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Parish Community



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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: *As the Eucharistic family of Our Lady Immaculate we believe in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We foster a welcoming and active faith community by sharing our gifts of time, talent and treasure. We continue to grow in the Spirit loving and serving God and each other.*

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Music Ministry

Joe Carere, Organist & Choirmaster
 Julian Mason, Organ Scholar

Parish Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 9:00am - 12:00 noon
1:00pm - 4:30pm

St. Vincent de Paul Society: 519-731-2563

Elementary Schools:

Saint Michael School
 9 McElderry Road
 Principal: Brian Munaro.....519-823-2455
Saint Paul School
 182 Clairfields Drive East
 Principal: Sue Majer.....519-824-9470
Saint Ignatius of Loyola School
 251 Colonial Drive
 Principal: Michelle Nagy.....519-822-6192

Welcome to newcomers in the parish.

Registration forms are available at the office or on our website.

Hospital Registration:

Please be sure to indicate your religion and parish when entering the hospital.

Lord's Day Masses:

Saturday: 5:15 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Weekday Liturgies:

See schedule inside

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday 8:30 am to 12:00 noon
 First Fridays 9:30 am to 12:00 noon

Sick and Shut-in Ministry:

Contact the parish office if you would like someone to bring Communion or to visit/call you.

High Schools:

Bishop Macdonell High School
 200 Clair Road West
 Principal: Stephen Gulyas.....519-822-8502
Our Lady of Lourdes
 54 Westmount Road
 Principal: Betty Farrell.....519-836-2170
Saint James High School
 57 Victoria Road North
 Principal: Sandra Cummings.....519-822-4290
St. John Bosco
 19 Northumberland Street
 Principal: Corey Malone.....519-824-8909

Bequests:

Please consider a bequest to the Church of Our Lady to maintain our parish as a Symbol of Faith for future generations.

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
 First Saturday of the Month: 8:00 am - 8:45am

Sacrament of Baptism:

Please contact the Parish Office at least two months prior to the proposed date of Baptism. Application forms are available on the website.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Please contact the Parish at least nine months before the proposed date of marriage.

Sacrament of Anointing: Available upon request.

Correspondence Course:

This program is available to assist parents in the religious education of their children. It is available from Kindergarten to High School.

Funeral and Burial Arrangements:

When a death occurs in your family, please advise the parish immediately and we will assist you in making liturgical arrangements. For information on Catholic burial please contact the Cemetery Office at 836-8814 or 1-800-661-5985. www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30a.m. – *The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)*

9:00a.m. – *Primo Baggio, Tomas Semlok*

Tuesday, December 13 – St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

8:30a.m. – *The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)*

9:00a.m. – *Primo Baggio, Intentions for Lochiel McCarthy, Abigail Grierson*

Wednesday, December 14– St. John of The Cross, Priest, Doctor

7:00a.m. – *The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)*

7:30a.m. – *Salvation of Sinners*

8:00am-12:00noon – *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

12:00noon – *Benediction*

12:15p.m. *Nada Wyman*

Thursday December 15– Ferial - Weekday

8:30a.m. – *The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)*

9:00a.m. — *Richard Wojcicki*

Friday, December 16– Ferial - Weekday

8:30a.m. - *The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)*

9:00a.m. — *George, Violet & Paul Cartledge, Mary McDonald*

Saturday, December 17– Ferial – Weekday

8:00-8:45a.m. - *Confessions*

11:00a.m.-1:00p.m. - *Confessions*

4:00-5:00p.m. - *Confessions*

5:15p.m. – *Lorenzo Digravio, Gioan Do Quang Bui, Mr. & Mrs Anthony & Family, Corrie Flood, George Martin, Mr & Mrs Anthony Mathu*

Sunday, December 18 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00a.m., 11:00 a.m.

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the 4th Week of Advent, beginning on Sunday, December 18th, the lamps at the Regina Caeli Shrine burn in loving memory for John White and Deceased Members of the Norm Smith Family.

To request that one of the lamps be lit for your intentions, or in memory of a loved one, please call or visit the Parish Office. A donation of \$10.00 per lamp is requested.

Stewardship of Treasure

† Thank you for your gift of \$34,332.65 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessing.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Any time is a good time to invite family, friends, and neighbours to attend Mass. Especially so during the

beautiful Christmas season. What better gift can we give a loved one who is away from the Church than a warm invitation to ***Come Home for Christmas?*** Whether they have been away for a short time or a long time, we want this invitation to loved ones, neighbours, and colleagues – for more information visit <http://hamiltondiocese.com>.

