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# BASILICA OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE Basilica 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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#### Pastoral Team

Father Ian Duffy, VF, KHS, Rector Father Bill Foote, Honourary Assistant Deacon Quinto Tami

#### Basilica Staff

Joe Finochio, 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

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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



Monday, March 4

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

9:00 a.m. Mass - Deceased members of the Clair

Family, Intentions of Adam Holliday, Terence Fernandes

Tuesday, March 5

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

**9:00 a.m. Mass** – Deceased members of the Howitt family. Arthur Koslow

Wednesday, March 6

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

**7:30 a.m. Mass** – Deceased members of the Harcourt family

8:30 am - Perpetual Help

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

**12:15 p.m. Mass** – Maureen Marshall

7:00pm - Compline & Benediction

Thursday, March 7

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

9:00 a.m. - Mass - Matthew Hansen, Intentions of

Suzanna Baggio

Friday, March 8

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

9:00 a.m. - Mass and Stations of the Cross - Mr & Mrs William Clair. Vicki Anderson

6:30 p.m The Office of Vespers (Evening Prayer)

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

Intentions of Kathleen Rodenburg

Saturday, March 9

8:00 a.m - Lenten Confessions & Mass

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

**5:15 p.m. - Mass** – Michael Kenny, Deceased members of the Synnott family, Manuel Pires, Martha Lourdes-

Landivar, Intentions of Margaret Schnarr

Sunday, March 10 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

9:00 a.m. - Mass

11:00 a.m. - Mass

1:00 p.m - Baptisms

## **PARISH & OTHER NEWS**

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent beginning on Sunday, March 3, 2024, the lamps at the Regina Caeli Shrine will burn for Angela Penava and Emma Vukovic.

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 \$9,213.30 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing. Thank

you also for your generous donations to our homeless community with your gift of \$2,747.00.

#### **Vocations**

Fourth Sunday of Lent: St. Paul reminds us that we are, "Created in Christ Jesus for good works". 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,

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 17<sup>th</sup> & ending the weekend of March 23<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

#### 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.

#### Basilica Gift Store ( Parish Hall )

New statues have arrived – Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Our Lady Undoer of Knots, St.Therese, and many more. We also have a wide range of the Miraculous Medal necklaces, Our Lady of Guadaluppe, St.Anthony, etc. First Communion is coming up and we have an excellent selection of rosaries ( some are heart shaped and different colours), rosary cases, books, necklaces, etc. There is also a good selection of Baptism gifts. Drop in after any of the weekend Masses. Window shoppers are welcome.

#### **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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Westminister 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 parishoners better. Please RSVP by emailing <a href="mailto:hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com">hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com</a>.

#### 40 Days for Life Prayer Witness for Life

Father lan has chosen the weekend of March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 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 / aflo@mgl.ca.

On Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.

#### **Save The Date**

St. Patrick's Day Tea

Join us in celebration of Catholic Hill Heritage on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 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

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

#### 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

St. Joseph is the Patron Saint of the Universal Church, and the Patron of Canada, and his feast is a Solemnity of the Church. The Days's schedule is as follows:
Holy Hour with Morning Prayer & Litany to St. Joseph 8:30am The Office of Vespers (Evening Prayer) 6:30pm Solemn Mass in Honour of St. Joseph 7:00pm

Tenebrae on Palm Sunday – March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

Durning 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 Choi 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 24<sup>th</sup>.





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