

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
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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, February 26

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

9:00 a.m. Mass - *Steve Kenny, Manuel Pires, May Sherratt*

Tuesday, February 27

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – *Norman Smith, Intentions of Lochiel McCarthy*

Wednesday, February 28

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

7:30 a.m. Mass – *Mike Grosicki*

8:30 am - *Perpetual Help*

8:30 a.m.- 12:00pm– *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

12:15 p.m. Mass – *Intentions of Justina Slocombe*

7:00pm – *Compline & Benediction*

Thursday, February 29

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – *Geri Brayfield*

Friday, March 1

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

9:00 a.m. Mass and Stations of the Cross – *Barry Smith*

7:00 p.m. Mass and Stations of the Cross

Intentions of Kent and Kathleen Rodenburg

Saturday, March 2

8:00 a.m. – *First Saturday Confessions*

9:00 a.m. - *Mass*

4:00 p.m. *Confessions*

5:15 p.m. Mass – *Richard Wojcicki, Betty Sarac, Thi Loan Tran, Thomas Kenny, Intentions of Adam Holliday*

Sunday, March 3 – Third Sunday of Lent

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

9:00 a.m. *Mass*

11:00 a.m. *Mass*

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the 2nd Sunday of Lent beginning on Sunday, February 25, 2024, the lamps at the Regina Caeli Shrine will burn for Mr and Mrs Peter Gemin and special intentions for Massimo Marcone.

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 \$8,197.00 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

Second Sunday of Lent: If you need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at Abraham and Sarah – called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister, or deacon is also taking a great risk. 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/

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

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

Basilica's Walk in my Shoes Lent Offering

The Basilica's Saint Vincent De Paul will be collecting lightly used sneakers during the Lenten season to be distributed to the various homeless shelters in our city (Basilica's Walk in my Shoes Lent Offering). We will gratefully accept donations of men's. Women's & children's lightly used sneakers at each of the weekend Masses beginning the weekend of March 17th & ending the weekend of March 23rd. Donations may be left in the bins provided near the statue of St.Vincent De Paul. All donations will be delivered to the shelters during Holy Week. We hope this initiative will provide decent footwear to the many folks in the shelters who have been literally living in the same sneakers for months and months. Many thanks for your continued support and kind generosity, SVDP Basilica of Our Lady.

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.hamiltondiocesearns.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.

Basilica Gift Store (Parish Hall)

If St. Joseph is your favourite Saint, now is the time to visit the Gift Shop in the Church Hall. We have the traditional St. Joseph holding Baby Jesus, Joseph the Carpenter, the Sleeping St. Joseph, and Joseph the Teacher with his apprentice. Other statues include Our Lady of Perpetual Help; Our Lady Undoer of Knots; St. Therese; Jesus knocking on the door; an Angel with the Fallen Christ and more. We have a wide variety of medals and necklaces of the Miraculous Medal; Baptism and First Communion gifts; Olive wood Rosaries and Crucifixes from Bethlehem, and much more. We are open after all weekend Masses. Window shoppers are welcome.

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 March 6th, the group will be 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.

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](tel:519-821-9604) / aflo@mgl.ca.

Save The Date

St. Patrick's Day Tea

Join us in celebration of Catholic Hill Heritage on Sunday, March 17th for the Basilica's annual St. Patrick's Day Tea.

2 Seatings – 10am to 11:30am & 12pm to 1:30pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets required, Adults \$20.00, Child (under 13) \$10.00 & Child (under 6) Free. All Welcome

Carmelite Spirituality Group (Our Lady Of The Rosary)

Lay Carmelites are Roman Catholic men and Women who " live in the following of Jesus Christ according to the traditions & spirit of Carmel". They are called to a vocation of love, seeking God's will in the ordinary circumstances of everyday life. Carmelite spirituality, an 800-year-old tradition of contemplative prayer, community, & ministry, is a path to holiness embraced by St. John of the Cross, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Therese de Lisieux and many others. We meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 7 to 9pm. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday February 20, 2024.

Website: <https://www.laycarmelites.org>. For more information contact: Noreen D'Souza at Noreendsouza72@gmail.com

An Evening of Lenten Music

Once again this year we are pleased to welcome John B. Miller & Friends back to the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate on **March 3rd, 2024 @ 7:00pm**, for an evening of Lenten music. This group's musical offerings will provide a wonderful evening to reflect on the Mystery of Our Lord's Life, Death and Resurrection. All are welcome, a free donation will be taken up.

Bridges To The Past

A talking tour of Guelph's Historic Bridges

Speaker: Susan Ratcliffe

Date: March 5, 2024, at 7:30pm

Place: Guelph Civic Museum, 52 Norfolk St.

Susan will bring us on a tour of Guelph's bridges from the Norwich bridge, to the railway bridges, from the Covered Bridge to the Gow Bridge with stories, facts and photos. Susan will bring guest D.E Cerson who has written a self-published book called The Adventures of the Norwich Street Bridge Gang. All Lectures Are free & Open to the public, donations welcome.

Message for Lent:

1 Peter 5:6 – Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.



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