

# 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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**Pastoral Team**

Father Ian Duffy, KHS, Rector  
 Father Bill Foote, Honourary Assistant  
 Deacon Quinto Tami  
 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](http://www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca)



**Monday, March 6 – Ferial - Weekday**

8:30a.m. – *The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)*  
 9:00a.m. – *Mary Peori, Kazimierz Jakiela, Michael Haid, Paul Wharton, Nat Pagnan, Bruce Rowsell, Norm Smith and Intentions for Olga & Joe Ciaravella*

**Tuesday March 7 – Ferial - Weekday**

8:30a.m. – *The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)*  
 9:00a.m. – *Konstantinos Kallitsis, Intentions for Anna & Tony Matteis*  
 6:00p.m. – *Evening Prayer*

6:30p.m. – *Lenten Mass – Matthew Hanson, Giuseppe Trecapelli, Marlene Howard, Intentions for Paul & Maureen Harper and Special Intentions for Evelyn & Thomas, Kathleen Rodenburg, Anita Raco, John Xuereb, Intentions for Judy Scherer, Patricia Grierson, Vincenzo DeCorso*

**Wednesday, March 8– Ferial - Weekday**

7:00a.m. – *The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)*  
 7:30a.m. – *Intentions for Arthur Koslow, Gosha Kirklewska*  
 8:00am-12:00noon – *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*  
 12:00noon- *Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament*  
 12:15p.m. – *Francesco Iococca, Barry Smith, Intentions for Nancy Peveryly*

**Thursday, March 9 – Ferial - Weekday**

8:30a.m. – *The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)*  
 9:00a.m. — *Charlene Spinks, Richard Wojcicki, Andrea Duffy, Rita Soligo*

**Friday, March 10– Ferial - Weekday**

8:30a.m. - *The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)*  
 9:00a.m. — *Jim Murphy, Intentions for Karen Grignon*  
 9:30a.m. – *Stations of the Cross*  
 12:15p.m. – *James Smith, Intentions for Adam Holliday*  
 6:00p.m. – *Vespers and Holy Hour*  
 7:00p.m. – *Stations of the Cross and Benediction, John B. Miller Band*

**Saturday, March 11 - Ferial - Weekday**

8:00a.m. - *Confessions*  
 9:00a.m. – *(Sung in Latin) Ernesto Delrosario*  
 4:00-5:00p.m.- *Confessions*  
 5:15p.m. – *Francesco Iacocca, Deceased Members of Norm Smith Family, Jeff Fischer, Lonka Gazda Intentions for Marlene Mason, Emillo Raco, Santhosh George, Paul Sullivan, Josefina Cruz and Intentions for Olga Ciaravella and Special Intentions for Jack Dawes*

**Sunday, March 12 – Third Sunday of Lent**

9:00a.m., 11:00 a.m.  
*Intentions include the week of February 27 to March 12*

**PARISH & OTHER NEWS**

**Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps**

***During the Third Sunday of Lent, beginning on Sunday, March 12th, the lamps at the Regina Caeli***

***Shrine burn in loving memory for the Sheehy Family and the Castellan 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 \$18,886.99 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**

“But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty.” Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose”. 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) Website: [www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/).

**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 March 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm March 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup> (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 29<sup>th</sup>. **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](mailto: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

MARCH 5, 2023

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.

**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

**Catechetical Correspondence Program**

Children in our parishes benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Programs each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. We need volunteers to support the program. If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please reach out to the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at [catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com). To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>.

**Evenings with His Excellency**

Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for "Evenings with His Excellency". This is 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 at 7pm – 8:30pm at St. Ann Church, Ancaster. This month we will begin our look at **The Ten Commandments**. It is also available by livestream on St. Ann's YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith, all are welcome.

**Joint Parish Mission March 27, 28, 29 at 6:00pm**

This Lent the Basilica of Our Lady and St. Joseph's Parish will host a joint Parish Lenten Mission. Fr. Michael King will be the Retreat Master, and will speak on "**The Wisdom of the Desert: Flee, Be Silent and Pray Without Ceasing**". Each evening will begin with Holy Hour at 6:00pm, followed by Fr. King's talk at 7:00pm. On Tuesday, March 28 there will be multiple priests available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the Mission will close with Mass at 7:00pm on Wednesday, March 29. **The Mission will be held at St. Joseph's Church, 409 Paisley Road, Guelph.**

**The Feast of St. Joseph March 20 at 7:00pm**

Because March 19 falls on a Sunday of Lent this year the Solemnity of St. Joseph gets transferred to Monday, March 20. The Days schedule is as follows:  
Holy Hour with Morning Prayer and Litany to St. Joseph 8:30am  
The Office of Vespers (Evening Prayer) 6:30pm  
Solemn Mass in Honour of St. Joseph 7:00pm

**Lecture Series Holy Rosary Church**

**March 8:** Sister Madeleine Gregg, FCJ, My Conversion/Vocation Story  
**March 15:** Pat Stuart, Hospice Wellington  
**March 22:** Deacon Tami, Conversion and Reversion: My Journey Back to the Catholic Church  
**March 29:** Marc Moreau, Catholic Christian Outreach

**How to Pray the Rosary & Chaplet of Devine Mercy**

There are several beautiful prayer cards/booklets of "How to Pray the Rosary" and "Chaplet of Divine Mercy" at the Basilica South Tower, prepared by Humber College "Rosary Prayer Group" in Toronto, blessed by Bishop Ivan Camilleri and published by Knights of Columbus in Mississauga. In addition to spelling out step by step how to pray, the cards also relate how faith and science as well as faith and works of mercy go hand in hand (see <https://catholicregister.org/features/arts/item/35165-bodily-going-to-frontier-of-science-and-religion>). The cards were donated in memory of Berica Sarac (1933-2022) by her daughter Mirjana Kos and sons John and Zvonko with the whole family. Please help yourselves while they last. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the rest in peace. Amen

**Church Envelopes**

There is still a large quantity of Church Envelopes not picked up yet, they are available in the Parish Office.



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