

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

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, November 17th – St. Elizabeth Of Hungary

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Guy Soligo, Intentions of Bill & Heidi Krusky, Brigitte Quinke

Tuesday, November 18th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Intentions of John Martin & Family

Wednesday, November 19th

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

7:30 a.m. - Mass– Stephen Arsenaault

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:15 p.m. – Mass – Dan Simpkins

Thursday, November 20th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. - Mass – Donna Hart, Paddy Rafferty

Friday, November 21st – The Presentation of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Jacqueline Cummings, Eleanor Morris

Saturday, November 22nd – St. Cecilia

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. – Mass – David O’Handley, Maura Maltoni, Mary O’Connell, Wilfredo Misanes, Silvio Valeriotte

Sunday, November 23rd – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe

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, November 16th, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn for the repose of the souls of Mr & Mrs. Peter Gemin, Father Phil Smith.

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 \$8,275.00 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God’s blessing.

Vocations

“By your endurance you will gain your souls.” Be patient with yourself and with God as you await the sign of your call. 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

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, (7pm - 9pm)

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 per person includes all supplies. To participate, **please register and send e-transfer payment to**

wendysdrawingroom@gmail.com before Sunday, Nov. 30th. You can also register at our Parish Bazaar on Sat. November 15th, where Wendy will be a vendor. Bring your friends along for this fun event!

Catholic Young Adult Book Study Group

On Thursday, Nov 20, the young adult book study group will be having a game night in the parish hall, from 6-9pm.

On Wednesday, December 3rd (in the Lourdes Room), the group will be starting a discussion of "The Story of a Soul" by St. Therese of Lisieux. Young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome. To RSVP to either event, email hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com.

The CWL hour of Eucharistic Adoration

will be held on Tuesday, November 25, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. This month we will be meeting downstairs in the crypt. All are welcome.

OTHER NEWS

New Bishop for Hamilton

At noon on November 1, 2025 (6 a.m. Eastern Standard Time) His Holiness, Pope Leo XIV, announced that the **Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A.**, currently Bishop of Charlottetown, has been appointed the 10th Bishop of Hamilton. Previously, Bishop Dabrowski, served as Auxiliary Bishop of London. His Excellency, Bishop Dabrowski, has indicated that he will present his Decree of Appointment to the *College of Consultors* on February 2, 2026, and "formally take possession of the See", at a ceremony to be held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Christ the King in Hamilton, Ontario. Bishop Dabrowski becomes the Bishop of Hamilton on his appointment by Pope Leo XIV. He is to be included in the Eucharistic Prayer offered in the diocese effective immediately.

Our New Bishop Joseph Dabrowski

The Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski was born in 1964, the second of five children, and grew up in Wysoka Strzyżowska, a village in the south of Poland. After graduating from a high school run by the Congregation of St. Michael the Archangel, he chose to enter the Michaelite religious order. After completing one year of the Novitiate, he made his first profession in 1982 and graduated from the Pontifical Athenaeum of St. Anselmo in Rome, obtaining his Master of Divinity in 1991. He was ordained to the priesthood on 4 May 1991 in Italy at the Pontifical Sanctuary of Santa Maria ad Rupes. He was assigned to join the Michaelite community in London, Ontario. In the Michaelite community, he served as Vice Superior, Advisor, Vice Provincial, and Superior of North American Vice Province. He also served as Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Czestochowa in London from 1992 to 1993; St. Michael in Leamington from 1993 to 1996; St. Pius X (now Holy Family) in London from 1996 to 1997; and St. Mary's Parish in London from 1997 to 1998. In 1998 he was named

Pastor of St. Mary's Parish in London, where he served until he was ordained Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of London. His episcopal ordination took place on the 14 April 2015 at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in London. As Auxiliary Bishop, he served in the Diocese of London from 2015 – 2023. During this time, he served as Vicar General, Vicar for Priests, Episcopal Liaison to St. Peter's Seminary, Member of the Board of Directors of St. Peter's Seminary, Episcopal Liaison with Religious Communities. On the 2 April 2023 Bishop Dabrowski was appointed by Pope Francis and he was then installed on the 29 June 2023 as the 14th Bishop of Charlottetown. As a member of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Dabrowski was appointed as Catholic Co-Chair to the Roman Catholic/Evangelical Church Dialogue (Episcopal Commission for Christian Unity), a member of the Episcopal Commission for Evangelization and Catechesis, and as a member of the Standing Committee for National Family and Life. From 2023 to 2025, he was a member of the Atlantic Episcopal Assembly. Bishop Dabrowski enjoys serving and speaking with the faithful of many cultures and celebrating the Catholic faith in many languages. He speaks English, Polish, Italian, Spanish, and has previously studied French, Russian, and Latin.

POPE LEO XIV, APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION *DILEXI TE, "I HAVE LOVED YOU"* The Holy Father's first apostolic exhortation was released in October. The document focuses on the powerful bond between our love of Christ and his call for us to love and care for the poor. A virtual copy of the document can be accessed on the Diocesan website.

Mission Co-Operative Program (2025)

We sincerely thank you for your participation in our 2025 Diocesan Mission Co-operative Program. Your remittance of \$4,595 on behalf of the mission group from the Spiritans is gratefully acknowledged. Your support of our 2024 Diocesan Mission Co-op program allowed our office to send \$25,000 to assist our needier Diocesan parishes. The continuing generosity and interest shown by you and by your parish community in the mission work of our Universal Church are very much appreciated. On behalf of the missions, we thank you for the hospitality and kindness which you extend to them on their travels throughout of Diocese. May you and your parish community be abundantly rewarded for your generosity.

Sincerely yours
Frank Cappelli
Mission Co-operative

Advent Concert at St. Joseph Catholic Parish

Join St Joseph Catholic Parish, Guelph (409 Paisley Rd) for a tradition of Christmas Carols on **Saturday November 29th at 7:00pm** Performances by our own Parish Choirs for our community. Enjoy songs sung in different cultural languages and refreshments in the hall after. We hope to see you all there.

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