

BASILICA OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE

Parish Community



PARISH ESTABLISHED IN 1827

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 Finocchio, Business Manager
 Susan Potvin, Parish Secretary

Music Ministry

Joe Carere, Organist & Choirmaster
 Julian Mason, SubbOrganist
 Bruce Taylor, 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: Dawn Uliana.....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, at the back of the Church 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: Valerie Markes.....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 Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate 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 one year in advance before the proposed date of the 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, December 11 – Ferial

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – *Richard Wojcicki, Tomas Semlok, Louie & Christine Folk*

Tuesday, December 12– Our Lady of Guadalupe

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – *Aristobulo & Ofelia Ojeda, Ruth Beninger*

Wednesday, December 13 – St. Lucy

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

7:30 a.m. – Souls in Purgatory, Cadjitan Perera, Intentions for Lochiel McCarthy

8:00 a.m. Perpetual Help Devotions

8:30 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

12:00 p.m. Angelus & Benediction

12:15 p.m. Mass – *Primo Baggio*

Thursday, December 14 – St. John of The Cross

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – *Nada Wyman, Basil & Evelyn Krusky*

Friday, December 15 – Ferial

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – *Father Angelico Valariote, Rosemary Newbigging*

Saturday, December 16 – Ferial

8:00 a.m. – Confessions

9:00 a.m. – **Advent Mass**

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

5:15 p.m. Mass *Gioan Do Quang Bui, Emilio & Annita Raco, Primo Baggio, Wayne Orr, George Martin, Jerzy Zajdel*

Sunday, December 17 – Third Sunday of Advent

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

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the 2nd Week of Advent, beginning on Sunday, December 10th, the lamps at the Regina Caeli Shrine will burn in loving memory for the deceased **Bill Goller** and Intentions for **Herbert Goller**.

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 \$23,611.50 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessing. The Saint Vincent de Paul Society would also like to thank the Parishioners for their generous donations of

Vocations

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. It is possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacons, please contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Catholic Young Adult Book Study Group

The Catholic book study group for young adults meets every other Wednesday in the Basilica of Our Lady Parish hall at 5:30pm. On December 6th, the group will continue their discussion of "The Picture of Dorian Gray". Young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome to join for a potluck dinner, fellowship and discussion. Please RSVP by emailing hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com.

Membership in the Basilica Catholic Women's League

The Catholic Women's League of Canada has a core purpose, uniting Catholic women to grow in faith, and to promote social justice through service to the Church, Canada and the World. For more information about the league, visit cwl.ca and cwl.on.ca. The cost to become a member of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate CWL is \$40. Payment can be made by cheque or cash and can be dropped off at the Parish Office or placed in the weekly offertory in an envelope clearly marked – CWL Membership Fees. Please include your name and contact information.

CWL Chaplet of Our Lady of Good Counsel

The CWL would like to invite all women of the Parish to join us for an evening of creativity and prayer on Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. String your own prayer beads chaplet, Chaplet of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Then we will pray it as a group, facilitated by Kristin McCarthy, featuring Wool of the Lamb Prayer Beads, made with glass beads and wool. All materials included. Bring readers / eyeglasses. Help is provided. If you would like to be part of the fun, but do not feel up to making, completed Chaplets will be available. The power of group prayer is uplifting! Please RSVP to basilicaquelphcwl@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 519-824-3951 by December 6th.

John B. Miller & Friends Advent Concert

Again this year John B. Miller and Friends will be performing at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate for their Advent Concert. This year it will be on Friday, December 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm. A \$20 donation is appreciated at the door.

Basilica Gift Store (Parish Hall)

New items have arrived this past week: new Nativity Sets, including special nativity sets for children, and one-piece sets. Statues that we have not had before include Our Lady of Knots (actually the "undoer of knots") and a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Lourdes with St. Bernadette kneeling before her. There are small angels, stocking stuffers, sets

that light up – perfect for your home or office. We have plaques just right for children and yes, those difficult-to-buy-for teenagers. There are Books for little ones, and the list goes on and on. Please drop in after Mass and check us out.

