

BASILICA OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE

Parish Community



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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, 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, 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: 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 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

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, October 2 – The Holy Guardian Angels

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – Anton Semlok, Rita Soligo, Wendy Bellamy

Tuesday, October 3 – Ferial

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – Intentions for William & Loretta Hanson

Wednesday, October 4 – St. Francis of Assisi

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

7:30 a.m. Mass – 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 – Living & Deceased Members of the Gil Zea Family

Thursday, October 5 – Ferial

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – Intentions for Thomas Gould

Friday, October 6 – Ferial

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – Peter Marchese

Saturday, October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00a.m. – Confessions

10:00a.m. – Marian Day Mass – Cardinal Collins

12:00-3:00p.m. – Regina Caeli Tea

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

5:15 p.m. Mass – Frank Kus, Janina Stanislaw Donafeld, Janina Boleslaw Danuta Clucmanski, Aaron Racelis, Rohan Jayasundera and Intentions for the 45th Wedding Anniversary of David & Mary Jane Berges

Sunday, October 8 – 27th 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 26th Week of Ordinary Time, beginning on Sunday, October 1, the lamps at the Regina Caeli Shrine will burn in loving memory of Irena & Antoni Stankiewicz and Janina & Stefan Paszyn.

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 \$20,014.15 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessing.

Diocesan Marian Day

Join us at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate for our final Diocesan Marian Day of 2023 on October 7. The presider will be Cardinal Collins, and the schedule is as follows:

9:00 a.m. Confessions

10:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Rosary Procession

12:00 p.m. Regina Caeli Tea

Vocations

The invitation to serve often comes more than once; are you prepared with your answer? 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/

Young Adults Night Holy Hour and Fellowship

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, October 7th** at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, and on **Saturday, November 4th**, at Saint Pius X Church (9 Waverly Street, Brantford). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Natural Family Planning Meet & Greet

Following the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, October 1st, there will be a social in the Basilica parish hall for couples who use Natural Family Planning or are interested in learning more. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Using Natural family Planning to avoid or achieve pregnancy encourages couples to understand their fertility and deepen their understanding of the Church's valuable teachings on sexuality. Come ask questions, share your experiences, and talk about all things NFP. This method is helpful for understanding fertility in many stages of life, including after childbirth, approaching menopause, and for couples with fertility challenges. Paul & Hanna Caruso, trained NFP instructors, will be available to answer questions. Children are welcome!

Ukrainian Organ Benefit Concert

On Monday, October 30th at 7:00 p.m. acclaimed Ukrainian Organist Dariia Lytvishko will be performing a series of concerts in Ontario for the Ukrainian Refugee Program. Dariia has been performing the organ series "Let There Be Peace" to help fund Humanitarian efforts in Ukraine. Tickets are \$20.00 with ALL proceeds going towards the fund. Tickets are available after Masses or at the Parish Office.

Sanctuary Outreach

Sanctuary Outreach Pregnancy Support Program is currently helping a young mother who is due with twins the first week of November. She is in need of all the basic

items from diapers to two car seats and a double stroller. If you can help to support her and the other young women they are presently helping, please bring items to donate and leave at the entrance of the church during weekend masses. Designated to "Sanctuary Outreach" or if you prefer to send an e-transfer, the address is info@guelphforlife. You can also donate directly through their website:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/guelph-area-right-to-life-association/>.

Project Rachel

Are you struggling after an abortion? Either your own or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

Smart Steps – Supporting Step-Families

This is a one day workshop designed to assist all parents and step-parents who are adjusting to blended family life. Sessions will be held at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph, 28 Norfolk Street. **TIME:** 9:15 am to 3:30 pm. **PRICE:** \$50.00 per person. **DATES:** Saturday, October 14, 2023. Register online at hamiltondiocese.com and look under Upcoming Events. For more information call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Catechesis Resource Fair

The Diocesan Office for Evangelization and Catechesis is pleased to be hosting a resource fair this fall for all catechetical leaders serving adults, teens, and children. Come learn about new tools to support your ministry, browse hot off the press titles, and ask questions of our Diocesan staff who are here to help! More details and registration info can be found here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2023/09/catechetical-resource-fair/>.

Did You Know...

Children in our parishes benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Program each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. We are in **desperate need of more volunteers** to support the demand of enrollment for the 2023-2024 pastoral year. 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 for training and more information. To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>.

Parish Grounds

Thank you to all the Parish Volunteers and City Staff who tended the Gardens this summer, many compliments have been received for all your hard work and care.

RCIA Course

RCIA classes will be starting on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, in the Parish Meeting Room from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Please make sure your registration is in before that date, they are available at the Parish Office or on our website: www.basilicaofourlady.com under Resources.

Marriage Tip of the Month

When asked what matters most to someone who is married, people often answer my wife/husband and children. It is important to see if your actions reflect that belief. Do you spend time together daily talking about your day and important matters? Do you plan a date night with your spouse (even if its s from home), so your children see the love you share? Do you do little tasks that need doing without being asked? Do you compliment your spouse and tell them you love them? What we do tells others what matters – be sure your spouse knows they do!

Handicraft Holy Land Christians

On the weekend of October 7th & 8th, we will welcome our special guest Paul, from Sebastien Cardinal's team. Representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. May God Bless you for your generosity, for your help and for your prayers. Cash, debit, credit cards and cheque will be accepted. You can visit and support us at: www.HolylandChristians.ca.

Public Square Rosary Rally

You are invited to pray the Rosary on Saturday, October 14, 2023, at noon beside the big statue of Our Lady. Please mark your calendars and join us in front of the Basilica in downtown Guelph.

Extraordinary Minister of Communion Formation

A workshop is being held at St. Joseph Church in Fergus on October 14, 2023, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Registration deadline is October 7, 2023. Please find the Registration forms at the back of the Church

Children's Liturgy Program

Our Children's Liturgy program will be trying to start but we need dedicated leaders (adults and youth) to help make up a team so we will only volunteer approximately once a month. We will be having a meeting on October 10th at 7:00 pm at the Parish Office Meeting Room to go over the details with all the volunteers. Please call the office for more information, 519-824-3951.

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