

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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Father Ian Duffy, VF, KCHS, Rector
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 Deacon Moices Caballero

Basilica Staff

Joe Finocchio, Business Manager
 Amy Grey, Parish Secretary
 Brendan Shea, Custodian

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: Corey Malone.....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: Kellie Angerilli.....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: Michael MacPherson...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: Steve Gulyas.....519-822-4290
St. John Bosco
 19 Northumberland Street
 Principal: Sandra Cummings.....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



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, April 28th

6:30p.m – Vespers for the Dead

7:00p.m – Memorial Mass for Pope Francis

Tuesday, April 29th – St. Catherine Of Siena

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Intentions of Theresa Heley

Wednesday, April 30th – St. Marie De L 'Incarnation

7:00 a.m. - The Office of Lauds

7:30 a.m. - Mass – Riemer Zoethout

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:15 p.m. – Mass – Intentions of Theresa Lisa Nguyen

Thursday, May 1st

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. - Mass – Henry & Helen May, Edna Quinlan

Friday, May 2nd - St. Athanasius

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. - Mass – Manuel Pires, Augusta Butty, Nicholas Law, Alexa Deano

Saturday, May 3rd – St. Philip and St. James

11:00 a.m. – Ordination Mass at the Cathedral (Hamilton)

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. – Mass – Primo Baggio, Jerzy Skowron, Mary Peori, Ranas and Beliso Family members, Jack Thompson, Nicholas Law

Sunday, May 4th – Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass

11:00 a.m. – Mass

2:00 p.m. – Fr. Moices First Mass

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the 2nd week of Easter, beginning on Sunday, April 27, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn for the intentions of the Gojdyecz family and the Donczak family.

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 gifts collected during Holy Week in the amount of \$51,331.25 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

How am I being called to feed the lambs of Jesus? Could it be as an Ordained or Consecrated person? If God is calling you to be a Priest, Religious or Deacon contact **Fr. Mark**

Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988

Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

PARISH NEWS

Priestly Ordination of Deacon Moices

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God the Diocese of Hamilton joyfully invites you to attend the Ordination of Moices Rafael Caballero to the Ministerial Priesthood of Jesus Christ on Saturday, May 3rd, 2025, at 11:00am at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton.

Furthermore, you are cordially invited to join Fr. Caballero for a Mass of Thanksgiving here at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate on Sunday, May 4th, 2025, at 2:00pm. Please keep Deacon Moices in your prayers as he prepares for Ordination to the Priesthood.

Mass for Pope Frances at the Basilica

Please join us on Monday April 28th for a Mass to pray for his Holiness Pope Francis. We will start with Vespers for the Deas at 6:30p.m followed by Mass at 7:00p.m. All are welcome

Basilica Knights of Columbus

Preparations for our Eucharistic Procession in Guelph are underway, and you are invited to join the planning team.

This year, our procession date will be on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 22nd. Planning meeting dates: April 29th, May 6th, 13th, 27th. Meetings start at 7pm.

Where: Lourdes Room, at the Basilica Office: 28 Norfolk Street, Guelph

For further information, please contact Craig Chamberlain at dd69@ontariokofofc.ca

Celebration Blessings

On Wednesday, May 7, Father Ian will celebrate his 31st. Anniversary of Ordination and on Friday, May 30, Bishop Ustrzycki will celebrate his 66th. Anniversary.

"Father of Mercy, we come before You with gratitude on the anniversaries of Your faithful servants, Ian and Matthew. Because of the grace You bestowed upon them, they have touched countless hearts and inspired so many souls. Please continue to shower them with abundant joy and zeal and bless them as they continue to serve You and Your people in their priestly ministries. Amen."

Basilica CWL

All parishioners are invited to our next CWL General meeting on Tues. May 13th at 7:00p.m to hear our speakers, Jenny Benjamin and Wendy Walsh. We are excited to first play the YouTube video by our own Joe Carere called *Consecrated Virginity Lived in the World*, about these two women in our parish who are studying to become Consecrated Virgins. Then Jenny and Wendy will speak to you about what it means and how this came about. All are welcome. Hope you can join us!"

