

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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Father Ian Duffy, KHS, Rector
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 Brother Anthony Espinosa

Basilica Staff

Joe Finocchio, Business Manager
 Susan Potvin, Parish Secretary
 Brian Smith, Custodian

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, February 20 – Ferial - Weekday

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

9:00a.m. – *Gerry Kennedy, Joe Bornino, Steven Komlos and Special Intentions for Anola Dsouza*

Tuesday February 21 – Ferial - Weekday 8:30a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

9:00a.m. – *Helen Patterson*

Wednesday, February 22 – Ash Wednesday

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

7:30a.m. - *Mass*

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

12:00noon- *Benediction*

12:15p.m. – *Mass*

7:00p.m. - *Mass*

Thursday, February 23 – Ferial - Weekday

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

9:00a.m. — *Patrick & Roberta Dupuis, Edward & Paul Garcia, Dorothy O’Handley*

Friday, February 24 – Ferial - Weekday

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

9:00a.m. — *Intentions for Patricia Grierson*

Saturday, February 25 - Ferial - Weekday

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

5:15p.m. – *Rosemary Newbigging, Lydia & Tomas Cortes, Jem Lakres, Intentions for Father Ian Duffy, Dan Schnurr and Special Intentions for Robert Mason*

Sunday, February 26 – First Sunday of Lent

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

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the First Sunday of Lent, beginning on Sunday, February 26th, the lamps at the Regina Caeli Shrine burn in loving memory for Steven Wallis and the Semlak 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 \$22,982.22 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God’s blessing.

Rest in Peace

† We offer our prayers and sympathy to all the families who have recently lost a loved one. May they, and all our deceased loved one’s rest in peace with the Lord.

Vocations

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you. If God is calling you to serve him as 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/.

Heritage Week Tours – February 26, 2023

Sunday, February 26th – **Tours** - Heritage Week, Guelph from **3:00 pm to 6:00 pm**. We have been invited by the City of Guelph to participate in celebrating Heritage Week. (February 20th to the 26th) we will be offering guided tours of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in the afternoon, come in and join us for a piece of Guelph’s history.

Catholic Young Adult Book Study Group

The Catholic book study group for young adults meets every other Wednesday at the Basilica of Our Lady. The upcoming meetings will be on February 21st at 6:00 pm (special Tuesday meeting), and March 8th and 22nd at 5:30 pm. The group will be reading “Surprised by Joy” by C.S. Lewis. Young adults are welcome to join for a potluck dinner and discussion. Please RSVP by emailing hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com.

Artistic Stations of the Cross

Calling all artists and creatives! Please join us for evenings of prayer and art, creating a Station of the Cross in your favourite medium. (Paint, write, sew, clay, photography & more). Beginning Wednesdays on March 1st – March 29th (6:30 pm – 7:30 pm in the Crypt. Every week we will gather for prayer, reflections and art journey. The Station of the Cross artwork is to be completed on March 29th. **This is an opportunity for anyone of any ability to participate. Creative reflection and sacred art can be a powerful Lenten practice.** If interested or for more information email wendy.obbema@rogers.com.

Day of Prayer for Bishop Crosby, March 25, 2023

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his episcopal consecration on January 2, 2023. In honour of that milestone in the life and ministry of our chief shepherd we will mark a “Day of Prayer for Bishop Crosby” on the Solemnity of the Annunciation, Saturday, March 25, 2023.

The order of the day will be as follows:

8:30am	Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours in the Crypt
9:00am	Solemn Choral Mass in the Basilica
10:00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Basilica
12:00pm	Rosary and Benediction in the Basilica

Please make as many people as possible aware of this and invite them to take part in this day. The office of Bishop is a heavy responsibility, and His Excellency needs our prayers to carry his burden faithfully.

God Bless,
Father Ian Duffy

Basilica Gift Shop

We have beautiful replicas of centuries old crucifixes that are now kept in Cathedrals and Basilicas around the world. New items have arrived, and stock has been replenished. We have gifts for First Communion, Confirmation, and Baptism. Other items suitable for wedding and birthday gifts are also available.

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 16, 2023, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only – those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available in early January at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

St. Joseph's, Guelph – Fun Family Bingo

February 26th at 2:00 pm, hall opens at 1:30 pm.
Please bring: Your own snacks and drinks, Bingo dabbers, tape and markers.
Cost: \$2.00/strip (Please bring your own change).
A strip consists of 3 cards x 10 games, 1 strip per person, additional strips maybe available pending participation. This is a no cash prize Bingo, Chocolate Bars will be handed out to the prize winners. **JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN!**

Saint Vincent De Paul

The Basilica's St. Vincent De Paul Conference is preparing for their Winter Care Packages to be distributed to those less fortunate in our community who are living on the streets or in encampments. We are in great need of new winter hats, gloves, scarves and hot paws. Your help in the collection of these items is so

greatly appreciated. The collection will continue to take place after each Mass on the weekend of February 25th and 26th. Please place your donation within the wooden crates near the St. Vincent De Paul statue at the Church entrance foyer. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Dynamic Women of Faith

Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, March 25, 2023, at The Old Mill (Old Mill Subway Station) Registration: 8:00 am Conference Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. For more information call 416-907-1042

Urgent Need for Parish Refugee Family

For the past number of years Holy Rosary Parish and the Basilica of Our Lady have been working in collaboration to help bring a Refugee family to Guelph. The Government has now approved the family to come to Canada and they will arrive **THURSDAY MARCH 16, 2023**. Holy Rosary Parish and the Basilica have procured a house in the city, but the house will not be available for the family to move into for 2-3 weeks of their arrival. **THE PARISH NEEDS TEMPORARY HOUSING.**

The Council is asking if a family or families of the parish or a parishioner might be willing to provide temporary housing in their home for at least TWO members of the family for 2-3 weeks. The family consists of 6 members. A mother and father, two sons, a daughter and her child. We would be seeking three temporary homes for them. Is there a family or families in the parish who might be willing to take the Mother (Anastasia) and Father (Augustin) in their 60's, another family to take two sons, one of whom is finishing high school 18 years old (Samuel) the other in university 23 years old (Patrick) , and a family willing to take a daughter 29 years old (Marie Claire) and her small child 5 years old (Michael) . The family is from the Congo. They have lived in a refugee camp in Zimbabwe for over 20 years. This is their opportunity to come to a new land and new life.

Can you help us find for them temporary housing for 2-3 weeks. Please contact Fr. Boyd 519-822-4701 for further information and/or Nancy Raso at the Basilica office 519-824-3951 if you might be willing to take at least 2 members of this family for 2-3 weeks into your home. May God bless your discernment in choosing to help!

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