

# BASILICA OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE

## 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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Joe Carere, Organist & Choirmaster  
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**Parish Office Hours:**

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

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**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.

**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](http://www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca)

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### MASSES OF THE WEEK

**Monday, December 5 – Ferial - Weekday**

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

9:00a.m. – *Andrea Duffy, David Burgess, Eddy McGovern, Stuart Crease*

6-7:00p.m. – *Confession*

7:00p.m. – *Novena Mass*

**Tuesday, December 6 – Ferial - Weekday**

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

9:00a.m. – *Reginia Silveria, Barbara Irvine*

6-7:00p.m. – *Confession*

7:00p.m. – *Novena Mass*

**Wednesday, December 7– St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor**

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

7:30a.m.- *Intentions for the Gosha Kirklewska*

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

12:00noon- *Benediction*

12:15p.m. – *Bill Chamberlain*

6-7:00pm. – *Confession*

7:00p.m. – *Novena Mass*

**Thursday December 8– The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary**

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

9:00a.m. — *Solemn Mass*

6-7:00p.m. – *Confession*

7:00p.m. – *Novena Mass*

**Friday, December 9– Ferial - Weekday**

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

9:00a.m. — *Paul Garcia, Myles McManus*

7:00p.m. – *John B. Miller Advent Concert*

**Saturday, December 10– Ferial - Weekday**

8:00a.m. – *Confessions*

9:00a.m. – *Mass Sung in Latin*

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

5:15p.m. – *Celestina Cabling, Donato Gruosso, The Intentions for Joe Finocchio Jr., Jo-Anne & Tim Bridle, Mary-Sue McCarthy*

**Sunday, December 11 – Third Sunday of Advent**

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

*After Masses on Sunday – Christmas Food & Friendship Weekend*

*Guelph Symphony Orchestra Holiday Celebration Concert at the Basilica on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> starts at 3:00 pm. Please visit the GSO website to purchase tickets for this event.*

## PARISH & OTHER NEWS

### Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

*During the 3rd Week of Advent, beginning on Sunday, December 11th, the lamps at the Regina*

***Caeli Shrine burn in for the Intentions of Bianca Carter.***

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 \$9,873.65 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessing.

### Third Sunday of Advent

We know that at Christmas our hearts will be full – we want our pews to be full also! Throughout Advent, Parishes across the Diocese are being encouraged to invite all the faithful to ***Come Home for Christmas.*** We all know people who have fallen away from regular Mass attendance, and Christmas provides a privileged occasion to welcome them home. All parishioners are encouraged to join in this effort to extend a warm invitation to return – for more information, visit <http://hamiltondiocese.com>.

### 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

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.” Are you one to be sent? Could God be 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

Website: [www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

### 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](mailto:hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com).

### Bambinelli Sunday, December 11, 2022

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that

belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing generally takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, and is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the "Bambinelli" – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy.

All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at all the Masses to be blessed as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your "Bambinelli" home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day and as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

### **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.

### **St. Vincent de Paul**

The Basilica's St. Vincent De Paul Conference wants to thank all for their generosity in response to the World Day of the Poor special collection. Your kindness will help us to continue our work to serve those less fortunate in our community.

### **Basilica of Our Lady Upcoming Concerts**

December 9, 2022 – John B. Miller Advent Concert  
7:00 pm

### **2023 Sunday Missals**

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

### **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.

### **St. Joseph's Parish Advent Movie Night, Guelph**

Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm – **"Song of Bernadette"**

All are welcome. Popcorn and drinks are provided and Free Admission!

### **Basilica CWL Christmas Bazaar**

The Basilica Catholic Women's League executive wants to thank the CWL Bazaar Committee, all CWL members who baked and/or assisted in preparation for or at our recent Christmas Bazaar. The League also is appreciative of the great support received from Father Ian and the Basilica parishioners. Changing our annual CWL bazaar to a vendor marketplace was a first for the CWL and we are pleased with the result and thrilled that we attracted so many vendors, who want to return again! The CWL raised approximately \$7,003.23. We are extremely grateful to everyone!

### **Learn to Make Your Own Christmas Swag**

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 13<sup>th</sup>, 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!

### **Marriage Tip of the Month**

As we move toward the end of the year, take some time as a couple to reflect on your last twelve months together. Ask yourselves what you did well and what you might do better, both for each other and for your marriage. Check in to see if you spent enough time together, if you remembered to compliment each other, showed gratitude for gifts your spouse brings to your life and whether you felt joy more often than not. If your relationship needs strengthening, commit to finding the help you need to make it strong; if you feel good after your assessment, celebrate your love and thank God for his never-ending support.



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