

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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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: Colin Malone.....519-822-8502
Our Lady of Lourdes
 54 Westmount Road
 Principal: Valerie Marks.....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, December 15th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Donna Hart, Mr & Mrs. Manuel Silveira,
Intentions of Monsignor Noon

Tuesday, December 16th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Margaret Sullivan, Intentions of Cid
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4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Advent Confessions

Wednesday, December 17th

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

7:30 a.m. – Mass – Anna Amodeo

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:15 p.m. – Mass – Michael Tranquada

7:00 p.m. – Advent Evening of Reflection

8:00 p.m. – Advent Reception (Parish Hall)

Thursday, December 18th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Intentions of Jenny Benjamin

Friday, December 19th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Maria Carmela Alpe, Harry Perets

Saturday, December 20th

8:00 a.m. – Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament

8:00 a.m.- 8:45 a.m.– Confession

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. – Mass – Gerry McGlynn, Raymond Mather,
Margaret Dooley, Intentions of Marlene & John Mason and
Shealah Wysocki

Sunday, December 21st – Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass

11:00 a.m. – Mass

1:00 p.m. – Baptisms

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the week beginning Sunday, December 14th, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn for the repose of the soul of Jerzy Zajdel and Antoine Bouhallour.

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 \$8,584.50 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing. And a very special thank you for your very kind donation towards the special collection to Bishop Crosby in the amount of \$2,420.00.

Vocations

"See, I am sending my message ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905 528-7988. Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

PARISH NEWS

Basilica Bible in a Year - 2026

The entire goal of the Christian life is Jesus Christ himself. For he is the way, the truth and the life. Yet how do we, as Thomas asks, know the way? The surest way to know Christ is through God's Word, for Jesus is the Word made flesh. As Saint Jerome says: "Ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ." Therefore, I am pleased to invite all Basilica parishioners to journey through the entire Bible as a parish community in 2026. Using the Bible in a Year podcast, we will follow along daily individually, receive weekly motivational emails, and attend monthly optional in-person meetings as we allow God's Word in Holy Scripture to penetrate our hearts and minds, shape our lens, and transform our lives in accordance with His Word. For details and to register email Mary at biybasilica@gmail.com

Advent Evening of Reflection – Wednesday December 17, 2025 at 7pm

You are all welcome to an Advent Evening of Reflection. We will begin with a Holy Hour in the church, with a reflection by Fr. Ian entitled "Advent Every Day". After Night prayer and Benediction, we will continue the evening with a social in the Parish Hall. Please bring some Christmas sweets to share. Wine, coffee, tea and cider will be available.

Message from the Office – Re: Donations for 2025

Any donations that you would like to go towards your 2025 offerings need to be **received** no later than December 31, 2025. Anything received after this date will go on your donations for 2026. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Parish Gift Shop

The gift shop is ready for Christmas! Come and visit our gift shop early for the best selection of nativity sets, rosaries, cards, ornaments and more. In addition, we have many of our regularly stocked items available.

Regina Caeli Academy

Regina Caeli Academy thanks you for your support at the recent parish outreach. If you missed the chance to buy the Christmas cards, Advent candles, T-shirts, or homemade

jam, don't hesitate to get in touch with us at info@reginacaeliacademy.ca. Limited quantities remain. Our upcoming planning meeting will be on Friday, January 9, at St. John Church, as well as Thursday, February 12, and Thursday, March 12, in the Lourdes Room at the Basilica. The meetings start at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Catholic Young Adult Book Study Group

The young adult book study group will resume meeting in January. Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to a movie night on Wednesday, Jan 14th, starting at 6pm in the Lourdes Room. The film is "Flannery: The Storied Life of the Writer from Georgia," and is about Catholic author Flannery O'Connor. On Jan 28th, the group will begin discussing "In This House of Brede," a novel about Benedictine nuns by Rumer Godden. To RSVP, email hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com. For more info, visit quelphbookstudy.wordpress.com

OTHER NEWS

St. John's CWL Christmas Concert

The Catholic Women's League and Father Valentine at St. John the Baptist Parish in Guelph invite you to participate in a magical evening of Christmas Carols, children's presentations and fellowship in the Church proper on **Friday, December 19 at 6:30 pm**. Refreshments to follow in the Welcome Area. FREE Admission. Donations and goodwill offerings are greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT

During the Christmas Season, 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. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, January 3rd at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Road West, Hamilton)**. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

The Real Justice Film Festival

Is back with another year of enlightening films and meaningful dialogue! Our lineup for 2026 explores topics of housing insecurity, intellectual freedom, Indigenous rights, and ecological debt. Visit us online at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/> to view our full event schedule, learn more about our films, and register for screenings. A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

Healing Mass with Exposition and Benediction

Join us at St Mary Immaculate Church in Elora on December 17 for Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with prayers for healing starting 6:30 p.m. and followed by Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Bill Trusz (Papal Missionary of Mercy). All are welcome to attend.

Parenting Tip #174

Christmas is a wonderful time of year! We see family, experience the joys of gift giving and receiving and have some time as a family just to be. It is however, more than any of these things, the celebration of the birth of Christ. In the hustle and bustle of the season we can forget to focus on this moment, where a child came into the world so that each of us could experience the profound gift of Salvation. This Christmas, enjoy all the fun stuff, but remember to focus, through stories, Mass, prayer and discussions, on the joy of Christ's birth and the real reason for the season. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

Marriage Tip #154

Marriage is a journey that two people undertake with a plan to navigate life together. When researchers investigate what makes the journey both long and happy, many things come into play, but a strong one is repeated by most: "I married my best friend." It is good to ask yourself then, are you being a good friend to your spouse? Do you spend time together, share parts of your day, invite them to share in an event with you, watch a movie together, or even a series that can become together time? Do you call once in awhile to say hello during the time you are not together and plan time for your spouse in your agenda – everyday? Are you patient when they make a mistake, are not perfect, or let you down? Friendships thrive and last in this kind of environment, so make friendship a foundation of your marriage. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

Words of Comfort ~ Taken from Higher Perspective

Angels speak in ways that touch the quiet parts of our lives. Their messages are subtle, comforting, and often arrive when we need guidance the most. They communicate through signs that seem ordinary at first-repeating numbers, feathers in unexpected places, songs that play at the perfect moment, or sudden warmth that feels like a presence. Sometimes their guidance shows up as intuition, a feeling you cannot explain but trust anyway. Other times it comes through dreams, symbols, or a calm voice within that tells you everything will be okay. Angels rarely speak loudly. Their language is gentle, patient, filled with peace. When something feels like more than coincidence, pay attention. When you feel protected without reason, trust that you are not alone. Angels communicate in ways our hearts recognize even before our minds do.

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