

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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 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

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, January 8 – The Baptism Of The Lord

9:00 a.m. – Mass for Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God – *Margaret Rodgers, Repose of Souls in Purgatory, Lindsay O’Handley, Intentions for Thanksgiving*

Tuesday, January 9 – Ferial

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – *Mary Peori, Jovito Tiomico*

Wednesday, January 10 – Ferial

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

7:30 a.m. Mass – *Agnes McCorry*

8:15am Perpetual Help

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

12:00pm - Benediction

12:15 p.m. Mass – *Elsa Tonin, Mary Ritchie*

Thursday, January 11 – Ferial

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – *Father Terry Sehl, Marg Duckworth*

Friday, January 12 – St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – *Erlinda Cal. Intentions for Barbara*

O’Clerigh, Marilyn Langlois

Saturday, January 13 – Ferial

9:00 a.m. Divine Mercy Day Mass & Presentation

4:00 p.m. Confessions

5:15 p.m. Mass – *Emilio & Annita Raco, Ronald Courchesne, Ken Riepert, Terry Valeriotte. Intentions for Judy & Ron Howse and Theresa & Kelly Strome*

Sunday, January 14– Second Sunday In Ordinary

Time

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 Epiphany of The Lord beginning on Sunday, January 7, 2024 the lamps at the Regina Caeli Shrine will burn in loving memory for Richard Wojcicki and Intentions for the Wojcicki Family Members.

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 \$57,842.77 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God’s blessing.

Vocations

A good vocation prayer to say every day – from the time we are young until we are in our golden years – is found in today’s first Scripture reading: “Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.” Just try it with sincerity, starting today and, if you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacons,

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/

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 10th, the group will discuss St. John Paul II’s “Letter to Artists,” and on January 24th, 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

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 and 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 Mases. 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.

Divine Mercy PowerPoint Presentation

There will be a whole day seminar at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate on Saturday, January 13, 2024, from 9:00am to 3:00pm (Bring your Lunch).

A great treasury of revelations, teachings, insights, and prayers of the Devotion to the Divine Mercy. In addition to the many significant revelations of Our Lord about trust and mercy, there are major teachings on several subjects, including the Holy Eucharist, Confession, Blessed Mother, spiritual life and suffering of others.

Jesus said: "Write down these words, my daughter. Speak to the whole world about My Mercy; let all mankind recognize My unfathomable mercy. It is a sign for the end times; after it, will come the day of justice. While there is still time, let them have recourse to the fount of My Mercy; let them profit from the blood and water which gushed forth for them."

CWL Meeting on January 9th, 2024

On Tuesday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m. the Catholic Women's League will be hosting a talk given by two of our own members; Julia a married woman and Jenny a candidate for Consecrated Virginitly both have lived in today's world. Come and learn about how they use the sacraments as tools for their faith. Refreshments will be served, all are welcome!

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.

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

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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://hamilton-diocese.com/thebiblespeaks/>.

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.

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 vacations. 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 **Friday, February 3rd** 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:

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