

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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Father Ian Duffy, VF, KCHS, Rector
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Joe Finocchio, Business Manager
 Marion Alexander, Bookkeeper
 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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, September 1st

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Gentile Natarelli, Manuel Pires, Mr & Mrs Leo Doiron

Tuesday, September 2nd

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Mary Peori, Intentions of Mike Kaburis

Wednesday, September 3rd – St. Gregory The Great

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

7:30 a.m. - Mass – Sherry & Michael Fassel, Mary Ann Hunt

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:15 p.m. – Mass

Thursday, September 4th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. - Mass – Arika Zolnai, George Hoedlmoser

Friday, September 5th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Marilyn Langlois, Lucio Odorico

Saturday, September 6th – Marian Day

9:00 a.m. – Holy Hour and confessions

10:30 a.m. – Mass with Cardinal Leo

11:30 a.m. – Rosary Procession

12:00 p.m. – Tea and Coffee in Parish Hall

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. – Mass – Primo Baggio, Yvon Cyr, Paul McBride, Phil and Antonio Ridi, Intentions for all the members of the Hamilton Diocese CWL

Sunday, September 7th – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass

11:00 a.m. – Mass

1:00 p.m. – Parish Picnic (St. Michael Catholic School)

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the week beginning Sunday, August 31st, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn for the repose of the soul of Addison Hill, and for the intentions of Aidan Frazer.

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 \$8,738.50 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

Humble yourself and you will find favour with God. Are you being called to be a priest or deacon, brother or sister? Humbly ask the Lord if He 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

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.

Basilica Of Our Lady Immaculate 17th Annual Picnic and Family Fun Day (rain or shine)

Come join us on **Sunday September 7th** from 1:00p.m – 5:30p.m. at St Michael Catholic School (9 McElderry Rd)

Schedule of Events will be as follows:

1:00p.m. – outdoor Mass

2:00p.m – 4:00p.m. – games, activities, entertainment

4:00p.m. – 5:30p.m – barbeque

Lots of games and activities, music, raffle draw with great prizes, BBQ and more.

Ticket price: \$5.00 each (children under 5 free)

Please bring a lawn chair or blanket

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.

Basilica Gift Shop Volunteers Needed

Our Gift Shop is also in need of volunteers after each mass on Saturday and Sunday. Training is provided. Volunteers will greet and assist visitors in the Shop; handle cash; assist in stocking inventory. A police check is required. Please visit us at the Gift Shop or contact the office if interested.

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 religiousestjosephguelph@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!

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St. John the Baptist 45 Victoria Rd. North, Guelph

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.

Michael House 2025 Baby Bottle Campaign - Thanks

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support in this year's **20th Annual Baby Bottle Campaign**.

We are thrilled to share that your church raised an amazing **\$2,314.31** — and together, all participating churches and groups helped us surpass **\$49,100** in total! This year's campaign was especially meaningful as we celebrated two decades of community generosity and compassion. Your involvement plays a direct role in helping vulnerable mothers and children find safety, support, and hope during some of life's most challenging moments. We are so grateful to count you as a partner in this mission, and we look forward to the opportunity to work together again for the **2026 Baby Bottle Campaign**. Thank you once again for being such an important part of the Michael House family.

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