

# 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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**Music Ministry**

Joe Carere, Organist & Choirmaster  
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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**

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**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](http://www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca)

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### MASSES OF THE WEEK

#### Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Allain Jeffrey Salana, Arika Zolnai, Intentions of Nelson Mathew and Seena Nelson

#### Tuesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> – St. Mary Magdalene

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Trudy Fernandes, Mary Anne Hunt

#### Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

7:30 a.m. - Mass – Eleanor Garcia

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:15 p.m. – Mass – Intentions of Father John Iyekowa

#### Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. - Mass – Maria Rocio Reyes

#### Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup> - St. James

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Intentions of Paul and Jakki Jeffs

#### Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> – St. Anne & St. Joachim

9:00 a.m. - Mass

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. – Mass – Elisa Sante Baggio, Richard Wojcicki, Katherine Nixon, Walter Bauer, Intentions of Franklin Steves and Family

#### Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass

11:00 a.m. – Mass

#### Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the week beginning Sunday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn for Aurelia Pavan and the intentions of Monsignor Dennis Noon.

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.

#### Vocations

We are like Martha. There's plenty to be anxious about but only one thing that is required of us. For five minutes today be like Mary, rest with Jesus and ask Him what he requires of you. If God is calling you, contact **Fr. Mark Morley**,

Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

Website: [www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://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).

#### 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.

#### 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!"

JULY 20, 2025

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### **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. The meeting will take place on July 30<sup>th</sup>, at 5:45pm. The meeting 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 VLFFF**

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](http://www.hamiltondioceselearns.com)

### **Save the Date: SSVF Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Conference**

Saturday, September 27, 2025  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual Guelph & Area St. Vincent De Paul Retreat  
At the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate

We are thrilled to welcome SSVF 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](mailto:natalie.dibattista@hotmail.com).

### **Jubilee Youth Pilgrimage Day**

The Office of Youth Ministry is excited to welcome young people in grades 7-12 to join us for Jubilee Youth Pilgrimage Day on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, hosted at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. The Pilgrimage Day will run from 1:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. Those interested in attending are encouraged to register with a parish group! For more information and to register please visit: <http://bit.ly/youthpilgrimage2025>.

### **OTHER NEWS**

#### **Bus Tour to Martyrs Shrine, Midland & St. Marie Among The Hurons**

Holy Rosary First Nations Manitou Circle is planning and preparing a bus pilgrimage on Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The pilgrimage is a journey to the Martyrs' Shrine for the day. The bus will leave at 7 AM and arrive at 9:30 AM. The group will walk to the reconstructed 17th-century Jesuit mission, and Mass will be celebrated in the morning. Pilgrims will return walking back to the Martyrs' Shrine. Please bring a bag lunch. The pilgrims will attend a talk by Fr. John O'Brien, SJ, Director of the Shrine, and all who choose can walk the Stations of the Cross. The bus will leave for Guelph at 3:30 PM. The cost of the day pilgrimage is \$65.00. Please register at the office. There are 56 seats available on the bus. First come, first serve.

#### **Frassati Leadership Program**

Calling all those entering Grade 10 in September 2025! Are you looking to grow in your faith? Do you want to explore what it means to be a Catholic leader? The Frassati Leadership Program may be for you. Join us as we reflect on the foundations of Catholic leadership and foster opportunities for you to grow in your own faith and leadership skills. For more information and to register please visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/youth-ministry/frassati/>.

#### **Food for thought: Isaiah 60:22**

"When the time is right, I, the Lord, will make it happen."  
No matter what today looks like, keep your faith strong. God can change your story and turn sorrow into joy. His timing is never late-it is always perfect. Keep praying, don't quit, miracles happen every day so never stop believing, God can change things very quickly in your life.

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