OTHER NEWS

Religious Education Program – In-Person Classes

St. Joseph's Church is providing in-person Religious Catechism Classes for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation for students who attend public or private schools from grade 1 through to grade 7. It is also open to those children whose parents wish to have their children learn more about their Catholic Faith. Classes are every Tuesday from 6:30pm to 7:30pm starting September 16, 2025, and runs through to May 2026. For more information, please contact Donna Haley at 519-831-6451 or email: religiousedstjosephguelph@gmail.com. Registration forms are on the website under Parish Life/Ministries. **THE BASILICA WILL NOT BE DOING PRIVATE LESSONS MOVING FORWARD.**

Walk with Mary to Jesus Procession

The annual Marian procession, crowning and devotion will take place this year on Sunday, May 11, at 2:30 PM. Please join us to honour Mary and ask her to intercede with her Son for our country, province and city. With the new advances of the *Culture of Death*, it becomes more obvious that we need to publicly acknowledge our faith and pray for the establishment of the *Culture of Life*. Please meet at the Basilica of Our Lady front steps at 2:15 p.m. and dress for the weather. For more information, please call Stella Mott, 519-763-9991.

Mass with Prayers for Healing

Please join us at Sacred Heart (75 Manitoba St, Guelph) on Wednesday April 30th, 2025 at 7:00p.m for prayers. All are welcome!

Guelph Knights of Columbus St. George Council – May 10, 2025

We are hosting a 125th anniversary celebration. Join us on May 10, 2025 at 12:00p.m. at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate for a celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist in honor of our special anniversary. The main Celebrant and Homilist will be Father Don Sanvido. At 1:00p.m. there will be a private historical tour of the Basilica and a tour of the Guelph Civic Museum. At 3:00p.m. there will be a wine and cheese and charcuterie board reception in the Basilica Hall. The cost of the tickets are \$35.00, you can email Mike Veroni at m_veroni@hotmail.com or Michael Macerollo at Macerollo.m@gmail.com for more information.

Pilgrimage to France

We warmly invite you to join us on a sacred journey to France from June 17th – 26th, 2025. This pilgrimage will nourish your faith and immerse you in the deep spiritual, cultural and historical heritage of some of France's most iconic sites. Together we will explore landmarks of profound religious significance, including the Basilica of Saint Therese in Lisieux, the Holy Grotto at Lourdes and the

majestic Cathedrale Notre-Dame de Paris. We will also visit Omaha Beach and Mont-Saint-Michel, reflecting on the resilience and faith that have shaped these amazing places over the centuries. Beyond the historical and architectural beauty, this pilgrimage offers spiritual renewal through daily Mass, guided reflections and the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Saints. It is truly a journey of faith, prayer and fellowship. For more information, please email pilgrimages@livingfaith.com or you can call (844) 411-1121.

Guelph and Area Right to Life – March for Life

Guelph and Area Right to Life is providing a coach bus to Ottawa for the National March For Life on Thursday May 8th, 2025. This is a powerful opportunity to stand alongside thousands on Parliament Hill in defense of life. Pick up and drop off will be in the parking lot of the Basilica of Our Lady. The bus will be leaving at 6:00a.m. sharp (so arrive by 5:45a.m), it will leave Ottawa at 4:00p.m sharp (boarding at 3:45p.m). Seats are limited so reserve your seat today! Goodwill offerings are gratefully accepted and can be made by cash, cheque, or e-transfer to info@guelphforlife.com. To reserve your seat, contact us at info@guelphforlife.com or at (519) 836-6311. For more information, visit our website at <https://www.guelphforlife.com/bus>.

Guelph Knights of Columbus St. George Council – May 31st, 2025

The Guelph Knights of Columbus St George Council are hosting the 125th anniversary dinner reception to honour the Knights of Columbus Parishes Priests on Saturday May 31st, 2025. There will be a celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist at 5:00p.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Guelph. Following the Mass there will be a dinner in the gym that will begin at 6:30p.m. Price for the dinner will be \$50.00 per person, for more information or to purchase tickets please reach out to either Mike Veroni at 519-241-9741 or by email at m_veroni@hotmail.com or Michael Macerollo at 519-710-5354 or email Macerollo.m@gmail.com.

Piece of Basilica History

The City of Guelph was founded on April 23, 1827 by John Galt. Later that year, our Parish was founded. In the Fall of 1827, Bishop Alexander Macdonell, the Bishop of Kingston and first Bishop of Upper Canada, a friend and mentor to Galt, visited Guelph. Galt offered him "the most choice location for a Church". Bishop Macdonell chose this hill. Galt "called on all his axemen to clear a street from the Priory to the summit of the hill where the church would someday be built, and named this street in his honour (Macdonell Street)". The Priory was the first permanent structure built in Guelph, after its founding on St. George's Day. It was originally located on the south bank of the Speed River near the current intersection of Macdonell and Woolwich and near the spot where John Galt cut down the maple tree to found our city. (Information taken from Historic Guelph, The Royal City, a Guelph Historical Society publication Vol.XIX, April 1980, p.17)

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