

# 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.

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

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### MASSES OF THE WEEK

#### **Monday, January 15 – Ferial**

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

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** *Bill Patterson, Ian Schleifer, Intentions for Mary's Graceful Favours, Anna Semlak*

#### **Tuesday, January 16 – Ferial**

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

9:00 a.m. **Mass** – *Arthur Koslow and Intentions for Steve and Susan Scherer, Albert Sloan*

#### **Wednesday, January 17 – St. Anthony**

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

7:30 a.m. **Mass** – *Mary Jackson*

8:15am - Perpetual Help

8:30 a.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

12:00pm - Benediction

12:15 p.m. **Mass** – *Ken Riepert and Intentions for Declan Kilbourne*

#### **Thursday, January 18 – Ferial**

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

9:00 a.m. **Mass** – *Don Forester, Manuel Pires*

#### **Friday, January 19 – Ferial**

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

9:00 a.m. **Mass** – *Antonio Maria Gil & Blanca Aurora Zea*

#### **Saturday, January 20 – Ferial**

4:00 p.m. Confessions

5:15 p.m. **Mass** – *Anna Loan Tran, Mimina Ricci, Francesco Mansi, Amorvene & Italo Cova, Nadia Amadio, Barbara Malek*

#### **Sunday, January 21 – Third Sunday In Ordinary Time**

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

9:00 a.m. **Mass**

11:00 a.m. **Mass**

1:00pm - Baptism

## **PARISH & OTHER NEWS**

### **Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps**

During the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time beginning on Sunday, January 14, 2024 the lamps at the Regina Caeli Shrine will burn in loving memory of Mary Ritchie and Mike Grosicky.

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 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

### **Vocations**

The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow

Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to the priesthood, religious life or diaconate? 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/)

### **Reel Justice Film Festival**

Kicks off the 2024 season on January 25, 2024 at 7:00pm – 9:00pm, with the film **Gather**, an intimate portrait of the movement among Indigenous communities to reclaim their spiritual, political, and cultural identities through food sovereignty. **The dynamic duo of Kitty R Lynn Lickers and Dr. Adrienne Xavier from McMaster University's Indigenous Studies Department will be guest speakers for the evening.** Educators in Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Indigenous Food Sovereignty, they also managed the *Our Sustenance* program, a sustainability and food sovereignty program in their community of Six Nations. **The screening and discussion will be hosted online via zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events at: <http://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com/>** A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political and economic injustices.

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

The Catholic book study group will resume in January, meeting every other Wednesday in the Basilica of Our Lady parish hall at 5:30pm. On January 10<sup>th</sup>, the group will discuss St. John Paul II's "Letter to Artists," and on January 24<sup>th</sup>, they will begin discussing "A Canticle for Leibowitz" by Walter M. 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](mailto:hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com)

### **Membership in the Basilica Catholic Women's League**

The Catholic Women's League of Canada has a core purpose, uniting Catholic women to grow in faith, and to promote social justice through service to the Church, Canada and the World. For more information about the league, visit [cwl.ca](http://cwl.ca) and [cwl.on.ca](http://cwl.on.ca). The cost to become a member of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate CWL is \$40. Payment can be made by cheque or cash and can be dropped off at the Parish Office or placed in the weekly offertory in an envelope clearly marked – CWL Membership Fees. Please include your name and contact information.

### **Basilica Gift Store (Parish Hall)**

Our Gift Store in the Parish Hall is open after all weekend Masses. We have gifts for Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation as well as other gifts such as Bibles, Statues, and Rosaries. Please feel free to come down to the Parish Hall and check out the Gift Store for upcoming events and celebrations.

### **Children's Liturgy**

If you are a teen or adult, we still need more volunteers to run this every weekend. Call Mary Muller at 289-230-8856 for more information.

### **Renewed by Love – Marian Residence Retirement Home**

There is a campaign called Renewed by Love and it seeks to transform the living spaces of the residents of Marian Residence Retirement Home and nurture an environment at Marian Residence that fosters the five values of our organization: Faith, Compassion, Dignity, Respect and Responsibility. For more information please contact: Sister Maria Goretti Figueiredo, SOLI at [social@marianresidence.ca](mailto:social@marianresidence.ca).

### **Special Day Envelopes**

Parishioners who donate by weekly or monthly electronic fund transfer (EFT) we now have special donation envelopes available at the parish office for your use. 2024 envelopes and missals are available for pick up, check at the back of the church.

### **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](mailto:st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com) St. John the Baptist 45 Victoria Rd. N, Guelph

### **Kindergarten Registration at Wellington Catholic DSB**

The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting new registrations for kindergarten at our schools beginning January 8, 2024!

To be eligible for registering in kindergarten, children;

- Must be four years of age on or before Dec 31, 2024 to attend year 1 kindergarten
- Must be five years of age on or before Dec 31, 2024 to attend year 2 kindergarten

During the registration process, school administration is available to assist you with any questions you may have. To assist admin with registering your child, we ask that you have the following documents available;

- Child's birth certificate
- Parent or child's baptismal certificate
- Proof of tax support for families new to the system (i.e. most recent tax bill)
- Proof of address
- Immigration documents

Please note students currently attending year 1 kindergarten **ARE NOT REQUIRED** to register for year 2. If you have any questions, please contact your local Catholic school.

### **Bible Sunday, January 21, 2024**

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (January 21, 2024) marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose on Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday 2024. Visit our website:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/>

### **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 1:30 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](http://hamiltondiocese.com).

### **Young Adults Night**

Father Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm – 7:30pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night and vocation testimony (8:00pm – 9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** at St. Michael Catholic Church (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@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>.

### **Did you know....**

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