

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
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 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

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MASSSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, November 27 – Ferial

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – Deceased Members of the Sloan Family, Trudy Marchiori and Intentions for the Langlois Family

Tuesday, November 28 – Ferial

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – Jerry Bannon, Richard Wojcicki
Intentions for Jack & Peggy McGarry

Wednesday, November 29 – Ferial

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

7:30 a.m. Novena Mass – Deceased members of the Boyle Family

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 Patrick & Roberta Dupuis

Thursday, November 30 – St. Andrew

7:30 a.m. Novena Mass – Desmond Rainey, Souls in Purgatory

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

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

Friday, December 1 – Ferial

7:30 a.m. Novena Mass Intentions for Romano Di Genova

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – Intentions for Kim Jones

Saturday, December 2 – Ferial

7:30 a.m. Novena Mass Susan Potvin & Family

8:00 a.m. Confessions

9:00 a.m. Mass (Sung in Latin)

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

5:15 p.m. Mass – Rita Soligo, Margaret Skowron, Dr. Joe Canipolongo, Marijat Mohorkus, Stanley Kus

Sunday, December 3 – First 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

7:00 p.m. Mass – Advent Service of Lessons and Carols

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the 34thth Week of Ordinary Time, beginning on Sunday, November 26th, the lamps at the Regina Caeli Shrine will burn in loving memory for the deceased Beata & Joaquim Fernandes & Angela Mascarenhas.

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 \$10,115.55 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

"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks" 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

St. Teresa of Avila – Christmas Social Dinner and Dance – Dec. 2nd 6:00pm

Holy Rosary Parish – Dec. 3rd Christmas Concert at 2pm.

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.

Come Home for Christmas Festival

Sunday, December 3, 2023 4:00-4:00pm at Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre, 437 Wilson St. E., Ancaster On. L9G 3K4 Please join us for Music, Hot Cocoa, Cookie Decorating, Magic Show, Face Painting, Balloon Animals, Local Artisans (cash only), Santa and Crock-A-Doodle Christmas Ornament Painting. If you are able, cash or non-perishables accepted benefiting The Bishop's Charities.

For more information, contact mcmorgan@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 ext. 2251

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

We are planning on starting the Children's Liturgy on December 3rd 9 and 11 am Masses but are still in desperate need for volunteers to teach the children. Please contact Mary Muller 289-230-8856 to volunteer for this cause.

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.

Coping with the Holidays

Christmas is the time of year when many people struggle to cope with the recent loss of a loved one, or sometimes in the distant past. Many struggle alone and don't quite know how to cope. This is why we offer Coping with the Holidays each year on the first Sunday of Advent, which is, as you know, December 3rd. The gathering is offered from 1:30 to 3:00 pm and will take place in person (preferred). Or by zoom for those at a distance. The session helps people understand their feelings and offers practical help for those who are struggling at this time of year.

Contact Theresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office 905-528-7988 ext. 2250 or email; thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com

Christmas Masses

The dates and times of all the Masses around Christmas will be published in a handout and available on our website; www.basilicaofourlady.com. Please watch for the handout available very soon.

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