Vocations

“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded of him.” Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, contact Father Mark Morley, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Offertory Envelopes

The Offertory Envelopes will be at the back of the Church after all Masses. They have been sorted out in alphabetical order, please make sure you pick your box up. You may notice your numbers have changed this year due to a reduced number of boxes being ordered, if you find your envelopes missing, please contact Susan at the Office and she will reissue a new number for you.

2023 Sunday Missals

Missals are available to be purchased after Mass or during the week at the Parish office.

Catholic Young Adult Book Study Group

The Catholic young adult book study group will resume their meeting in January. For more information, email hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus Christmas cakes and cookies are still available after all the Masses. Please visit us in the South Tower, all proceeds are in support of our Knights of Columbus activities.

Basilica Gift Shop

Be sure to drop into the Gift Shop, located in the Parish Hall and see all the beautiful Christmas items we have secured for you. We have Nativity sets, Christmas decorations and of course all our regular merchandise. We are easy to reach by using the elevator or the staircase just past the elevator.

Evenings with His Excellency

Auxiliary Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for “Evenings with His Excellency.” An opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the second Friday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at St. Ann Parish in Ancaster. It is also available on St. Ann’s YouTube channel.. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith. All are welcome.

The Reel Justice Film Festival

The Festival is back another year! 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 injustice. Join us on December 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm for the holiday classic, *It’s a Wonderful Life*, connecting to themes of community, dignity of the person, economic and housing insecurity. The screening will be hosted online. Grab your pajamas and some hot chocolate for this Christmas Screening! R.S.V.P. and view our full schedule of events at www.reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com

Parenting Tip of the Month

Christmas is an exciting and busy time of year, a time when it is vital for parents to counter the secular side of the holiday, so heavily promoted, by helping their children understand the real ‘reason for the season.’ Ensuring you have a nativity set and Advent wreath in your home are important reminders that it is Christ we celebrate. Attending Mass, placing Jesus in the manger before opening presents on Christmas morning, giving to charity and reminding your children Baptism calls all of you to do so, are ways to give a place of importance to the birth of Jesus. If Christmas becomes only about Santa, it is a real loss for your children and their faith.

Restart: Refresh, Renew, Revive

A gathering for separated and divorced individuals offering learning, support and fun! These get-togethers offer continual support and insight for people on their journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Held the 2nd and 3rd Fridays of each month, you can join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. No registration required. For ZOOM link contact Sarah at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

CWL Potluck and Craft Making

On another note, we would like to remind all ladies of the parish as well as our CWL members that we are hosting a Christmas Potluck at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13th, 2022 in the parish hall. Please bring your favourite food to share and your ribbons and scissors as we listen to Joan Smith and Mary Magyar share with us the art of Christmas Swag making. We will have plenty of greenery for everyone to make their own Christmas swag, thanks to Dana and John Longchamps who allowed us to visit their Christmas tree farm.

Baby Shower

We are also hosting a baby shower for a very young mother who has made the courageous decision to bring her baby to term in less-than-ideal circumstance, but with great support from Sanctuary Outreach and now the Basilica CWL. So, please bring your gift for this expectant mother and her little one, to the CWL potluck. Everything is needed so bring whatever will be helpful and encouraging.

We look forward to seeing all CWL members and ladies of the Parish for a wonderful evening of getting to know each other better!

“Simbang Gabi” at St. Joseph’s Parish, Guelph

This Christmas tradition is coming to St. Joseph parish once again, and will be celebrated starting Thursday, December 15th during the 7:00 p.m. Mass up to Friday, December 23rd. Other Masses designated for this Novena are; December 16th at 7:00 p.m., December 17th at 5:00 p.m., December 18th at 12:00 noon, December 19th to the 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

The traditional Christmas custom of “**Simbang Gabi**” in the Philippines, is a devotional 9-day Novena (series of Masses), practiced by Roman Catholics in anticipation and preparation for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and to honour Our Blessed Mother.

There will be breaking of bread and fellowship at the Church hall following each **Simbang Gabi** Masses. Everyone is welcome to join this 9-day Mass Novena/celebration at St. Joseph’s to experience an old but popular Filipino tradition. Hope you can join us.

Come Home for Christmas!!

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