

# 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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 Amy Grey, Parish Secretary  
 Brendan Shea, Custodian

**Music Ministry**

Joe Carere, Organist & Choirmaster  
 Julian Mason, Sub-Organist  
 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:**

**Saint Michael School**  
 9 McElderry Road  
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**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](http://www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca)

## SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL, APOSTLES

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### MASSSES OF THE WEEK

#### Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Maurice Joseph Lefebvre, Intentions of Louise Callaghan

#### Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass - Giovanni Michieli, Mary Peori

#### Wednesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

7:30 a.m. - Mass – Intentions of Sean McCarthy

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:15 p.m. – Mass – Benny Monico

#### Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> – St. Thomas

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. - Mass – Intentions of Cormac McCarthy, Nancy Peverley

#### Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass - Leonard McCarthy

#### Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> – Marian Day (Bishop Ustrzycki)

9:00 a.m. – Holy Hour

10:30 a.m. – Mass

11:30 a.m. – Rosary Procession

12:00 p.m. – Tea and Coffee in Parish Hall

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. – Mass – Mark DiCarlo, Joan Ireland, Intentions of Evelyn Cortes, Olga Petrucci, Terry & Karen Grignon

#### Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup> – Fourteenth 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. – Church Tours

#### Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the week beginning Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn for the intentions of the Farquhar family & Catherine Healy.

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 \$8,464.75 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

#### Vocations

Jesus still speaks the invitation "Follow Me." Pray for the strength and the grace of discernment if you feel He is calling you to be an ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, 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. Dates are as follows:

July 5, 2025 (Bishop Ustrzycki), 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!!!

##### 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. Our last Sunday will be June 29<sup>th</sup>, we will resume after Labour Day on Sundays at the 9 & 11am masses on Sept. 7. Have a great summer!"

### **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.

### **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 2, 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](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.

### **Adult Faith Formation Through VLCFF**

The Diocese of Hamilton is proud to partner with Dayton University's Virtual Learning Community 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.hamiltondiocesellearns.com](http://www.hamiltondiocesellearns.com)

### **OTHER NEWS**

### **Vacation Bible School**

This year, St. John the Baptist Parish will be hosting a Vacation Bible School the week of July 14th. VBS runs every morning until noon for children from Senior Kindergarten to Grade 6. The cost is \$25 per child for the week. Forms are available at the parish office, or you can register by calling 519-824-7311. The deadline to register is June 30th.

### **Annual Bazaar, Sacred Heart Parish**

Sacred Heart Parish will be having their annual bazaar on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> running both nights from 6 to 11 pm. Lots of food, games, prizes and the rides are all FREE. No admission charge. Everybody is welcome!

### **Guelph & Area Right to Life**

CMDA Canada is offering a training series this summer for those interested in exploring end-of-life care through a Christian lens. This training offers thoughtful reflection on living and dying with hope in Christ, especially as it relates to end of life care and support. If you would like to learn more or register, visit [cmdacanada.org](http://cmdacanada.org) The series is being offered on the following dates: July 3, and July 10 at 12 p.m.

### **Knox Presbyterian Church: Vacation Bible School**

Are you looking for something for your kids to do this summer? Why not join us for Vacation Bible School at Knox Church! Your kids will embark on an exciting journey with Road Trip VBS, BASED ON Joshua 1:9 – "The Lord your God is with you wherever you go." They will discover God's presence everywhere as we explore new places, make new friends, and experience God's goodness together. Your children will have a blast at VBS as they hear stories, sing songs, do crafts, play games, participate in outreach projects, do science experiments, eat snacks and so much more! While they grow in their understanding of God's love and promises for everyone. Here are the details you need to plan their VBS Road Trip.

Date: July 7 – July 11, 2025

Place: Knox Presbyterian Church (20 Quebec St. Guelph)

Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm daily

Cost: by donation as able

Ages: 4 years of age to finished Grade 6 in June

For more information please email Karen at

[vbs@knoxguelph.ca](mailto:vbs@knoxguelph.ca)

### **God wants you to read this verse (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. If you still trust God, say Amen.

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