

# 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, VF, KHS, Rector  
 Father Bill Foote, Honourary Assistant  
 Deacon Quinto Tami

### **Basilica Staff**

Joe Finocchio, Business Manager  
 Susan Potvin, Parish Secretary  
 Secretary, Amy Grey  
 Care Taker – Vedran Aleksich

### **Music Ministry**

Joe Carere, Organist & Choirmaster  
 Julian Mason, Sub-Organist  
 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.

### **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)

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)



### MASSSES OF THE WEEK

#### **Monday, April 8**

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – Marilyn Michieli, Intentions of Catherine Healy, Agnes Taylor

#### **Tuesday, April 9**

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – Mary Peori, Vicki Anderson

#### **Wednesday, April 10**

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

7:30 a.m. Mass – Manuel Pires

8:30 a.m. - Perpetual Help Devotions

9:00 a.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

12:15 p.m. Mass – George Raso

#### **Thursday, April 11**

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – Jerzy Skowron, Intentions of Paul Jeffs

#### **Friday, April 12**

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – Semlak Family

#### **Saturday, April 13**

4:00 p.m. – Confessions

5:15pm Mass – Dionisia Bergantim, Emilio & Annita Raco, Albert Klip, Peggy McLoughlin, Intentions of Oswald Fernandes

#### **Sunday, April 14 – Third Sunday of Easter**

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass

11:00 a.m. – Mass

1:00 p.m. - Baptisms

## **PARISH & OTHER NEWS**

### **Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps**

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn for David & Alice Gruber & family living and deceased, and Charlie & Shirley Bone & family living and deceased Parishioners of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate.

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 \$47,217.00 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

### **Vocations**

What could convince someone to turn to God? The story that God became human? The story that Jesus cured the sick? The story that Jesus forgave sin? The story that Jesus rose

from the dead? Or, perhaps, the story of the witness of your own life? If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, 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 Moms Group**

Calling All Moms! Are you looking for a free, Fun, Faith Filled Afternoon for You and Your Little Ones this Winter?

Meet up Every First Wednesday of the Month 4:30pm - 6:00pm.

At our next meeting (April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024), the Diocese of Hamilton will present the beautifully handwritten/illustrated St. John's Bible, then have craft time. This is a great opportunity to connect with other incredible Catholic Moms; it takes a village. To RSVP or volunteer, please email [st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com](mailto:st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com)

St. John the Baptist 45 Victoria Rd. N, Guelph

### **Parish Gift Shop**

St. Joseph, Patron Saint of Canada: Check out the varied selection of St. Joseph statues in the gift shop along with Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Joseph the Carpenter with his little Apprentice, St. Joseph the Carpenter, Divine Mercy Statue, etc.

### **Catholic Young Adult Book Study Group**

The Catholic book study group meets every other Wednesday in the Basilica of Our Lady's Parish Hall at 5:30pm. On April 17<sup>th</sup>, the group will continue discussing "Orthodoxy" by G.K Chesterton. 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](mailto:hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com).

### **Educational Fund for your Children:**

Are you interested in starting an educational fund for your kids' post-secondary opportunities? If you answered yes but think you can't afford it, then the Canadian Learning bond is for you. If your net income is \$53,359.00 or less and you have children born since 2004, you can qualify for free government money to set up a fund for your child(ren). For more details, please email:

[socialjusticeclbguelph@gmail.com](mailto:socialjusticeclbguelph@gmail.com), or leave your information with the Parish office and a volunteer from St. Vincent de Paul Particular Council Social Justice Committee will contact you, explain the details and assist you with your application.

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

Where: St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store Guelph  
Do you have a desire to live out the Gospel by doing ordinary tasks with extraordinary love, in service of Christ's poor? Are you friendly, and someone who would enjoy working at cash while interacting with customers? Are you someone who would prefer to work behind the scenes sorting clothes or store items? Then we have a volunteer opportunity for you! Experience is not required; we will train

you. All are welcome to inquire! Feel free to reach out to us by phone (519-836-5829) or email at [thriftstore@ssvpguelph.ca](mailto:thriftstore@ssvpguelph.ca).

