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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 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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, October 27th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Donna Figliomeni, Katherine Nixon,

Tuesday, October 28th – St. Simon and St. Jude

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Padraig O’Cleirigh, Chris Clark

Wednesday, October 29th

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

7:30 a.m. - Mass – Carl Dettinger

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:15 p.m. – Mass – Intentions of Monsignor Noon

Thursday, October 30th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. - Mass – Maria and Walter Pyra, all Souls, all Souls in Purgatory

Friday, October 31st

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Mary Peori, intentions of Miss Addi

Saturday, November 1st – All Saints

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Missa Pro Poulo

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. – Mass – Marilyn Langlois, Mary Pat Cook, Charles Schofield, Christina Ifeyinwa Anyansu, intentions of Amanda Anyansu

Sunday, November 2nd – the Commemoration of All

The Faithful Departed

9:00 a.m. – Mass

11:00 a.m. – Mass

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the week beginning Sunday, October 26th, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn for the souls of Bruce Rowsell and Sister Mary Ambrose, and Francis and Anna Huszak.

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 \$8,199.50 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God’s blessing.

Vocations

WANTED – Humble sinners who know the forgiveness of God. These make good servants of the Gospel. They can be priests, deacons, brothers or sisters. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

PARISH NEWS

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 8th, 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/>

The Catholic Cemeteries of Hamilton

Will be hosting an information evening on Tuesday October 28 at 7 pm in the Parish Hall.

This session will discuss the benefits of pre-planning cemetery supplies and services and general comments concerning Power of Attorneys and Wills. It will also explain the new collaboration program between our parish and The Catholic Cemeteries. Light refreshments will be provided. If you would like to attend, please register. Sign-up sheets can be found at the back of the church or at the parish office.

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 **November 11, 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.

Wine Tasting Event – Friday November 7, 2025

Mark your calendars - On Friday, November 7th, 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!

Children's All Saints Day Party

Calling all children and their families! The Deanery’s All Saints Day Party is fast approaching! It will be held on Saturday, November 1 from 1:00-4:00 pm (drop-in) in the parish hall of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate. The activities are geared to children aged 4-10, but all children are welcome! The party includes fifteen fun and informative activity stations, ranging from bowling to colouring, darts to Adoration, and much more. Admission is

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\$2.00/child. Please RSVP to Elise at frassatiscarabiners@protonmail.com and include your family's surname and the number of children attending. Once you RSVP, your family will be entered in a draw to win one of three exciting books about Saints. Register today! It will be a fantastic afternoon, and we hope to see many of you there!

Christmas Bazaar – November 15th, 2025

The CWL will be hosting its annual Christmas Bazaar at the Basilica on Saturday, November 15th, 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 14th. 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 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

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

All Souls Day Mass at Marymount Cemetery

The annual All Souls Day Mass at Marymount Cemetery will take place on Saturday, November 1st at 11:00 am. The principal celebrant will be most Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton. All are welcome!

Diocesan Vocations Month - October 2025

Bishop Crosby has designated October as Diocesan Vocations Month. Each Sunday your parish will pray for vocations during Mass. You are also asked to pray for vocations throughout the month. If you know someone you think should consider a particular vocation, such as priesthood, consecrated life (religious life or consecrated virginity lived in the world) or the permanent diaconate, be sure to tell that person. For more information Visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/pray-for-vocations/> Mary, Mother of Vocations, pray for us!

Martyr Shrine – Small Reliquary

Saturday, November 1st, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm: Join us as we welcome Father Bert Foliot, a Jesuit priest from the Martyr Shrine. He was ordained 52 years ago, has been a pastor of numerous parishes in Toronto and Winnipeg. He has also done ministry work among Indigenous Peoples for 25 years. He served as the Director of Regis College in Toronto and was the Director of the Jesuit Infirmary in Pickering, Ontario. He was a Superior of Jesuit Communities for 45 years. Presently, he is a member of the Jesuit staff at Martyrs Shrine and is pastor for the Beausoleil First Nation on Christian Island. For 7 years he walked from Guelph to Midland, Ontario with the Guelph Walking Pilgrimage. This all-day talk will be about the Shrine's 100 years and a 400-year story of love and discovery with St. Jean de Brébeuf and his companions. The day begins with Mass at 9:00 am with blessings from the relics, discussion on the Martyrs and a synodal spiritual discussion after. Lunch is provided. **No cost to attend. Good will offering accepted. RSVP required at the St Joseph Parish Office by October 28th - 519-822-4614.**

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ST. Joseph Knights of Columbus

Is holding a Bottle Drive on October 25, 2025 9.00 am to 2.00 pm.

Drop your Empty Beer cans, Wine, & Liquor Bottles off at St. Joseph Church West. Parking Lot 409 Paisley Rd. Guelph On. Please help the Knights of Columbus continue to support our community charities.

For more info, contact Peter at 519-763-8753 or pejavear@gmail.com or Ray at 519-261-1850 or raymondbolton004@gmail.com

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