

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, 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.

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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASSSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, February 12 – Ferial

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

9:00 a.m. Mass - *Mark Thomas, John Mandolesi, Mark Joseph Thomas, and Special Intentions for Betty Roswell*

Tuesday, February 13 – Ferial

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – *Mary Peori*

Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday

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

7:30 a.m. Parish Mass

8:15am - Perpetual Help

8:30 a.m.- 12:00pm – Eucharistic Adoration

12:15 p.m. Parish Mass

1:00pm – 6:00pm – Eucharistic Adoration

6:30pm – The Office of Vespers (Evening Prayer)

7:00pm – Solemn Mass (Ash Wednesday Mass)

Thursday, February 15 – Ferial

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – *Special Intentions for Ron Hawse*

Friday, February 16 – Ferial

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

9:00 a.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. Mass – *Judy Marchiori, Leona Di Genova, Cecelia Tomaso*

Saturday, February 17 – Ferial

8:00 a.m. - Confessions

9:00 a.m. Mass sung in Latin

4:00 p.m. Confessions

5:15 p.m. Mass – *Emilio & Annita Raco, Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Ana Percic, Andres Bonalde, Marino Bergantim, Special Intentions for Living and deceased members of Szczepanik family*

Sunday, February 18 – First Sunday Of Lent

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

4:00 p.m – Solemn Vespers and Benediction

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time beginning on Sunday, February 11, 2024, the lamps at the Regina Caeli Shrine will burn with special intentions for **Fred & Georgina Willemsma and Family, and Michael Burslem**

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 \$17,166.20 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. 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

Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Solemn Vespers and Benediction

February 18th, 2024 at 4:00pm

Vespers is the official Evening Prayer of the Church, which the second Vatican Council desired to become a prayer for all the Church, rather than exclusively for the Clergy. On the First Sunday of Lent please plan on coming to spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament featuring sung Solemn Vespers in the more ancient form of the Divine Office led by the Sine Nomine Ensemble from Kitchener. Vespers will be followed by a time of quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and then Benediction. There will be a free offering taken up to assist the choir with their costs.

Knights of Columbus Council 10631 Fun Family Bingo 2024

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 10631, On March 3, 2024, located at St Joseph Parish Hall. Hall opens at 6pm, bingo starts and door closes at 6:30pm (please arrive early). We ask that you bring your own snacks, drinks, bingo dabbers, tape and markers. The entrance fee is \$3.00, this is a no cash prize bingo (6 cards/person) so bring your family and friends!

Separated/Divorced Support Group Waterloo

Life changes are never easy. After a separation or divorce, you may be feeling isolated or in need of support and healing to adjust to your new life? Come together with others to realize there is a "second act ". Join us on the 3rd Tuesday of every month (7:30–8:30pm) February 20, March 19, April 16, May 21 and June 18. Feel free to come early and join our Parish in prayer (7:00pm mass). We will meet in the Parish Centre at 7:30pm. To register Phone 519-884-9311 or email: parish@stmichaelw.ca.

Basilica Gift Store (Parish Hall)

The gift shop: You may be interested in a beautiful and convenient way to pray **the Stations of the Cross during Lent**. A Rosary consisting of the 14 stations with 3 beads in between the stations (the Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be..) is now available. We are also happy to announce the expansion of Baptism gifts, greeting cards for all occasions, and First Communion rosaries, prayer books, tie bars, necklaces etc. are now available. There is a beautiful collection of necklaces for men, women and children. They include medallions of the Miraculous Medal, St.Benedict, Crucifixes and Crosses. They make beautiful gifts for birthday, anniversary, or any happy occasion. Visit us in the

Church Hall after any of the weekend Masses. Easy access by the stairs next to the elevator.

Children's Liturgy

We are happy to announce that every Sunday at both masses we will be offering Children's Liturgy. At the beginning of Mass, Father will call the children (ages 4 to grade 3) to the front for a blessing, then go downstairs where the same readings will be read along with an interactive reflection that the children can better understand.

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 4:30-6:00pm.

We have a retired teacher, who will host a Saint Lesson and Craft; While you gather with like-minded Moms, to share a hot chocolate and ideas on how to live out your Catholic Faith. 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

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Adult Faith Formation Through VLCFF

The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. Three and five week e-seminars are available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning. For more information about our programs, and how to register, visit us at www.hamiltondioceselearns.com

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th 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 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only – those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is now available online at hamiltondiocese.com.

The Pastoral Parish In The Modern World

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis is happy to offer a three-workshop series entitled, *The Pastoral Parish in the Modern World*. This new handbook created by David Wells and Bill Huebsch provides a comprehensive outline of the new vocabulary of pastoral ministry, and how to enact it in your local setting. This workshop series is designed for anyone who is working or volunteering in parish life including pastoral teams, parish councils, and youth ministry leaders. Registration for this workshop series is now OPEN. You can register here: <https://bit.ly/pastoralparish>.

Catholic Young Adult Book Study Group

The Catholic book study group meets every other Wednesday in the Basilica of Our Lady's Newstead room at

5:30pm. On February 7th and 21st, the group will discuss "A Canticle for Leibowitz" by Walter Miller Jr. 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.

National Catholic Health Care Week In Canada

Is celebrated February 4-10, 2024. The St. Joseph's Health System in the Diocese of Hamilton is one of the largest Catholic health systems in the country. The system, which cares for thousands every day, is the legacy of the determination and hard work of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Hamilton. Their compassion and dedication live on in the thousands who serve in the SJHS every day. Check out resources for the special week at [National Catholic Health Care Week](http://NationalCatholicHealthCareWeek.org) | [Catholic Health Alliance of Canada \(chac.ca\)](http://CatholicHealthAllianceofCanada.org)

Guided Prayer

The Ecumenical Week of Guided Prayer and Spiritual Exploration will be held online from February 18th to the 24th. The Week of Guided Prayer and Spiritual Exploration is an opportunity to enrich your spiritual life and deepen your relationship with God. We hope you can join us, information and registration online at www.guidedprayer.ca until February 11, 2024.

40 Days for Life Candlelight Prayer

Tuesday, February 13, 2014

7:00 – 7:30 pm

City sidewalk in front of the Guelph Cenotaph, Woolwich St & Eramosa Rd, Guelph

Join local pastors and church community members for a candlelight prayer gathering to recognize the start of the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil in Guelph. All are welcome! New participants are encouraged to join; For more information visit guelphforlife.com/40-days-for-life or call Guelph & Area Right to Life at 519-836-6311.

40 Days for Life Prayer Witness for Life

Father Ian, has chosen the weekend of March 9th and 10th 2024 (7:00am – 7:00pm), as our opportunity as a Basilica family of faith, to witness our solidarity with women experiencing unintended pregnancies and our dear little preborn brothers and sisters. Just as Jesus asked the apostles to pray with him for an hour, now again in our time he asks the same of us. Pray with me for 30 min – 1hr. Stand and witness to the preciousness of every human life created in the image of our awesome God. We will be having a couple of sign up Sundays prior to our weekend, and for now we ask you to ponder whether God is calling you to be with us. We will provide all the details you need and answer all questions – please call or email Jakki Jeffs at 519-821-9604 / aflo@mgl.ca.

Prayer for Lent (Daniel 9:3)

Then I turned my face to the Lord God, Seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.

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