunday - 7 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM - Spanish Mass

Weekday Masses

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 7 AM Holidays 8 AM

Holy Days - 7 AM, 12 PM, 5:30 PM, 7 PM-Spanish

Miraculous Medal Novena

Mondays at 6:00 PM (in Spring and Fall as scheduled)

Spanish Prayer Group - Wednesdays at 7 PM

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY MARCH 8

3:30 PM ~ Confessions

5:00 PM ~ Wilfred & Irene Lavallee by Daughter Carol

<u>SUN</u>DAY MARCH 9

7:00 AM ~ William Annese by the Family

10:30AM ~ Susan Young Gardecki by her Mom & Family

 $12:30PM \sim Spanish$

MONDAY MARCH 10 NO MASS

6:00 PM ~ Rosary

TUESDAY MARCH 11

7:00 AM ~ **Robert J. Laramie** by Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home

9:00 AM ~ All Saints Academy School Mass

WEDNESDAY MARCH 12

7:00 AM ~ Irene Kaliszewski by Mark & Linda

5:30 PM ~ John & Eileen McGillicuddy by Their Daughter

7:00 PM ~ Spanish

THURSDAY MARCH 13

7:00 AM ~ Belarmina De Arco

MARCH 14 FRIDAY

7:00 AM ~ Msgnr. James I. Mitchell, VF

by John & Ann Marie

SATURDAY MARCH 15

3:30 PM ~ Confessions

5:00 PM ~ Mary Sergel by Her Family

SUNDAY MARCH 16

7:00 AM ~ Andrew Krok (70th Anniv.) by Pat Allison

10:30AM ~ Arthur & Krystna Jurkiewicz

by Muriel Young & Family

12:30PM ~ Spanish

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Next Weekend, March 15h/16th, a Collection for the Church in Latin America will be taken up in our Diocese. Please use the envelope in your packet or the 'online giving' Church in Latin America option.

~ Parish Support ~

Last week, our parish community contributed \$7,545.00 in ordinary support (includes Online eGiving =\$2,669.00

Thank You for your generous support!

ST. LOUIS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Parents, remember, if your child is attending or wishes to attend Religious Education here at St. Louis, please call the Office at 508-943-0817 to register. Classes are held from Sept. – April for grades PreK – 8th grade. Thank you.

Gr. K-8: Sunday, March 9 9:00 - 10:15 AM

Sunday, March 16 9:00 - 10:15 AM Sunday, March 23 9:00 - 10:15 AM Sunday, March 30 9:00 - 10:15 AM

Gr. 9-12: Sunday, March 16 ~ High School Class St. Joe's in Webster 4 - 7 PM(incl. Confirmation students)

1st Eucharist Parent AND Student meeting:

Monday, March 24, 2025 at 6:30PM in the Church Hall

Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 6:30PM in the Church Hall

Confirmation Class ~ Sunday, March 30th, 4-7PM at

Sacred Heart

Saturday, March 8 – Kids St. Patrick's Day Party

6 – 7:30 PM in the Church Hall



St. Louis ~ Fish Dinner

Fridays during the Lenten Season:

4:30-6:30 pm beginning March 7th thru April 11th

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This Week March 9 - March 15, 2025

Sanctuary Lamp I will be lit

In memory of *M/M Aldor Larmie and Alice & Irene*

by Niece Betty

Sanctuary Lamp II will be lit

In memory of Bill & Sheila Cacciapouti

by The Family

Sanctuary Lamp III will be lit

For the Health Intention of Aneta Miczek by John Lewandowski

The Divine Mercy Lamp will be lit In memory of *Ellie*

by Those Who Loved You



Repose of the Soul: Wilfred & Irene Lavallee, William Annese, Susan Young Gardecki, Robert J. Laramie, Irene Kaliszewski, John & Eileen McGillicuddy, Msgnr. James Mitchell, VF, Mary Sergel, Andrew Krok, Arthur & Krystna Jurkiewicz.

