

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 Carere, Organist & Choirmaster
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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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, December 4 – Ferial

7:30 a.m. Novena Mass – Intentions for Sister Madeleine Graf

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – *John Garvin, Bellamy Family, Mary Peori*

Tuesday, December 5 – Ferial

7:30 a.m. Novena Mass – Intentions for My Le & Lan Anh

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – *Giuseppe Trecapelli, Jimmy & Sheila Lowe*

Wednesday, December 6 – Ferial

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

7:30 a.m. Novena Mass – *Souls in Purgatory, Mary Richie, Donna Figliomeni, Intentions for Arthur Koslow*

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 – *Intentions for Joseph Grierson, Mary Rodenburg*

Thursday, December 7 – St. Ambrose

7:30 a.m. Novena Mass – *Bill Chamberlain, Walter Borosa, Intentions for Gareth & Tracey Bok, Franklin & Blanche Steves, Oswald & Yvonne Fernandes, Peter & Olivia Fernandes*

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – *Deceased Members of the McCue Family*

Friday, December 8 – The Immaculate Conception of

The Blessed Virgin Mary

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

7:00 p.m. Solemn Mass of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday, December 9 – Ferial

8:00 a.m. Confessions

9:00 a.m. Advent Mass

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

5:15 p.m. Mass *Mark Thomas, Celestina Cabling, Santosh George, Basil Krusky, Helena & Felix Orel, Don Forester, Hansen Family*

Sunday, December 10 – Second Sunday of Advent

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

9:00 a.m. Mass for Pastoral Intentions

11:00 a.m. Mass Missa Pro Populo

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the 1st Week of Advent, beginning on Sunday, December 3rd, the lamps at the Regina Caeli Shrine will burn in loving memory for the deceased Cadjitan Perera and Intentions for Concey Fernando.

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 \$9,448.00 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

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious or deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, 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/

Novena of Masses for The Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception

Once again, this year we will celebrate a Novena (nine days) of Masses leading to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, our Parish's Patronal Feast Day. Novena Masses will be held at 7:30am each morning from November 29 to December 7, with reflections on Our Lady in the Gospel.

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'll 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 / eye glasses. Help is provided. If you'd like to be part of the fun, but don't feel up to making, completed Chaplets will be available. The power of group prayer is

uplifting! Please RSVP to basilicaguelphcw@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 519-824-3951 by December 6th.

CWL Bazaar

The CWL would like to sincerely thank everyone for their continued support of our Christmas Bazaar. A special thank you to our volunteers for their time and dedication. The bazaar could not have been a success without them. We would also like to thank the students from St. John Bosco Catholic High School who helped with the hall set up and those who helped with the hall clean up. Also, a thank you to all of the Vendors who came out and a thank you to everyone who donated baked goods, chili, household items, gift cards and handmade items. We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to our donors for their generosity. None of our success would be possible without the support of so many. Your contributions will make a difference in the lives of those we serve. Besides the needs of our Parish, we will be supporting several charities in our city, such as Onward Willow Neighbourhood Group, Sanctuary Outreach Pregnancy Support Centre, and St. John Bosco Catholic High School. May God richly bless you and your families this Christmas Season and the upcoming year.

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 haven't 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 – Christmas Bazaars and Other

Feast of Saint Nicholas – Dec 6th 4:30pm St John, 45 Victoria Rd. North, Catholic Moms Group - RSVP st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com

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

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 has begun again this weekend at the 9am & 11am Masses only. Since we still are in need of more adult and youth volunteers, we can only offer it on the first and possibly the third Sundays of the month. We are happy to **invite children who are 4 years old to Grade 3** to participate in our liturgy. We will be together in the Crypt downstairs during the first part of the Holy Mass, and they will return to their parents/grandparents at the end of the Liturgy of the Word (Prayers of the Faithful). If you would like to volunteer (even if only once a month) please contact the office for more information 519-824-3951.

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.

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>

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