

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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Joe Finocchio, Business Manager
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 Brendan Shea, Custodian

Music Ministry

Joe Carere, Organist & Choirmaster
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 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:

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 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.

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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASSSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, July 14th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Naish O’Handley, Peter Cote, Rosalie Quilap

Tuesday, July 15th – St. Bonaventure

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

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

Wednesday, July 16th

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

7:30 a.m. - Mass – Maria Carmela Alpe

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:15 p.m. – Mass – Czesha Malinowska, Mary Anne Hunt

Thursday, July 17th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. - Mass – Intentions of Doreen Mammolite, Manju Mathew

Friday, July 18th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Steven Loftus, Intentions of Patricia Grierson

Saturday, July 19th

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. – Mass – Maria & Alessandro Baccega, Luigi & Lina Ricci, Elsa Dunsmoor, Rosalie Quilap, Paul Sitsofe

Sunday, July 20th – Sixteenth 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. – Baptisms

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the week beginning Sunday, July 13th, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn for Addison Hill and the intentions of Jeff & Angie Hunt.

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 \$15,812.50 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God’s blessing. The St. Vincent De Paul Basilica Conference gives thanks for your donation of \$3,236.00 towards their work of charity on your behalf.

Vocations

It’s a simple concept; love God with your whole being and put that love into practice. How is God calling you to love? Have you considered the way of loving called ‘priesthood’, ‘diaconate’ or ‘religious life’? 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:

August 2, 2025 (Bishop Bergie), September 6, 2025 (Cardinal Leo), and October 4, 2025 (Bishop Crosby).

Message from the office

During the week of July 14th to the 18th, the office will be observing summer hours to accommodate staff holidays. The office will be open with reduced hours starting at 10am and closing at 3pm. On Monday July 21st office hours will go back to normal.

Saint Vincent De Paul: Towel Drive

Towels for the Shelters!! We’ve received an urgent request from the family shelters in town for towels!! While the immediate benefits of towel donations are evident in improved hygiene, the impact goes beyond the physical realm. Imagine wrapping yourself in a warm towel after a refreshing shower, a simple pleasure that brings a sense of normalcy and comfort. This small luxury can be transformative for shelter individuals, offering respite from their daily challenges. Towel donations, in essence, provide more than just a practical solution, they offer a touch of humanity and compassion to those who need it most. The shelters in the City of Guelph house approximately 130 persons daily. Many of these are families living temporarily at the 1 Waterloo Ave location, and at the Hwy 6 family shelter. In addition, there are two other emergency shelters; 23 Gordon St and 128 Norfolk St. Please consider donating gently used bath towels, hand towels, and face cloths to be used by our friends living in the various shelters in town.

Your donation may be left in the bins near the St Vincent De Paul statue at the Basilica entrance. Many thanks!!!

Monthly Catholic Women's League Evening Holy Hour

Join the Catholic Women's League (CWL) on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:30pm-7:30pm for Eucharistic Adoration. Each month the Holy Hour will be for a particular prayer intention.

JULY 13, 2025

Christmas in July at the Basilica Gift Shop

Start your Christmas shopping early this year at the Gift Shop. We have a limited supply of Christmas items for sale while supplies last.

Children's Liturgy Summer Break

"The Children's Liturgy program will be having a break over the summer months of July and August. We will resume after Labour Day on Sundays at the 9 & 11am masses on Sept. 7. Have a great summer!"

Catholic Young Adult Book Study

The young adult book study group will be discussing "Lord of the World" by Robert Hugh Benson throughout the summer. Meetings will be on July 16, and July 30, at 5:45pm. The meetings will be in the parish hall of the Basilica of Our Lady (unless otherwise noted), starting with a potluck dinner. Young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome to attend. Please contact hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com to RSVP.

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.**

Adult Faith Formation Through VLCCF

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.hamiltondioceselearns.com

OTHER NEWS

23rd Annual Bishop's Dinner: October 9th, 2025

The Wellington Catholic District School Board is hosting this event again after 22 years of hosting. We have successfully raised over \$825 000 to help support children's educational programming, access to food for those in need in our community, mental health programs, environmental stewardship initiatives, and much more. This year's celebration of community, friendship and charity at the **Italian Canadian Club, Guelph** will begin with a **reception at 5:45 p.m.**, followed by **dinner and program at 6:30 p.m.** We anticipate another sold-out event for this gala which will include a celebration of student talent, recognition of our sponsors, and presentations from student leaders and beneficiaries. We look forward to continuing with our rich tradition of supporting our community and celebrating Catholic education. We thank you for previously supporting this event in its many forms and invite you to renew your support by attending this year's Bishop's Dinner for Community Needs. All net proceeds of the event support our local families and community organizations. With each ticket purchased, attendees will receive a charitable tax receipt for an eligible portion of their ticket through the Guelph Community Foundation. This year's Bishop's Dinner for Community Needs promises to be an amazing gathering, a chance to give back to our community, and connect with friends, old and new, alike. To purchase a ticket or to make a donation to the event, please visit our Canada Helps Website:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/guelph-community-foundation/events/2025bishopsdinnerforcommunityneeds/>
For more information on the Bishop's Dinner event please visit: https://www.wellingtoncdsb.ca/our_board/board_events/bishops_dinner_for_community_needs

Sanctuary Outreach Joy is coming!

Come visit Guelph and Area Right to Life's pregnancy support program, Sanctuary Outreach, at our tent at Joy in the Park! Starting at 12PM noon and going to 5PM on July 19th, 2025, we will be joining with churches from the region for an afternoon of praise and worship in the Park at the Riverside Park bandshell. Come visit us and join the churches of Guelph as we unite to worship Jesus and bring Joy in the Park! Joy in the Park
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