Continued Prayers: We pray for all those who suffer with sickness physically, emotionally, or spiritually - especially for Peter Motyka, Linda Sproles, Shawn Hartnett, David, Kevin Dupont, Christine Emery, Judy Dupont, Jacqueline Power, Betty Dumochel, Katie, Dolly LeBlanc, Larry Dupont, Ann Fitman, Kelly Kokernak, Danielle, Cindy Smith, Arthur Matte, Shelly Matte, Emily Lussier, Bob & Joan Wentworth, John Lewandowski, Anna, Lusia, Monika, Uncle John, Slawek, Hunter, Barron, Brian Canty, Tyro Navarro, Barbara Leduc, Arthur Gomes, Robert Lekstrom, Shirley Katrenak, Francis Lowney, Albert Atchue, Joshua, Sharon Paradis, Cheryl Veilleux, Mary Jane O'Brien, Kevin, Paula P., Annette Crisia, Johnny Walalis, Barbara Greene, Kenny, Michelle, Richard DiDonato, Frank & Mary Lee DiPinto, Bill Rogan, Treffley Hebert, Bill, Chet & Pat Allison, Nicholas, Dan Slavinskas, John Gonyea, Donna Huntington, Jacqui St. Cyr, Marilyn Woodard, Sac Sacramone, Shirley, Kenny Bibeau, Mark Bibeau, Wanda, Carl & Nancy Zumpfe, Anna Imprescia, Kayla, Johnathan, Annette, Johnna Maravelis, Jane, Mike Cregg, Ashley, John, Judith Antonucci, Cebee, Margaret Coty, Bart Taintor, Stefan, Bill, Tom, Terry, Josiah, Josh Gingras, Barbara Menard, Rico Lazio Soto, Ron Sampson, Doug Laursen, Irv Moran, Anne Tisdell, Renee, Kathleen McGillicuddy, Larkin Humphrey, Alex Currie, Brian & Tiffany Heil, Jeff & Mary LaVergne, Cheryl Brown, Ashley H, Michael B. Cregg, Lauren, Tim Gatzke, Cathy C, , Charlie C., Shawn C, Joanne Boulay, Elaine Miller, Cathy Ceccarelli, Patricia Desto, Mike Moylan, Cheryl Marier, Ron, Annie & Scott Grant, Claire Forget, Michael Hutchinson, Dick Blanchard, Father Allaga, Joan Costa, Jeffrey Millar, Richard Skrocki, Peggye Arcouette, Maryann Spiewakowski, Barbara P., Dirk Hansen, John & Marion James, Peter Giles, Susan Maass, Michelle, Patty Motyka. May Christ's healing bring them comfort.

Thanksgiving for: We thank God for all the graces and blessings you have bestowed upon our parishioners, spiritual and temporal: Our faith and religious heritage, our food and shelter, our health, the love we have for one another, and our family and friends.

Prayer Request Line: Call the Pastoral Center at 508-943-0240.

Annual Mass for Life

The annual Mass for Life will be celebrated by Bishop Robert J. McManus on the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, Tuesday, March 25th at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul. All are invited to join students from our Catholic schools who will be our special guests. The Diocese of Worcester's annual Pro-Life Awards will also be presented at this Mass. All are welcome to attend!

Lenten Season Opportunities

Daily Mass ~ 7:00 AM ~ Tuesday through Friday **Rosary** ~ 6:00 PM on Mondays – and 6:30 AM Thursday before 7:00AM Mass

Wednesdays ~ 7:00 AM and 5:30 PM Mass ~ 7:00 PM Spanish Mass or prayer group.

Fasting and Abstinence: Real fasting and abstinence isn't just restricting food choices. It must also include cleansing the heart of all selfishness and making room in one's life for those in need and those who have sinned and need healing.

Fasting and abstinence help us to love God and our neighbor. Love, as Saint Thomas Aguinas teaches, is a movement outwards that focuses our attention on others and considers them as one with ourselves.

St. Louis League of Catholic Women Meeting

Wednesday, March 12th at noon in the Church Hall.

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MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS FOR LENT

Dear brothers and sisters,

We begin our annual pilgrimage of Lent in faith and hope with the penitential rite of the imposition of ashes. The Church, our mother and teacher, invites us to open our hearts to God's grace, so that we can celebrate with great joy the paschal victory of Christ the Lord over sin and death, which led Saint Paul to exclaim: "Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" (1 Cor15:54-55). Indeed, Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is the heart of our faith and the pledge of our hope in the Father's great promise, already fulfilled in his beloved Son: life eternal (cf.Jn10:28; 17:3).[1]

This Lent, as we share in the grace of the Jubilee Year, I would like to propose a few reflections on what it means to *journey together in hope*, and on the summons to conversion that God in his mercy addresses to all of us, as individuals and as a community.

First of all, *to journey*. The Jubilee motto, "Pilgrims of Hope", evokes the lengthy journey of the people of Israel to the Promised Land, as recounted in the Book of Exodus. A first call to conversion thus comes from the realization that all of us are pilgrims in this life; each of us is invited to stop and ask how our lives reflect this fact. Am I really on a journey, or am I standing still, not moving, either immobilized by fear and hopelessness or reluctant to move out of my comfort zone? Am I seeking ways to leave behind the occasions of sin and situations that degrade my dignity? It would be a good Lenten exercise for us to compare our daily life with that of some migrant or foreigner, to learn how to sympathize with their experiences and in this way discover what God is asking of us so that we can better advance on our journey to the house of the Father. This would be a good "examination of conscience" for all of us wayfarers.

Second, to journey *together*. The Church is called to walk together, to be synodal[2]Christians are called to walk at the side of others, and never as lone travelers. The Holy Spirit impels us not to remain self-absorbed, but to leave ourselves behind and keep walking towards God and our brothers and sisters.[3]Journeying together means consolidating the unity grounded in our common dignity as children of God (cf.*Gal*3:26-28).

Third, let us journey together *in hope*, for we have been given a promise. May *the hope that does not disappoint* (cf. *Rom*5:5), the central message of the Jubilee,[5] be the focus of our Lenten journey towards the victory of Easter. As Pope Benedict XVI taught us in the Encyclical *Spe Salvi*, "the human being needs unconditional love. He needs the certainty which makes him say: 'neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord' (*Rom*8:38-39)".

