

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 Finocchio, Business Manager
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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: Corey Malone.....519-823-2455
Saint Paul School
 182 Clairfields Drive East
 Principal: Dawn Uliana.....519-824-9470
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 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.

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, August 18th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Aaron Racelis, Maurice Lefebvre, Del Rosario Ernesto

Tuesday, August 19th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Margaret Yaskowich, Danny O’Shea

Wednesday, August 20th – St. Bernard

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

7:30 a.m. - **Mass** – Egido Romanello, In Thanksgiving from the Kenny Family

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Albert Elias

Thursday, August 21st – St. Pius X

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Intentions of Betty Rowsell and Maltais & Gruszecki Families

Friday, August 22nd – The Queenship of The Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Lucy Maltais, Intentions of Father Moices Caballero

Saturday, August 23rd

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Elisa Sante Baggio, Katherine Nixon, Bianca DeLa Roche, Bolger family, George Raso, Intentions of John & Catherine Healy

Sunday, August 24th – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass**

11:00 a.m. – **Mass**

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the week beginning Sunday, August 17th, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn for the intentions of Blake Sloan and Jerome Farquhar.

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 in the amount of \$7,299.00 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God’s blessing. The St. Vincent De Paul Basilica Conference gives thanks for your donation of \$2,966.00 towards their works of charity on your behalf.

Vocations

“...let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us...” 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.**

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

PARISH NEWS

Basilica Senior Choir: Looking for new members

☐ Love to sing? You just found your people. ☐

The Basilica Senior Choir is now welcoming new members! If you have a love for sacred music, a good sense of humour, and a desire to serve through song, we want you in the loft with us. Singing in a choir isn’t just uplifting — it improves mental well-being, sharpens memory, strengthens community, and brings deeper meaning to the liturgy. Whether you’re a seasoned chorister or haven’t read music in years, there’s a place for you here. Rehearsals are joyful, supportive, and occasionally include baked goods. Interested? Speak with Joe Carere, Director of Music, in the choir loft after any Mass. Join us and be part of something beautiful.

Catholic Young Adult Book Study

On August 27, the young adult book study group will be discussing “Antiqua et Nova” a recent document from the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith on the topic of AI. The meeting will start at 5:45 pm in the parish hall, with a potluck dinner. Young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome to attend. Please contact hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com to RSVP.

2025 Marian Day Events

Once again, this year the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, as the Diocesan Marian Shrine, will be hosting the Hamilton Diocesan Marian Days on the first Saturdays from June through October. The Marian Days will begin with a Holy Hour at 9:00am, with confessions being heard during the Holy Hour. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am, followed by the Rosary Procession. You are welcome to bring a lunch, coffee and tea will be served after the Procession, and tours of the Basilica will be available. The remaining dates are as follows: September 6, 2025 (Cardinal Leo), and October 4, 2025 (Bishop Crosby).

Marian Day - Regina Caeli Tea

Our remaining Marian Day devotions are Saturday, September 6th with Cardinal Leo and October 4th with Bishop Crosby. We will celebrate the conclusion of our Marian Days on October 4th with the Regina Caeli Tea at Noon in the Parish Hall. Join us for a High Tea experience! Regular and Fancy Sandwiches, Scones, Sweets and Refreshments. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and must be reserved in advance. Tickets are always available on Marian Days or by contacting the Parish Office. We look forward to your attendance!

RCIA 2025-2026

Are you, or someone you know, interested in becoming a Catholic, or completing your sacraments of Initiation (First Communion and/or Confirmation)? If so, then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for you. The RCIA is a journey of faith delving into the riches of our Catholic Tradition, and preparing people for Baptism, Reception into the Catholic Church, or completion of the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. The journey begins in September 2025 and will culminate at the Easter Vigil in April 2026. Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 season. Please call the Parish Office to register at (519) 824-3951. Please register early.

Religious Education

St. Joseph's Parish at 409 Paisley Road in Guelph 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 6:30 to 7:30 pm starting **SEPTEMBER 9TH 2025**, (date change!) and run through to May 2026. For more information, please contact Donna Haley 519-831-6451 or religiousedstjosephguelph@gmail.com

Pilgrimage for Young Adults (20s and 30s)

Frassati's Carabiners are excited to announce in this Year of Hope, a day pilgrimage to the Holy Door at Immaculate Conception, Formosa, on Saturday August 23. The day will begin at 7:00am at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, and the bus will depart at 7:30am. Once we arrive at Sacred Heart, Mildmay, we will walk the remaining distance (~12 kms) to Formosa. Fr. Ian will be accompanying the group, hearing confessions and celebrating Mass at Formosa. Following Mass we will head to the beach, followed by a BBQ supper back at Immaculate Conception. The bus will return to the Basilica by 8:00pm. For more details and to RSVP, contact Elise (frassaticarabiners@protonmail.com). The cost of the trip is \$40.00 per person.

Save the Date: SSVP Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Conference

Saturday, September 27, 2025

4th Annual Guelph & Area St. Vincent de Paul Retreat at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate

We are thrilled to welcome SSVP National President Linda Dollard to this year's retreat, and we hope you can join us too! We are equally as blessed to be able to celebrate on the actual feast day of St. Vincent de Paul, and we will honour his legacy with spiritual enlightenment, insightful guest speakers, valuable collaboration, and a delicious lunch. Attendees are kindly asked to RSVP by Friday, September 19, 2025 to natalie.dibattista@hotmail.com.

OTHER NEWS.

Youth Ministry Certification Program

We are currently accepting enrollment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program, which begins in September 2025. Join us as we explore the practical strategies for youth ministry and the accompaniment of young people in our diocesan community. To review the full course list and for more information, please visit: www.hamiltondioceselearns.com.

Regina Caeli Academy

A private Catholic school will open in Guelph in September 2026 for students in JK to Grade 8. If you would like to join the planning committee or learn more about the school, please come to our next meeting. The meeting will be held at St. John Church, 45 Victoria Road North, Guelph, on **Wednesday, August 27th 6:30 p.m.** See Reginacaeliacademy.ca for more information.

Young Adults Night in September

Young Adults Night – Hanover. Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations on Saturday September 6th at Holy Family Parish (352-10th Avenue, Hanover, Ontario). The young adult's night will begin with a Holy Hour (7-8pm) in the church and will continue in the school with a social with food (8-8:30pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:30-9:30pm) and compline (9:30pm). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Restart: Refresh, Renew, Revive Support Group

Struggling after divorce or separation? Join us for learning, support and fun on a Friday evenings. It is held the 2nd and 3rd Fridays of each month. These get togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. For summer sessions or gatherings, register here: <http://sites.google.com/view/hamilton-restart/home>, or contact Sarah at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. We look forward to seeing you!

Enhancing Self-Esteem

This program provides the opportunity to increase your self-awareness and to learn specific skills for building a positive self-esteem, which will assist you to feel stronger in all areas of your life. Issues covered during the course include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings, positive ways to behave assertively and setting realistic goals for your future. This program will run Tuesdays from September 23 to November 25 from 7-9pm and are held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. The cost is 35.00 for materials. Registration online can be found by going to hamiltondiocese.com and looking under upcoming events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or emailfamilyministry@hamiltondioces.com.

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