

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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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



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, November 24th – St. Andrew Dung-LAC

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Ferdinand Manrique, Joe Leenders, Intentions of Jenny Benjamin

Tuesday, November 25th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Reyna & Manual Steves, Margaret Sullivan

6:30 p.m. – CWL Adoration in Crypt

Wednesday, November 26th

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

7:30 a.m. - **Mass**– Donna Hart

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Tomas Semlok, Piotr Szczepanik

Thursday, November 27th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Richard Wojcicki, Living & Deceased members of the Szczepanik family

Friday, November 28th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Anton Semlok, John Stones

Saturday, November 29th

7:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer

7:30 a.m. – **Novena Mass**

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Katherine Nixon, Sabina & Luigi Pilosio, Nelida Legaspi, Maria Jesenek, Jesenek family members

Sunday, November 30th – First Sunday of Advent

7:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer

7:30 a.m. – **Novena Mass**

9:00 a.m. – **Mass**

11:00 a.m. – **Mass**

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the week beginning Sunday, November 23rd, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn for the repose of the souls of Gaetano Checca, Maria Concetta Mammoliti.

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 \$12,631.35 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Can you lead others to make this request of our Lord and King? Give your life to Jesus and others are sure to hear,; Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." 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.

25/26 Missals available for purchase

Starting this weekend the Missals will be available for purchase in the south tower after all the weekend Masses. They will be available for purchase for the price of \$5.00 each.

Parish Gift Shop

The gift shop is ready for Christmas! Come and visit our gift shop early for the best selection of nativity sets, rosaries, cards, ornaments and more. In addition, we have many of our regularly stocked items available.

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!

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

St. Joseph Parish, Hamilton

Presents the Victoria Scholar's Men's Choral Ensemble on December 7th, 2025, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. This men's choral Ensemble was founded in 1993 and is an assembly of graduates of the St. Michael's Boys Choir in Toronto. We are fortunate to have this past winner of the Healey William Grand Prize prepare us in song for Christ's birth. Please join us for this wonderful event. CD's will be available for sale. Tickets: \$40.00 please call the Parish Office at 905-528-0019.

Young Adults Night - Georgetown

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.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

The Hispanic Community of St. John the Baptist Parish invites you on **Saturday, November 29** to celebrate the Patroness of the Americas. Dinner, music, etc. **from 6:30 to 10:00 pm** in the cafeteria at **St. James High School**. For **tickets please** call St. John's Parish Office at 519-824-7311: Adults — \$30, Menu: Chicken Parmesan, macaroni & cheese and spring salad. Children age 6 to 12 — \$15, children 0 to 5 — free, Menu: nuggets and macaroni & cheese.

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 own 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.

Young Adult Adoration – Holy Rosary, Guelph

We have recently started a Young Adult adoration night taking place every other Friday at 7:00pm. It is 1 hour of adoration followed by a reception for hanging out, chatting, eating, and playing games. Our next one is on Friday November December 5th at 7:00pm. Please call the church for more information or email Chris Schweighofer cjschweighofer@gmail.com.

Calling All Moms, Grandmas and Caregivers!

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