

# 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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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)



**MASSES OF THE WEEK**

**Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> - St. Leo The Great**

**8:30 a.m.** – The Office of Lauds

**9:00 a.m.** – **Mass** – Intentions of Monsignor Noon, Rachel Holliday and Family, Cathy O’Neil

**Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – St. Martin of Tours (Remembrance Day)**

**8:30 a.m.** – The Office of Lauds

**9:00 a.m.** – **Mass** – James Bet, the intentions of Jakki Jeffs

**Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

**7:30 a.m.** - Mass– Rosemary Newbigging

**8:00 a.m.** – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

**12:15 p.m.** – **Mass** – Benjamin Camara

**Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 a.m.** – The Office of Lauds

**9:00 a.m.** - **Mass** – Living and deceased relatives of McDermitt family

**Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 a.m.** – The Office of Lauds

**9:00 a.m.** – **Mass** – Intentions of Anna Matteis, Michael and Jane

**Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 p.m.** - Confessions

**5:15 p.m.** – **Mass** –Justin Slocombe, Anna Corrigan, Michael Tranquada, Ed Zielinski, Joe Barnino, Liliana DeStefano

**Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**

**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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn for the intentions of Amanda Anyanwu, Mac-Donald and Anthony 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 \$18,162.50 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God’s blessing.

**Vocations**

Our God is a God of the living not of the dead. Have you had an experience of this living God and want to share it with others? You may be called

to the priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. 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).

**PARISH NEWS**

**Regina Caeli Academy Outreach**

Representatives from Regina Caeli Academy will be present after Masses on the weekend of November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. They will offer Advent candles, Christmas Cards, T-shirts and homemade jam for sale. They will respond to enquiries 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@reginacaeliaacademy.ca](mailto:info@reginacaeliaacademy.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> 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 our silent auction and penny table are greatly appreciated, along with your fabulous basking. Please bring your items to the church hall on Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you

**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](mailto: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!

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

The loss of a child is the 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 Basilica of our Lady Immaculate from 9 am to 4 pm on November 22<sup>nd</sup> (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.

### **CWL Membership Dues**

Annual CWL memberships are now due. The cost is \$40. Cash or cheque payments can be brought to the church office, or you can pay by e-transfer to at [treasurercwlguelpbasilica@gmail.com](mailto:treasurercwlguelpbasilica@gmail.com).

New members are always 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.

#### **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).

#### **Carlos Acutis: Roadmap to Reality A Film Screening Event – Sunday November 23, 2025**

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



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