

# 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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Father Ian Duffy, VF, KCHS, Rector  
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 Father Bill Foote, Honourary Assistant  
 Deacon Quinto Tami

**Basilica Staff**

Joe Finocchio, Business Manager  
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 Sue Narducci – Part Time 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  
 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  
**Saint James High School**  
 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](http://www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca)

## ALL SOULS' DAY



### MASSES OF THE WEEK

#### **Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Manuel Pires, Martin Jesenek, Intentions of Innocent Anyanwu

#### **Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> – St. Charles Borromeo**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – The Deceased Clergy of the Hamilton Diocese, Intentions of Marvel & MacDonald Anyanwu

#### **Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

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

7:30 a.m.- Mass– Intentions of Chiemeka & Ekene Anyanwu

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:15 p.m. – Mass – Pdraig O'Cleirigh, Ray & Mary and Family

#### **Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. - Mass – Vittoria Cecchetto, Intentions of Betty Rowsell, Nancy Peverley

#### **Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Gerald Hasson, Nelson Parker

#### **Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. – Mass – Vicki Anderson, Marilyn Langlois, Intentions of Sister Lilia Fernandes, Yvonne Fernandes, Margie McElroy

#### **Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> – the Dedication of The Lateran Basilica**

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, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn for the souls of Ify Anyanwu and burn for the intentions of Innocent Anyanwu.

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 \$7,976.00 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 \$3,166.00 towards their work of charity on your behalf.

#### **Vocations**

Can I risk sharing the goodness God has given me? Can I care for the needs of my brothers and sisters? Can I respond to God as a priest, deacon, brother or sister?. 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)  
[hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

#### **PARISH NEWS**

#### **Wine Tasting Event – Friday November 7, 2025**

Mark your calendars - On Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, we will host a Wine Tasting Social Event from 7 pm to 9 pm, in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$25 per person, and we will have a selection of different wines (as well as non-alcoholic options) that you can try as well as a variety of food including charcuterie and antipasti. Tickets will be on sale after weekend masses until November 1/2. All are welcome so don't miss this great opportunity to enjoy some great company, wine and food!

#### **Regina Caeli Academy Outreach**

Some representatives from Regina Caeli Academy will be present after Masses on the weekend of **November 15/16**. They will offer Advent candles, Christmas cards, T-shirts, and homemade jam for sale. They will likewise respond to your inquiries regarding the new private Catholic school launching in September 2026. The Advent candles are crafted from beeswax and are available in a limited quantity. Reach out to [info@reginacaeliacademy.ca](mailto:info@reginacaeliacademy.ca) to reserve your Advent candles and for any other inquiries.

#### **Christmas Bazaar – November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

The CWL will be hosting its annual Christmas Bazaar at the Basilica on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Please come and join us for an opportunity to do some Christmas shopping with our various vendors, visit our bake table, our greens table, try your luck at our 50/50 draw, penny table, silent auction, and enjoy some refreshments.

Donations of new items for silent auction and penny table are greatly appreciated, along with your fabulous baking. Please bring to the church hall on Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

#### **A Walk with Jesus Retreat Day for Grieving Parents**

The loss of a child is a most challenging event in the life of any parent. This grief is acute and challenging and never truly leaves us. The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us as we welcome Deacon Henry DeMena from North Carolina to join us in facilitating a retreat day for parents who have lost a child through death. Whether the loss is recent or some time ago, we invite you to join us for this day of healing and support. The retreat will be offered at the **Church of Our Lady Basilica in Guelph from 9 am to 4 pm on November 22nd** (lunch is included). Registration is required so we know how many to set up for and how much lunch to order. You can register on the Diocesan home page at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) under upcoming events (look

for the title of the retreat or the date), or by calling the office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **Catholic Mom's Group**

*Bring Your Kids Along, Snack & Child Care Provided*

**Guest Speaker:** Anita Healy

Wife, and Mother of 7 Children

Studied at University of Steubenville

**Topic:** Secret to Raising Great Kids

Wednesday November 5, 2025.

4:30pm - 6:00pm (Use Rear Entrance)

RSVP email: [st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com](mailto:st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com)

**St. John the Baptist** 45 Victoria Rd. N., Guelph

### **Carlos Acutis: Roadmap to Reality A Film Screening Event**

In celebration of the Diocesan Feast of Christ the King, the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King will host a special screening of the documentary Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality. This inspiring film shares the story of St. Carlo Acutis, the young "millennial saint" whose love for the Eucharist continues to draw people closer to Christ. All are welcome to the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton (714 King St West) for this Jubilee event.

Schedule of Events will be as follows:

11:00 a.m. – Mass

12:00 p.m. – Cathedral Open

1:00 p.m. – Adoration

2:00 p.m. – Film screening

Registration is not needed all are welcome

### **Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Children's Liturgy of the Word is a rite which takes place during Mass and is a way to help children participate in the liturgy meaningfully. This age-appropriate liturgical experience prepares children to participate fully in Mass especially after receiving their First Communion. The cost is \$35.00. It is offered on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, St. Matthew Parish, Oakville from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Participants can register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops. <http://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2025/08/childrens-liturgy-of-the-word-ministry-formation-workshop-2/>

### **Vocations Dance – November 7th, 2025 - Mount Mary Ancaster**

Father Mark Morley invites the young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend a Regency period dance for dating couples and singles who are discerning the vocation of sacramental marriage on Friday, November 7th, 2025, at Mount Mary Retreat Centre (437 Wilson Street East, Ancaster) starting at 7:00pm. The evening includes a talk, dance instruction, and hors d'oeuvres. Cost: \$20 per person. Online registration required by Monday, November 3rd. Space is limited. No tickets at the door. For registration

and more details, visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>  
For inquiries, contact the Vocations Office:

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

### **40th Guelph & District Multicultural Festival**

We are actively planning for the **40th Guelph & District Multicultural Festival**, which will be held the weekend of June 12-14, 2026. This has been such a successful annual event, largely due to the commitments of our volunteers - many of whom have been found through Guelph community organizations such as yours. Last year, we had over **200** volunteers cover various shifts over the weekend. This included everything from setting up on Thursday night to lots of help with parking, running the food tent, keeping garbage/litter cleaned up, collecting donations, and helping tear down on Monday morning - and much more. This is a wonderful opportunity for high school students to engage in community service and earn volunteer hours as part of the requirements for an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). For more information or to request a registration form please email Sahil Arora at [volunteers@gdmf.ca](mailto:volunteers@gdmf.ca).

### **Maryhill Historical Society: You are Invited**

This is an invitation from the Maryhill Historical Society for you to attend their 48<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. at the Maryhill Heritage Park Community Centre (58 St. Charles St. E.) Come hear what OUR Historical Society has been doing this past year.

### **Fun Family Bingo – St. Joseph's**

Evening of: November 1st, 2025 December 6th, 2025  
St Joseph's Parish Hall opens at 6pm Bingo starts and doors close at 6:30pm Please arrive early  
Please bring: your own snacks, drinks, Bingo dabbers & a pen. Entrance Fee: \$ 3.00 Children \$5.00 Adults this is a no cash prize Bingo. 6 cards per person  
SO BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN!

### **Young Adults Night**

Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations during the Advent Season. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, December 6th** at Holy Cross Church (14400 Argyll Rd, Georgetown, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

### **Pope Lep 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.

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