

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

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
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 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, December 8th – The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. – Exposition, Morning Prayer & Rosary
9:30 a.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament All Day
6:15 p.m. – Vespers (Evening Prayer)
6:30 p.m. – Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 p.m. – Solemn Mass for the Immaculate Conception
With Bishop Crosby (Missa Pro Populo)

Tuesday, December 9th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Vicki Anderson, Angelo Cupelli

Wednesday, December 10th

7:00 a.m. - The Office of Lauds
7:30 a.m. – Mass – Mary Peori
8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions
8:30 a.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
12:15 p.m. – Mass – Catherine Harr

Thursday, December 11th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Tomas Semlok

Friday, December 12th – Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Souls in Purgatory, Intentions of Kim Jones

Saturday, December 13th – St. Mary, Virgin, Martyr

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 – Gioan Do Quang Bui, Celestina Cabling, Bui Do, Marilyn Langlois, Intentions of Betty Foster

Sunday, December 14th – Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
9:00 a.m. – Mass
10:00 a.m. – Bambinelli/Coffee Sunday
11:00 a.m. – Mass
12:00 p.m. – Bambinelli/Coffee Sunday
1:00 p.m. – Baptisms

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the week beginning Sunday, December 7th, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn for the repose of the soul of Sheena MacKay and burn for the intentions of Angela Murphy.

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 \$15,385.00 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

The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? 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

Novena of Masses for The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Once again, this year we will celebrate a Novena (nine days) of Masses leading to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, our Parish's Patronal Feast Day.

Novena Masses will be held at 7:30 each morning from November 29 to December 7, with Novena Prayers each day. Please note that for the duration of the Novena, the 7:30 Novena Mass will be the only Mass on each weekday. Sunday Masses will remain at 5:15, 9:00 and 11:00, with the 7:30am Novena Mass added on Sundays.

On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Monday, December 8, His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate Mass at 7:00pm.

All parishioners are encouraged to attend our Feast Day Mass, at which we will honour Bishop Crosby for his years of service to our Diocese, and in particular, his kindness and generosity to our parish.

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

25/26 Missals available for purchase

Starting this weekend the Missals will be available for purchase in the south tower after all the weekend Masses. They will be available for purchase for the price of \$5.00 each.

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

A private Catholic school will open in Guelph in September 2026, serving students from JK to Grade 8. If you would like to join the planning committee or learn more about the school, please come to one of our next meetings. Meetings will be held at St. John Church, 45 Victoria Road North, Guelph, on **December 9, and January 9 at 6:30 p.m.** If you would like to **register your child** for the school, please see Reginacaeliacademy.ca for more information.

CWL Sacred Art Christmas Workshop: Tues. December 9th. (7 pm - 9 pm)

All ladies are invited to join us for a hands-on workshop and experience Sacred Art as a prayerful practice, led by artist Wendy Obbema. Participants will create two beautiful Christmas ornaments with paint and dried flowers. No art experience is necessary. The cost of \$30/person includes all supplies. **To participate, please email and send an e-transfer payment to wendysdrawingroom@gmail.com by Sunday, Dec. 7th.**

Sandwiches for Royal City Mission

Ladies in our parish have kindly been making sandwiches once a month to help feed the people who rely on Royal City Mission. More sandwich makers are needed currently. Please contact Anna Matteis if you can help, whether regularly or occasionally. annamatteis7@gmail.com

Bambinelli Sunday – December 14th, 2025

Gaudette Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent. Bambinelli Sunday is celebrated on this day. It is a tradition begun by Pope St. John Paul II. He invited children to bring the Baby Jesus figures from their home Nativity scenes to church for a special blessing. This tradition encourages families to connect their home celebrations to the church and prepare their hearts for the arrival of Christ at Christmas. The blessing is given by the Pope in St. Peter's Square and has since been adopted by parishes worldwide. We encourage our Basilica families to bring their Baby Jesus figures to Mass on Sunday, December 14 for this special blessing and to join us downstairs following Mass for Coffee Sunday.

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 meetings are on Tuesday, December 9, and 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.

OTHER NEWS

Heartache to Healing – Grief Support Group - Coping with Christmas

Grieving the loss of a loved one at any time is difficult but it can seem all the worse as we approach the Christmas season. This time of year, often reminds us of our loved ones who are no longer with us along with feelings of loss and sadness. We may begin to worry about our sense of belonging and how we are going to cope without our loved ones. Join us as we watch a video and discuss ways to cope while still being able to find joy in each moment trusting that there will be brighter days ahead.

Date: Wednesday, December 10th 2025

Time: 7 – 8:30 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm)

Location: St. Michael Parish (Parish Centre – basement) – 80 University Ave. W., Waterloo, ON

For more information and to register, please phone or email our Parish office (519-884-9311 / parish@stmichaelw.ca).

Young Adult Adoration – Holy Rosary, Guelph

We have recently started a Young Adult adoration night taking place every other Friday at 7:00pm. It is 1 hour of adoration followed by a reception for hanging out, chatting, eating, and playing games. Our next one is on Friday December 5th at 7:00pm. Please call the church for more information or email Chris Schweighofer cjschweighofer@gmail.com.

St. Mary's Truth & Reconciliation Circle

A vigil Mass for the Feast of the Our Lady of Guadalupe will be held on Thursday, Dec. 11th at 5 pm at St. Mary Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows Church, 56 Duke Street West, Kitchener. The story of *St. Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe* will be shared before the Eucharistic celebration. Following Mass, hospitality will be provided in the parish hall: 3 Sisters soup & Bannock. All are welcome!

Prayer to Our Holy Mother Mary

O Mary, full of goodness, under the protection of your Immaculate Heart, we seek refuge. Holy Mother of God, hear our prayers and deliver us from all dangers. Help us overcome our trials, and be faithful to your teachings, so that we can remain, Glorious and Blessed Virgin, true children of God.



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