

# 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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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](http://www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca)

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



### MASSES OF THE WEEK

#### **Monday, September 25 – Ferial**

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – Justin & Sophie Trudeau, Carmelo Montesanti & family, Irene Symons

#### **Tuesday, September 26 – St. Jean de Brébeuf and St. Isaac Jogues and Companions**

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – Donna Lajoie

#### **Wednesday, September 27 – St. Vincent de Paul**

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

7:30 a.m. Mass – living & deceased members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Souls in Purgatory

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 – Mr. Jackmilan

#### **Thursday, September 28 – Ferial**

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – Randall Matters

#### **Friday, September 29 – St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael, Archangels**

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – St. Michael the Archangel, Rita Southon

#### **Saturday, September 30 – St. Jerome**

9:00a.m. – St. Vincent de Paul Retreat

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

5:15 p.m. Mass – Virgilio Cabling, Dionisia Bergantim, Basil Krusky, Ronald Zuccala, Rosaleen Tamblin, Debbie Forester

#### **Sunday, October 1 – 26<sup>th</sup> 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. Missa Pro Populo

12:00 p.m. – Natural Family Planning Meet & Greet

### **PARISH & OTHER NEWS**

#### **Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps**

During the 25<sup>th</sup> Week of Ordinary Time, beginning on Sunday, September 24, the lamps at the Regina Caeli Shrine will burn in loving memory of Duško and Christine Polić.

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 \$9,476.80 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessing. St. Vincent de Paul Society wants to thank all the Parishioners for their \$2,229.00 donations for the poor.

#### **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**

“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near.” (Isaiah 55:6). While seeking, listen; could it be that you are being called to serve as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, or consecrated virgin? 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](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 in the Basilica of Our Lady parish hall at 5:30 pm. The next meeting will be on October 11th. Young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome to join for a potluck dinner and discussion. Please RSVP by emailing [hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com](mailto:hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com).

#### **Natural Family Planning Meet & Greet**

Following the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 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!

#### **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 7<sup>th</sup>** at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, and on **Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**, 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

### **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/>.

### **Life Chain Sunday**

Join thousands across Canada on Sunday October 1, 2023, to make a public, prayerful and peaceful stand for life. Guelph & Area Right to Life will be hosting Life Chain in four locations. Plan to join us at the location nearest you: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Guelph, Stone Rd & Edinburgh Rd S; 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Rockwood, Main St between Alma St. and Cobblestone Pl. at Waterside Park; 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Fergus, Hwy 6/Tower St. & Belsyde Ave.; 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Elora, Colborne St. & Geddes St. (MacDonald Square)

### **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](mailto:catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com) for training and more information. To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>.

### **St. Vincent de Paul Retreat**

Celebrating all Conferences in Guelph and the surrounding area. Please join us for a day of reflection, spiritual reflection from Fr. Ian Duffy, and in the afternoon, there will be guest speakers and group activities to challenge and inspire us. Refreshments will be provided throughout the day and lunch will be offered to all; please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements. We will also continue the tradition of celebrating our milestones, giving thanks to our dedicated long-serving members. To confirm your attendance please contact: [natalie.dibattista@hotmail.com](mailto:natalie.dibattista@hotmail.com).

### **St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop**

The Guelph Society of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is looking to hire a part-time employee to assist with pickups and deliveries on the truck and assisting in the store. Must be physically able and comfortable lifting large items/weights and moving furniture on a regular basis. Must be able to pass police background check. If interested, please call Brendan at: 519-836-5829.

### **Sacred Heart Healing Mass**

Sacred Heart welcomes prayer groups to join them on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm for a Mass with Father Valentine with Healing Prayers to follow the Mass.

### **October Calendar**

The October Calendar of Masses and Events has been included in this weeks Bulletin. On the back of the Calendar is posted Monthly upcoming events that you may be able to attend.

**For more information and specific details about upcoming events, please watch upcoming bulletins as well as our Parish Website at [www.basilicaofourlady.com](http://www.basilicaofourlady.com)**

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