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Feast of the Holy Family

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, December 29th – 5th day within the Octave of the Nativity

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Katherine Nixon, Ted McCarthy, Dino Faveretto, Intentions of Franklin Steves & Family

Tuesday, December 30th – 6th day within the Octave of the Nativity

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Marg Sullivan, Ellen Hughes, Intentions of Peter Fernandes & Family

Wednesday, December 31st – 7th day within the Octave of the Nativity

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – Mass (Octave of Christmas)
9:30 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions
NO ADORATION OR NOON MASS TODAY
5:15 p.m. – Mass (Mary, Mother of God)

Thursday, January 1st – The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

9:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
10:00 a.m. – Mass – Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Friday, January 2nd – St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Elvira Sisniegas de Vargas, Intentions of Augusta Butty

Saturday, January 3rd

8:00 a.m. – First Saturday Confessions & Holy Hour
9:00 a.m. – Mass Sung in Latin
4:00 p.m. - Confessions
5:15 p.m. – Mass – Manuel Pires, Pdraig O’Cleirigh, Mr & Mrs Peter Gemin, Intentions of Matthew Maura & Harvest Marie and intentions of Kevin Coghill

Sunday, January 4th – The Epiphany of The Lord

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
9:00 a.m. – Mass
11:00 a.m. – Mass
1:00 p.m. – Church Tours

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the week beginning Sunday, December 28th, 2025, both of the Regina Caeli Shrine lamps will burn for the intentions of the new private Catholic School – Regina Caeli Academy.

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 \$10,831.50 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God’s blessing.

Vocations

Mary treasured all that God had done for her and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. 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

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.

Message from the Office – Closures during the Holidays

The Parish Office will close at 4:30pm on Tuesday December 23rd and open again at 9:00am on Monday December 29th. It will then close at 12:00pm on Wednesday December 31st, and open at 9:00am on Friday January 2nd.

Regina Caeli Academy Gala

The private Catholic school opening in September 2026 will host a gala at the Italian Canadian Club on Saturday, April 11, 2026. The event will feature dinner, dancing, a silent auction, and many prizes. Tickets are \$140 each and can be purchased at the parish office starting on January 2, 2026. For a table of 8, tickets are \$135 each; for a table of 10, they are \$130 each. A portion of the ticket sales may be eligible for a tax receipt.

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 guelphbookstudy.wordpress.com

Catholic Women's League

The fees for 2026 are now due. Fees are \$40 of the \$40.00, \$34.50 per person is sent to National. The breakdown is as follows:

National Fee: \$25.00

Provincial Fee: \$3.00

Diocesan Fee: \$6.00

Insurance: \$.50

Total: \$34.50

The balance of \$5.50 is for our League.

Please include your name, address, email and phone number when submitting your fees. Fees can be paid by cash or cheque and left in the offeratory baskets or paid at the office. We also accept e-transfers to treasurercwl@guelphbasilica@gmail.com.

Family Epiphany Celebration

Regina Caeli Academy invites families to a children's celebration of the Epiphany on Saturday, January 3rd, at the Basilica of Our Lady beginning at 10:30 AM. Find out more at reginacaeliacademy.ca

OTHER NEWS

Kindergarten Registration at Wellington Catholic DSB

The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting new registrations for kindergarten students at our schools beginning January 5, 2026! Our two-year Kindergarten program allows our young learners to learn, grow, and explore through play and inquiry in a faith-based environment. Children who were born in 2022 may attend Year One Kindergarten (Junior Kindergarten), and children born in 2021 may attend Year Two Kindergarten (Senior Kindergarten). If your child is currently attending Year One with Wellington Catholic DSB, you do not have to re-register for Year Two at the same school. We invite families to register their child for kindergarten by following these steps:

Find your school. Visit findmyschool.ca find your local Catholic school using your home address

Pre-Register. Complete the [online pre-registration form](#) available at wellingtoncdsb.ca. Once submitted, you will receive a unique registration code by email. Use the code and link provided to complete the online registration forms

Schedule a meeting with school administration. Book a meeting with the school to meet the staff, submit required documents, and finalize your child's admission. Wellington Catholic DSB is happy to support you throughout the registration process. For more information, please visit

wellingtoncdsb.ca or contact your local Catholic school. We look forward to welcoming your family into our school community this fall!

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:

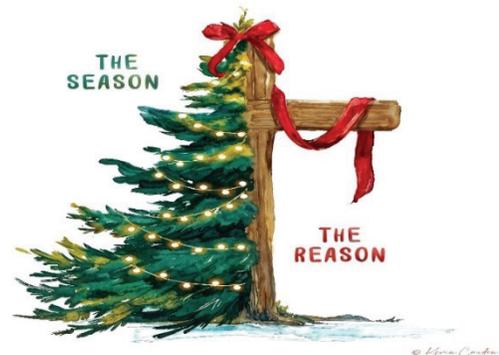
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The Real Justice Film Festival

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.

God wants you to read this before 2025 ends

You've been strong for everyone this year – for your family, your children, your job, even on days when you were falling apart inside. And God saw every moment of it. He saw you praying with a tired heart. He saw you wiping your tears before anyone noticed. He saw you choosing kindness even while hurting. And He says, "you will not fall." Before this year ends, expect God to replace your anxiety with peace, your exhaustion with strength and your waiting with answers.



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