### **Eucharistic Procession 2024**

We are having a planning meeting in anticipation of a May 30<sup>th</sup> Eucharistic Procession. The meeting will be in the Newstead Room, for those interested in being part of the planning committee, on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

### **Step/Blended Family: Smart Steps for Building Family**

Are you a parent or stepparent adjusting to blended family life? Smart Steps offers practical insights and suggestions on how to make relationships work well for all. The next session will be held at the Basilica from 9:15am-3:30pm. The price is \$50.00/person (includes lunch). The date is Saturday April 20, 2024. Register online at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look under upcoming events. For more information, contact the family Ministry OFFICE AT 905-528-7988 x 2249.

### **The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass**

Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or 60+ wedding anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a wedding anniversary Mass on Sunday May 26, 2024, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30pm. Space allows room for anniversary couples only – those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance. Registration is available online at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) under upcoming events.

### **Vacation Bible School Workshop 2024**

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites all parish ministers, youth ministry leaders to join in our annual Vacation Bible School workshop in preparation for summer children's ministry. New to VBS? Looking to learn more about recruiting youth volunteers? Want a peek at the new VBS kits available this year? Come and join us for this informative virtual workshop on April 10, 2024, from 7:00-8:30pm. Registration is available on the Diocesan website: <https://bit.ly/DoHVBS2024>.

### **Guelph Spiritan Group – Healing Mass**

The Spiritan Group will be celebrating a Healing Mass at Sacred Heart Parish, Guelph on Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup> starting with the Rosary at 6:00pm followed by Mass at 7pm. Mass will be celebrated by Father Bill Trusz. All are welcome to attend.

### **Holy Rosary CWL**

We are hosting a tea on Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup> to celebrate our 60 anniversary and wish to extend an invitation to everyone to join us. The tea will take place at Holy Rosary parish hall on Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup> (165 Emma St). There will be 2 sittings after the 9:00am and 11am Masses. Tickets are \$15.00 each, and you can contact Cathy Whyte at 519-824-5115 to purchase them.

### **Parish Golf Tournament**

Save the date for this year's golf tournament!!

Date: Sunday June 2, 2024

Cost: \$130.00 for golf and dinner (and prizes)  
\$35.00 for meal only

Stay tuned to the bulletin for more information as we get closer to the date.

### **Walk in my Shoes Lent Collection**

The Basilica's St Vincent DePaul Conference and our community's needy feet would like to thank you for your generosity during this past Lent collection. We collected 147 pairs of gently used sneakers, shoes AND one pair of ice skates! A wonderful show of kindness! All will be delivered to the city's shelters next week. Thank you, and thanks be to God!

### **Guelph & Area Right to Life**

All are welcome to join Guelph & Area Right to Life's annual Walk for Life fundraiser happening on [Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup>](#). Invite your friends, family, church or school to walk in support of Guelph & Area Right to Life's work to change hearts and minds—and save lives. Join in either Guelph or Fergus and be sure to stay for the free lunch provided after each walk.

Guelph Location: Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, doors open at 9:30am, walk begins at 10:00am

Fergus Location: Maranatha Canadian Reformed Church, 600 Belsyde Ave E, Doors open at 9:30am, walk begins at 10am

Get full details and register today at:

[guelphforlife.com/walk-for-life](http://guelphforlife.com/walk-for-life)

### **When Life Changes – A Program to Assist the Grieving**

Looking to offer a grief program, or gain more knowledge about grief? Here is an opportunity to learn about a newly created, excellent program that will work in any setting. Designed to provide full support to caring facilitators who would like to offer the program.

When: Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup>

Where: Nicholas Mancini Centre - 44 Hunt St Hamilton, ON  
Time: 9:30-4:00pm (1hr lunch which will be provided)

Cost: No charge thanks to the sponsorship of Arbor Medical  
For more information please about registration please email [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com).

*“The Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead; in his name repentance and remission of sins must be preached to all the nations.” Easter is a call to action for us to give witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*



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