

BASILICA OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE

Parish Community



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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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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

PALM SUNDAY



MASSSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, March 25

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

9:00 a.m. Mass – *Barry Smith, Judy Murphy, Special Intentions of Karen Holliday, Maria Semlak, Bishop Ustrzycki*

Tuesday, March 26

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Maria Pyra, Matthew Hanson

Wednesday, March 27

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

7:30 a.m. Mass – Intentions of Joan Smith

8:00 a.m. - Perpetual Help Devotions

9:00 a.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

12:00 p.m. - Benediction

12:15 p.m. Mass – Eleanor Sorbaro

4:00 p.m. – Adoration & Confessions

7:00 p.m. – 40 Days of Life Mass

Thursday, March 28

9:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer

7:30 p.m. – Holy Thursday Mass of the Lords Supper

8:30 p.m. – Adoration of the Blessed

11:00 p.m. – The Office of Compline (night prayer)

Friday, March 29

9:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer

11:00 a.m. – Good Friday Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

3:00 p.m. – Good Friday Solemn of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, March 30

11:30 a.m. – Blessing of Easter Food

7:30 p.m. – Holy Saturday – Solemn Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 31 – The Resurrection of The Lord

8:00 a.m. – Easter Mass at Dawn

10:00 a.m. – Easter Day Mass

12:00 a.m. – Solemn Mass of Easter Day

Vocations

The Glorious Feast of the Resurrection of Christ proclaims, forever, that life is greater than death. Jesus commanded us to preach this good news to all peoples in all places at all times. 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/

Maryhill Park Fish Fry Fundraiser

Maryhill Community Centre (58 St. Charles St E), Good Friday, March 29th (12:00pm -7:00pm). Eat in our takeout, NO RESERVATIONS! First come, first served. Fresh cut fries with haddock, coleslaw, tartar sauce, and lemon. 1pc (\$16), 2pc (\$19). Children 12 and under may buy a half price 1pc (\$8) If dining in house only. Hot dogs are also available, dessert and refreshments available. Dinner includes coffee/tea, CASH ONLY PLEASE! Advanced order for takeout orders strongly advised. For more information contact (519) 648-2939.

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 4:30pm - 6:00pm.

At our next meeting (April 3rd, 2024), the Diocese of Hamilton will present the beautifully handwritten/illustrated St. John's Bible, then have craft time. 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.

Catholic Young Adult Book Study Group

The Catholic book study group meets every other Wednesday in the Basilica of Our Lady's Parish Hall at 5:30pm. On April 3rd and 17th, the group will continue 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

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.

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord beginning on Sunday, March 24, 2024, the lamps at the Regina Caeli Shrine will burn for Paul Desmond Caley, Paul Caley and special intentions of Suzanna Baggio.

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 \$11,981.53 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

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 8:00pm following Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.
Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament 7:00pm
The Office of Compline and Benediction 7:40pm

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 2:00pm with Holy Hour, solemn chaplet of the Divine Mercy and Confessions. Mass will be celebrated at 3:00pm, 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@ssvpuelph.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 6:00pm (Bingo starts and doors close at 6:30pm)

Where: St. Joseph's Parish Hall (409 Paisley Rd, Guelph)
Price: entrance fee \$3.00
Please bring your own snacks, drinks, and bingo dabbers

Knights of Columbus Council of St. Joseph Church

Will be holding a charity bottle drive on April 6, 2024 from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Drop off your empty beer cans, bottles, wine, and liquor bottles to the St Joseph Church parking lot at 409 Paisley Rd, Guelph. Home pickup is also available if needed. You can cash in your bottles and cans before April 6th and drop off the cash donations during the bottle drive. For more information, please contact Ray at 519-261-1850; raymondbolton402@yahoo.com or Jim at 548-988-6294; jgouin1210@hotmail.com.

Step/Blended Family: Smart Steps for Building Family

Are you a parent or stepparent adjusting to blended family life? Smart Steps offers practical insights and suggestions on how to make relationships work well for all. The next session will be held at the Basilica from 9:15am-3:30pm. The price is \$50.00/person (includes lunch). The date is Saturday April 20, 2024. Register online at hamiltondiocese.com and look under upcoming events. For more information, contact the family Ministry OFFICE AT 905-528-7988 x 2249.

Young Adults Night

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s & 30s) of our diocese to celebrate the Easter Season by attending an evening of Adoration, fellowship, and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30-7:30pm), social with food (7:30-8pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm -9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday April 6th at the Basilica. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

Marriage Tip Of The Month:

Marriage in the Catholic Church is a sacrament: our love for each other is to mirror the love of God for each person. When you look at your relationship, do you see it truly reflecting the total love and giving of God's love? Love is a choice and the decision to love can and should influence how we treat our spouse. When we purposely act in ways that reflect God's love, our marriages are better and will then echo, through our relationships, a visible love showing God's invisible love to the world.

Vacation Bible School Workshop 2024

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites all parish ministers, youth ministry leaders to join in our annual Vacation Bible School workshop in preparation for summer children's ministry. New to VBS? Looking to learn more about recruiting youth volunteers? Want a peek at the new VBS kits available this year? Come and join us for this informative virtual workshop on April 10, 2024, from 7:00-8:30pm. Registration is available on the Diocesan website: <https://bit.ly/DoHVBS2024>.

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