Sisters and brothers, thanks to God's love in Jesus Christ, we are sustained in the hope that does not disappoint (cf.Rom5:5). Hope is the "sure and steadfast anchor of the soul".[8] It moves the Church to pray for "everyone to be saved" (1 Tim2:4) and to look forward to her being united with Christ, her bridegroom, in the glory of heaven. This was the prayer of Saint Teresa of Avila: "Hope, O my soul, hope. You know neither the day nor the hour. Watch carefully, for everything passes quickly, even though your impatience makes doubtful what is certain, and turns a very short time into a long one" (The Exclamations of the Soul to God, 15:3).[9]

May the Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope, intercede for us and accompany us on our Lenten journey.

Pope Francis.



MENSAJE DEL SANTO PADRE FRANCISCO PARA LA CUARESMA

Queridos hermanos y hermanas:

Con el rito penitencial de la imposición de la ceniza iniciamos nuestra anual peregrinación cuaresmal en la fe y en la esperanza. La Iglesia, madre y maestra, nos invita a abrir el corazón a la gracia de Dios, para celebrar con gran alegría la victoria pascual de Cristo Señor sobre el pecado y la muerte, que llevó a san Pablo a exclamar: «La muerte ha sido devorada por la victoria. ¿Dónde está, muerte, tu victoria? ¿Dónde está, muerte, tu aguijón?» (1 Co 15,54-55). En efecto, Jesucristo, crucificado y resucitado, es el corazón de nuestra fe y la prenda de nuestra esperanza en la gran promesa del Padre, ya realizada en su Hijo amado: la vida eterna (cf. Jn 10,28; 17,3).[1]

En esta Cuaresma, mientras compartimos la gracia del Año Jubilar, quisiera proponer algunas reflexiones sobre lo que significa caminar juntos en la esperanza y sobre la llamada a la conversión que Dios, en su misericordia, nos dirige a todos, como individuos y como comunidad.

En primer lugar, caminar. El lema del Jubileo, "Peregrinos de la esperanza", evoca el largo camino del pueblo de Israel hacia la Tierra Prometida, como se narra en el Libro del Éxodo. Una primera llamada a la conversión surge, por tanto, de la constatación de que todos somos peregrinos en esta vida; cada uno de nosotros está invitado a detenerse y preguntarse cómo refleja nuestra vida este hecho. ¿Estoy realmente en camino o me quedo parado, inmóvil, paralizado por el miedo y la desesperanza o reacio a salir de mi zona de confort? ¿Estoy buscando el modo de dejar atrás las ocasiones de pecado y las situaciones que degradan mi dignidad? Sería un buen ejercicio cuaresmal comparar nuestra vida cotidiana con la de algún migrante o extranjero, para aprender a empatizar con sus experiencias y descubrir así lo que Dios nos pide para avanzar mejor en nuestro camino hacia la casa del Padre. Sería un buen «examen de conciencia» para todos nosotros, caminantes.

En segundo lugar, caminar juntos. La Iglesia está llamada a caminar unida, a ser sinodal[2] Los cristianos estamos llamados a caminar al lado de los demás, nunca como caminantes solitarios. El Espíritu Santo nos impulsa a no quedarnos encerrados en nosotros mismos, sino a salir de nosotros mismos y seguir caminando hacia Dios y los hermanos[3]. Caminar juntos significa consolidar la unidad fundada en nuestra común dignidad de hijos de Dios (cf. Ga 3,26-28).

En tercer lugar, caminemos juntos en la esperanza, porque hemos recibido una promesa. Que la esperanza que no defrauda (cf. Rm 5,5), mensaje central del Jubileo,[5] sea el centro de nuestro camino cuaresmal hacia la victoria de la Pascua. Como nos enseña el Papa Benedicto XVI en la encíclica Spe salvi, «el ser humano necesita el amor incondicional. Necesita la certeza que le lleva a decir: "Ni la muerte, ni la vida, ni los ángeles, ni los principados, ni lo presente, ni lo futuro, ni las potestades, ni lo alto, ni lo profundo, ni ninguna otra cosa creada podrá separarnos del amor de Dios manifestado en Cristo Jesús, Señor nuestro" (Rm 8,38-39)».

Hermanos y hermanas, gracias al amor de Dios en Jesucristo, estamos sostenidos por la esperanza que no defrauda (cf. Rm 5,5). La esperanza es el «ancla segura y firme del alma»[8] y mueve a la Iglesia a orar para que «todos se salven» (1 Tm 2,4) y a esperar su unión con Cristo, su esposo, en la gloria del cielo. Esta era la oración de santa Teresa de Ávila: «Espera, alma mía, espera. No sabes ni el día ni la hora. Vela con atención, porque todo pasa deprisa, aunque tu impaciencia haga dudar de lo cierto y convierta en largo un tiempo muy breve» (Exclamaciones del alma a Dios, 15,3).[9]

Que la Virgen María, Madre de la esperanza, interceda por nosotros y nos acompañe en nuestro camino cuaresmal.

Papa Francisco.

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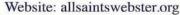
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