

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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Joe Finocchio, Business Manager
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 Brendan Shea, Custodian

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
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, August 25th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
 9:00 a.m. – Mass – Danila Michilei, Intentions of Louise Callaghan, Andrea & David Lowe & family

Tuesday, August 26th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
 9:00 a.m. – Mass – Marven Anderson, Intentions of Julieann & Andrew Burt & family

Wednesday, August 27th – St. Monica

7:00 a.m. - The Office of Lauds
 7:30 a.m. - Mass – Intentions of Conor & Susan Healy & family
 8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions
 8:30 a.m. – Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 12:15 p.m. – Mass – Ryan Tetso, Anka and Matija Vuk

Thursday, August 28th – St. Augustine

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
 9:00 a.m. - Mass – Pio Maalouf, Intentions of Rochelle & Eddie Sousa & family, Bishop Crosby

Friday, August 29th – The Passion of St. John The Baptist

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
 9:00 a.m. – Mass – Leon G Amican, Fulvia Tieri

Saturday, August 30th

4:00 p.m. - Confessions
 5:15 p.m. – Mass – Lorenzo & Rita Pellizzari, Maurice & Frances Zadro, Donna Hart, Justina Slocombe, Intentions of Franklin Steves & family

Sunday, August 31st – Twenty-Second 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 24th, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn for the intentions of Laurae Burt and Catherine Healy.

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 \$8,226.75 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

The Lord is calling people from the East and West and from North and South as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers. Are you one of them? 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.

Children's Liturgy Volunteers Needed

Our Children's Liturgy team is in need of some new volunteers since some have moved away. This would be only once or twice a month at the 9am or 11am masses on Sundays. It is wonderfully rewarding and is only during the first half of mass. The Diocese of Hamilton requires screening. Two adults are required at each liturgy and teens are welcome to help. If you can assist, please contact the office.

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).

AUGUST 24, 2025

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 religiusedstjosephguelph@gmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store: Items in Need Please Donate

The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store at 74 Elizabeth Street is in dire need of several items. In order to assist families and individuals we are in need of the following: love seat (small couches), dressers, small kitchen tables and chairs, cutting boards, shower curtains, new pillows & covers, bed sheets (singles and doubles) The store accepts donations from 10 to 4 Tuesday to Saturday.

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

Guelph Catholic Moms Group Calling All Moms!

Free, Fun, Faith Filled Afternoon
Every First Wednesday of the Month
Bring your kids along for the Fun! Snack Provided
Wednesday, September 3rd (after school)
4:30pm - 6:00pm (Use Rear Entrance)
RSVP email: st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com
St. John the Baptist 45 Victoria Rd. North, Guelph

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.

Gilbert MacIntyre & Son (Hart Chapel): Are Your Affairs In Order?

Join us for this complimentary educational event and discover the peace of mind that "being prepared" brings. Come to learn from our expert speaker what's essential to properly prepare an estate and how best to organize your important documentation! The event will take place on Wednesday September 17th, 2025, from 6:30-8:00p.m. To register, call Gilbert MacIntyre & Son Funeral Home at 519-821-5077. Attendees will receive a free personal planning guide; light refreshments will be served.

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!

Something to make you smile and laugh

(The following appeared in a church bulletin or were announced at a church service).

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell"? Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Ladies don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

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