Save the Date – Guelph Catholic Churches

Fun Family Bingo – St. Joseph's Parish Hall 6pm, Bingo starts at 6:30pm, Entrance fee is \$3.00, six cards per person. Saturday Evenings Jan. 13th, Feb. 3rd, March 2nd, Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 10631.

"A Christmas Presence" at Sacred Heart Parish on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 7:00pm. Once again, your donations for the Memorial Rosary, will be donated to the Chalice Christmas Fund, the Catholic Sponsorship program. Request forms for the Memorial Rosary will be available before service.

Grief Relief

Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? Are you wondering if your feelings are normal? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton will be offering a six week grief program starting January 17, 2024. The sessions are held from 1:30 – 3:00pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West. You are welcome to join in person or by zoom. To register go to hamiltondiocese.com and look for the start date under upcoming events.

CWL at St. John's Parish, Guelph

St. John the Baptist Parish in Guelph is in the process of reinstating the Catholic Women's League. We welcome back members who registered with other councils during our hiatus. Please contact St. John's Parish Office at 519-824-7311 if you would like to join us again.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy will resume at the 9:00am and 11:00am masses next Sunday, December 17th. This is only for children age 4 to Grade 3. If you are a teen or adult, we still need more volunteers to run this every weekend. Call Mary Muller at 289-230-8856 for more information.

Bambinelli Sunday, December 17, 2023

For the past several decades, each year on Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, children (and adults) bring their Baby Jesus figures from the crib at their homes to St. Peter's Square where the Pope will bless both the people and the figurines during the Angelus.

This year we will celebrate "Bambinelli Sunday" at our Masses on Sunday, December 17th. All are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their homes to Mass that morning to be blessed. Families can even make their own "Bambinelli" if they want.

A suggestion is, following the blessing, take your "Bambinelli" home and place it in a gift box. Wrap it and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift your family opens on Christmas, when together you place your Baby Jesus figure in the crib and have a home blessing of the Nativity for your whole family.

Coffee Sunday, December 17, 2023

Please join after the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses on Sunday for some fellowship, hot coffee and snacks.

Advent Prayer Night for Youth Ministers and Volunteers

All adults who minister to young people in the Diocese of Hamilton are invited to an evening of prayer and fellowship. Join us on Wednesday, December 13th at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Freelon for our Advent gathering. For more information and registration, email youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com

Advent Resource for Teens

The Office of Youth Ministry is pleased to announce the release of the 2023 Advent Resource, "Shine Your Light". This resource has been developed for youth aged 13-16 in mind. The resource is an interactive journal, inspiring prayerful reflection on the Sunday Gospels, in addition to suggestions for living out the Advent Season. <https://tinyurl.com/2s3h2ejs>.

National Day of Prayer

In Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples is held on December 12th, Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. This year's message recalls the Holy Father's Penitential Pilgrimage to Canada in the summer of 2022, and in particular his prayer at Lac Ste. Anne.

Divine Mercy PowerPoint Presentation

There will be a whole day seminar at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate on Saturday, January 13, 2024 from 9:00am to 3:00pm (Bring your Lunch).

A great treasury of revelations, teachings, insights, and prayers of the Devotion to the Divine Mercy. In addition to the many significant revelations of Our Lord about trust and mercy, there are major teachings on several subjects, including the Holy Eucharist, Confession, Blessed Mother, spiritual life and suffering of others.

Jesus said: "Write down these words, my daughter. Speak to the whole world about My Mercy; let all mankind recognize My unfathomable mercy. It is a sign for the end times; after it, will come the day of justice. While there is still time, let them have recourse to the fount of My Mercy; let them profit from the blood and water which gushed forth for them."

Renewed by Love – Marian Residence Retirement Home

There is a campaign called Renewed by Love and it seeks to transform the living spaces of the residents of Marian Residence Retirement Home and nurture an environment at Marian Residence that fosters the five values of our organization: Faith, Compassion, Dignity, Respect and Responsibility. For more information please contact: Sister Maria Goretti Figueiredo, SOLI at social@marianresidence.ca.

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