

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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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

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, November 20 – Ferial

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – Deceased Members of the Downey Family, Lanny Sorbara, Intentions for Dante Bucek

Tuesday, November 21 – The Presentation of The Blessed Virgin Mary

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – Rogers Family, Mary Catherine Howes and Special Intentions for Maria Semlak

Wednesday, November 22 – St. Cecilia

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

7:30 a.m. Mass – Intentions for Aster Pinto

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 – David O’Handley

Thursday, November 23 – Ferial

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

9:00 a.m. Mass –Edward & Paul Garcia

Friday, November 24 – St. Andrew Dung-Lac

7:30 a.m. The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

8:00 a.m. Mass – Deceased Members of the Healy Family

Saturday, November 25 – Ferial

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

5:15 p.m. Mass – Semlok Family, Basil & Evelyn Krusky, Angela Mascarenhas, Intentions for Divya Jose, Brijesh Gajjar, Sister Christine Leyser

Sunday, November 26 – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 33rd ^t Week of Ordinary Time, beginning on Sunday, November 19th, the lamps at the Regina Caeli Shrine will burn in loving memory for the deceased Gaetano Checca and Anna Checca Spiri.

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 \$17,078.29 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God’s blessing.

Vocations

“Lord, when was it that we saw you...?” Have you heard the Lord as well? If God is calling you to serve in the priesthood, diaconate, religious or consecrated life. If God is calling you, 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/

Advent Service of Lessons and Carols **Sunday, December 3, 7:00pm**

The weeks before Christmas are usually a hurried time of shopping, preparation, and card writing. For Christians, however, these weeks should be marked by prayerful preparation for the Feast of Christmas. Plan to attend our annual **Advent Service of Lessons and Carols**, as a way to begin this season in prayer and recollection. This service will be a reflection on the Season of Advent through Scripture and Music. Please come and bring a friend!

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.

World Day of The Poor – November 19, 2023

Sunday, November 19th (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time), is the World Day of The Poor. The Basilica’s St. Vincent DePaul Conference invites you to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters especially at this uncertain time. In the words of Pope St John XXIII “every human being enjoys the right to life, to bodily integrity and to the means necessary for the proper development of life, including food, clothing, shelter, medical care, rest and finally – the necessary social services”. Pope Francis also reminds us that “we are called to find Christ in the poor. To lend our voices to their causes, but also to be their friends, to speak for them and to embrace the mysterious wisdom which God wishes to share with us through them”.

Please help us to continue to do our works to help those less fortunate in our community. A special World Day of The Poor Collection will take place on Sunday, November 19, 2023. An envelope for that collection can be found with this Bulletin or at the information board at the Sout Tower entrance. THANK YOU!!

Nativity Set Draw – Registration Sunday

Beginning at our Pasta Supper on November 12th and continuing at the weekend Masses starting on November 18/19, we are pleased to be hosting a draw for a beautiful Nativity Set, purchased from our Basilica Gift Shop with some of the proceeds from the recent Regina Ceili Tea. To enter this draw, we are asking that all our new and existing

Parishioners complete a Parish Registration form and place the completed form in the Draw Drum at the back of the Church. This registration form helps us as a Parish to ensure our records have updated information for existing Parishioners, but also registers our many new Parishioners. The draw for this Nativity Set will take place after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, December 3rd, which is the first Sunday of Advent. Thank you for taking the time to complete the registration form and participating in the draw.

Annual Christmas Bazaar – November 25th

The Catholic Women's League of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate invites you to join us on Saturday, November 25th, from 9am to 3pm, for our annual Christmas Bazaar. Come browse our regular tables and booths: silent auction, bake table, penny table, and fresh Christmas greenery. There will also be vendors selling a variety of items, including jewellery, Christmas decorations, home décor, knit items, soaps, artwork and greeting cards.

Enjoy some refreshments and a chance to win our 50/50 and wine draw.

This year we are taking orders in advance for pies. We have apple crumble, apple covered, cherry and pumpkin available. The pies are \$15 each and orders can be placed after each Mass on October 28/29, November 4/5 and November 11/12. Thank you for your anticipated support. We hope to see you all there!

Calling All Bakers or Baking Table Donations

The date of the Parish Bazaar is fast approaching. All baked items donated for our bake table should be dropped off to the parish hall on Friday, November 24th, between the hours of 10 am to 3 pm. Please attach to your baked goods, ingredients used. Thank you for your support!

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.

Gala Dinner in Honour of His Eminence, Cardinal Collins

The Guelph Knights of Columbus Charity Trust invites parishioner and community members to join us for a fun-filled evening to roast and toast Guelph's very own Cardinal Tom Collins on his recent retirement. Join us at the Italian Canadian Club on Thursday, November 23rd from 6:00 to 10:00 pm for an evening of wonderful food and socializing to toast his successes and hear some stories of those he moved/inspired through his journey. Order your tickets by contacting Craig Chamberlain gk1507@ontariokofc.ca or Shaun Redmond redmonds@golden.net. Tickets are

\$100.00 (you will receive a \$35.00 charitable donation receipt). Proceeds from the evening will be split between the Cardinal to support his favourite charitable causes and the Guelph Knights Charity Trust, supporting Charities in our community.

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)

Our Gift Store in the Parish Hall is open after all weekend Masses. We have Nativity Sets and other Christmas gifts, as well as gifts and cards for Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. Come downstairs and see our selection of Bibles, Statues, and Rosaries after Masses and check out the Gift Store for upcoming events and celebrations.

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
Basilica of Our Lady, Guelph – Sat. Nov. 25th 10-2pm
St. Teresa of Avila – Christmas Social Dinner and Dance – Dec. 2nd 6:00pm

Holy Rosary Parish

Please join us for a Christmas concert on Sunday, December 3rd at 2pm. Located at 175 Emma St. Guelph. All are welcome!

The Annulment Process...the facts and myths – Presented by Deacon Joseph Di Loreto, Diocese of Hamilton

Date: Thursday, November 23 at 7pm

Place: St. Michael, 80 University Ave. W. Waterloo, Parish Centre (basement)

Deacon Joseph Di Loreto, The Administrative Officer and Auditor of the Marriage Tribunal for the Hamilton Diocese will present an overview of the Annulment process. He will clarify the steps, dispel the myths, share facts and answer your questions.

To reserve your spot, please register by emailing – parish@stmichaelw.ca, or phone 519-884-9311.

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.

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