

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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Parish Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 9:00am - 12:00 noon
1:00pm - 4:30pm

St. Vincent de Paul Society: 519-731-2563

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 182 Clairfields Drive East
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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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASSSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, August 4th – St. Jean-Marie Vianney (Civic Holiday)

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Manuel Pires, Sherry & Michael Fassel, Arika Zolnai

Tuesday, August 5th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Helen & Frank Synott, Intentions of Mike Kaburis

Wednesday, August 6th – The Transfiguration of the Lord

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

7:30 a.m. - Mass – Edmund & Margaret Kenny

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:15 p.m. – Mass – Intentions of Father John Iyekowa

Thursday, August 7th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. - Mass – Padraig O'Cleirigh, Richard Byrne

Friday, August 8th – St. Dominic

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Vicki Anderson, Intentions of Peter McArdle

Saturday, August 9th

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. – Mass – Primo Baggio, Isidora Cabling, Steven Leung, Edward Migdal, Intentions of Henrietta Migdal

Sunday, August 10th – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass

11:00 a.m. – Mass

12:00 p.m. – KOC & CWL BBQ (parking lot)

1:00 p.m. - Baptisms

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the week beginning Sunday, August 3rd, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn for the repose of the souls of Giuseppe & Girolama Cascio and all the Jesenek family members.

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 \$8,237.50 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

"Be on your guard against all kinds of greed." Grow rich in the sight of the Lord. Pray to know God's will, especially if you think He's calling you to a Church vocation. If God is calling you, 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

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).

A big Thank You from the Society of St Vincent DePaul regarding the towel drive

A fantastic response to the recent collection of towels for the city shelters! Through the generosity of parishioners from: St Joseph's Church - Guelph, St John's Church, Sacred Heart Church, St Joseph's Church - Fergus, the Basilica of Our Lady, and from the students and parents of St James and Bishop Macdonell High Schools, we collected over 1,500 towels. The towels were received by Stepping Stone and will be shared with those individuals and families experiencing homelessness. THANK YOU all for your willingness to help and for your overwhelming generosity. Society of St Vincent DePaul

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 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 run 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.**

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.

Adult Faith Formation Through VLCCFF

The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community for Adult Faith Formation to offer certificate programs for ministry and enrichment for adult faith formation. We are currently taking enrolment for the Youth Ministry Certification Program and the Catechist Formation Program for the Diocese of Hamilton, which begins in September 2025. Three and five week e-seminars are also available at a discounted rate for all adults in the Diocese looking to further their learning. For more information about our programs, and how to register, visit us at www.hamiltondiocesearns.com

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.

Guelph & Area Right to Life: Annual Memorial for the Pre-Born

All are invited to join us for a special time of prayer and remembrance of pre-born children whose lives were tragically ended through abortion. The event will take place on September 20th at 3:00pm in the Garden of Grace, located at 26 Norfolk St, Guelph. For more information email info@guelphforlife.com.

OTHER NEWS

Bus Tour to Martyrs' Shrine, Midland & Sainte-Marie Among The Hurons

Holy Rosary First Nations Manitou Circle is planning and preparing a bus pilgrimage on Tuesday, September 30th, 2025. The pilgrimage is a journey to the Martyrs' Shrine for the day. The bus will leave at 7 AM and arrive at 9:30 AM. The group will walk to the reconstructed 17th-century Jesuit mission, and Mass will be celebrated in the morning. Pilgrims will return walking back to the Martyrs' Shrine. Please bring a bag lunch. The pilgrims will attend a talk by Fr. John O'Brien, SJ, Director of the Shrine, and all who choose can walk the Stations of the Cross. The bus will leave for Guelph at 3:30 PM. The cost of the day pilgrimage is \$65.00. Please register at the office. There are 56 seats available on the bus. First come, first serve.

Marriage Tip of the Month #150

Summer is often a little less hectic, so it is a perfect time to have a cold drink or coffee on a deck or patio and talk with your spouse. Discuss past happy memories, future goals, what things you love and where you are challenged. Time spent together is always good for a relationship and helps us connect in deeper ways.

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.hamiltondiocesearns.com.

A New Catholic Private Elementary School

A group of local Catholic parents, and grandparents are getting together monthly to start a Catholic private elementary school in Guelph. It will be called Regina Caeli Academy; they recently met with Bishop Crosby, and he gave it his blessing! For more information, to help or to make a donation please email cabriniclubguelph@gmail.com



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