

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
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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.

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



MASSSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, March 18

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

9:00 a.m. **Mass** – Addison Hill, Donald Crowe, Shirley Madigan, Intentions of David Berges

Tuesday, March 19

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

6:30 p.m. – *The Office of Vespers (Evening Mass)*

7:00 p.m. – **Mass** (Feast of St. Joseph)

Wednesday, March 20

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

7:30 a.m. **Mass** – Rita & Guy Soligo, *Constantino Di Renzo*

8:30 am - Perpetual Help

9:00 am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

12:15 p.m. **Mass** – Annita Raco, Basil Krusky

7:00pm – Compline & Benediction

Thursday, March 21

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

9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Christa Kilbourne

Friday, March 22

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

9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Evelyn Krusky

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

Giovanni Favrin, George Raso, Lenore Begin

Saturday, March 23

8:00 a.m. – **Lenten Confessions & Mass**

9:00 a.m. – **Mass**

11:00 a.m. - **Confessions**

3:00 p.m. - **Confessions**

5:15 p.m. - **Mass** – Jakob Theles & Family, Edmund & Margaret Kenny, Mr & Mrs Peter Gemin, Theresa Miller, Fred Chamberlain, Eda & Fioretto Case

Sunday, March 24 – Palm Sunday

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

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

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the 5th Sunday of Lent beginning on Sunday, March 17, 2024, the lamps at the Regina Caeli Shrine will burn for Bruce Roswell, Sister Mary Ambrose, and Ana & Francis Huszak.

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 \$8,668.80 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

Blessed are those who come in the Name of the Lord! Blessed are they who live their lives in the Name of the Lord! 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/

The Feast of St. Patrick

Given that St. Patrick's Day falls on a Sunday of Lent this year it is not celebrated liturgically on March 17, in honor of the Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday). However, given that our Parish was first dedicated to St. Patrick in the 1820's we will transfer the liturgical celebration of St. Patrick's Day to March 18th. Mass with Blessing of Shamrock will be celebrated at 9:00am on March 18th. All are welcome.

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

Parish Gift Shop

St. Joseph, Patron Saint of Canada: His Feast Day will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 19th. 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.

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.

Catholic Young Adult Movie Night

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to attend a movie night with pizza, snacks, and discussion on Saturday

March 23rd at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. We will be watching the 2008 historical fiction film the Stone of Destiny, based on the 1950 heist at Westminster Abbey carried out by a group of Scottish students. The film contains relevant thematic content for young Catholics navigating the modern world together. Come out for a great evening and get to know your fellow young parishioners better.

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.

On Wednesday March 27th, Bishop Lobsinger will celebrate the Mass for the Forty Days for Life here at the Basilica at 7:00pm. Please note that there will be no Compline or Benediction that evening. Confessions, however, will continue throughout the Mass.

Holy Hour & Compline on Wednesdays During Lent

On Wednesday evenings you are welcome to spend some quiet time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and join in the Hour of Compline (Night Prayer) from the Divine Office, or the Liturgy of the Hours. Compline will be sung by our own Basilica Gregorian Schola, made up of young adults from the Basilica. The Holy Hour will finish by 8pm following Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm
The Office of Compline and Benediction 7:40pm

The Feast of St. Joseph – March 19th, 2024

All too often we Canadians go “all out” to celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick, the Patron of Ireland, and then completely ignore our own Patron. St. Joseph is the Patron Saint of the Universal Church and the Patron of Canada, and his Feast Day is a Solemnity of the Church. The liturgical schedule for St. Joseph’s Day will begin with a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament with Morning Prayer and Litany to St. Joseph beginning at 8:30am. At 6:30pm the Office of Vespers (Evening Prayer) will be prayed in the Crypt and the Solemn Mass in Honor of St. Joseph will be celebrated at 7:00pm. Please join us to celebrate Canada’s great Patron, and to commit our country and her people to the strong protection of St. Joseph.

Tenebrae on Palm Sunday – March 24th at 7:00pm

During the evening on Palm Sunday, please join us for the noble, solemn, and very moving **Office of Tenebrae**. “Tenebrae”, the Latin word for “Darkness”, is a combination

of the Liturgies for the Hours of Matins and Lauds from the Divine Office for the final days of Holy Week. Once again, this year we are pleased to welcome some of the alumnae of St. Michael’s Choir School’s to sing the beautiful Tenebrae Responsories composed by the Choir School’s founder, Monsignor Ronan. You are encouraged to enter Holy Week by attending this simple yet moving liturgy at 7:00pm on Palm Sunday, March 24th.

Feast of Divine Mercy

The Novena of the Divine Mercy will begin on Good Friday (March 29th) and will be prayed at our parish at 7:30pm and will continue up to Saturday April 6th (with varying times each day). The flyer will have full details on the Novena schedule. The Feast of the Divine Mercy will be celebrated on Sunday April 7 at St. Joseph’s Church, Guelph at 2pm with Holy Hour, solemn chaplet of the Divine Mercy and Confessions. Mass will be celebrated at 3pm, followed by light refreshments in the parish hall. For more information, please contact Elvie Bauzon at 226-501-5632, Ramon Quintano at 519-841-0765 or the St Joseph Parish office at 519-822-4614.

Location: St. Joseph Parish (409 Paisley Rd, Guelph)

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, 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@ssvpghuelph.ca.

Knights of Columbus Council 10631 – Fun Family Bingo

Bring your family and friends and join us for an evening of fun!

Date: April 6, 2024

Time: Hall opens at 6pm (Bingo starts and doors close at 6:30pm)

Where: St. Joseph’s Parish Hall (409 Paisley Rd, Guelph)

Price: entrance fee \$3.00

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