

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: Michael MacPherson...519-822-8502
Our Lady of Lourdes
 54 Westmount Road
 Principal: Valerie Markes.....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, October 6

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Intentions of Greg Butt, John & Lisa Butt, Ron & Roberta Butt

Tuesday, October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Aaron Racelis, Intentions of Betty Rowsell

9:30 a.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, October 8th

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

7:30 a.m. - **Mass** – Vicki Anderson

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Intentions of Jennifer & Vince Figliomeni & Family

Thursday, October 9th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Marilyn Michilei, Mr & Mrs Peter Gemin

Friday, October 10th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Intentions of Adalyn Poole and Isabella Cotroneo

Saturday, October 11th

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Peter Marchese, Aduzinda Fernandes, Bianca De La Roche, Fr. Angelico Valariote, Nancy Guchardi

Sunday, October 12th – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. – **Mass**

11:00 a.m. – **Mass**

1:00 p.m. – Baptisms

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the week beginning Sunday, October 5th, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn for the repose of the soul for the Castellan Family and the Sheehy Family.

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

† Due to vacation, totals for collection will be posted in the October 19th weekend bulletin.

Vocations

“Increase our faith.” Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest, deacon or religious 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 hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

PARISH NEWS

Children's Liturgy Volunteers Needed

Our Children's Liturgy team is in need of some new volunteers since some have moved away. This would be only once or twice a month at the 9am or 11am masses on Sundays. It is wonderfully rewarding and is only during the first half of mass. The Diocese of Hamilton requires screening. Two adults are required at each liturgy and teens are welcome to help. If you can assist, please contact the office.

Basilica Gift Shop Volunteers Needed

Our Gift Shop is also in need of volunteers after each mass on Saturday and Sunday. Training is provided. Volunteers will greet and assist visitors in the Shop; handle cash; assist in stocking inventory. A police check is required. Please visit us at the Gift Shop or contact the office if interested.

Catholic Young Adult Book Study Group:

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome to join the book study group, which meets at the Basilica every other Wednesday at 5:45pm. At each meeting, there is a potluck dinner and a discussion of a Catholic fiction or non-fiction work, or a document of the Church. Deepen your understanding of the Catholic faith while meeting new friends! Upcoming meetings will be on October 8 & 22. Please RSVP to hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com.

CWL Civic Evening of Spirituality: Tues. October 14, 2025

Only once every four years our Basilica CWL hosts the Civic Evening of Spirituality for all of our neighbouring leagues here in Guelph. Holy Mass will be offered at 5pm followed by a catered supper from Valeriote Market, and then well-known speaker Deacon Richard Olsen will present to us. Tickets are \$25, and can be picked up at the church office or reserved by e-transfer at treasurerewlguelph-basilica.com All CWL ladies are invited as well as those interested in our league. Please promote this event and get your tickets soon!

Children's All Saints Day Party

Save the date! On Saturday, November 1, the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in conjunction with Frassati's Carabiners, is hosting an All Saints Day Party for the children of the deanery from 1:00 to 3:00pm (drop in). The activities are geared to children aged 4-10, but all

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children are welcome! The cost is \$2/child, and children are encouraged to dress as their favourite saint. The party includes a selection of fifteen activity stations, ranging from crafts to bowling, Eucharistic Adoration to three-legged races and snacks! To RSVP, please email Elise at frassatiscarabiners@protonmail.com before Saturday, Oct 25. Please include your family's surname and the number of children participating. It's going to be a fantastic afternoon for the whole family, filled with fun, faith-based activities. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

OTHER NEWS

All Souls Day Mass at Marymount Cemetery

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

Natural Family Planning:

The Serena Ontario non-profit has local teachers available in Guelph/KW to teach Natural Family Planning. This is a great resource for couples wanting to better understand their fertility, to help conceive, or to space pregnancies in a way that is in alignment with Church teaching. Serena teachers can guide couples in tracking fertility in all stages of life, including postpartum and in perimenopause. Contact ontario@serena.ca for more information, or visit ontario.serena.ca

23rd Annual Bishop's Dinner for Community Needs

The Wellington Catholic District School Board is hosting the 23rd Annual Bishop's Dinner **on Thursday, October 9th, 2025**. After 22 years of hosting this event, we have successfully raised over \$825 000 to help support children's educational programming, access to food for those in need in our community, mental health programs, environmental stewardship initiatives, and much more. This year's celebration of community, friendship and charity at the **Italian Canadian Club, Guelph** will begin with a **reception at 5:45 p.m.**, followed by **dinner and program at 6:30 p.m.** We anticipate another sold-out event for this gala which will include a celebration of student talent, recognition of our sponsors, and presentations from student leaders and beneficiaries. We look forward to continuing with our rich tradition of supporting our community and celebrating Catholic education. All net proceeds of the event support our local families and community organizations. With each ticket purchased, attendees will receive a charitable tax receipt for an eligible portion of their ticket through the Guelph Community Foundation. To purchase a ticket or to make a donation to the event, please visit our Canada Helps Website:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/guelph-community-foundation/events/2025bishopsdinnerforcommunityneeds/>

For more information on the Bishop's Dinner event please visit:

https://www.wellingtoncdsb.ca/our_board/board_events/bishop_ops_dinner_for_community_needs

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 marriage, 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 about praying for vocations, visit:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/pray-for-vocations/>.
Mary, Mother of Vocations, pray for us!

Hamilton Tiger Cats Faith & Family Night

The Hamilton Tiger-Cats are once again planning our Faith & Family Night this year at Hamilton Stadium on **Saturday, October 11**. We had over 300 members of various Hamilton area churches and faith-based organizations attend last year and we would love to have your organization attend this year!

What: Hamilton Tiger Cats Faith & Family Night - Calgary Stampeders @ Hamilton Tiger-Cats

Where: Hamilton Stadium

When: Saturday, October 11th - 3:00pm Kick-Off

Details: Enjoy the Football Game and then come on to the Field post-game for our "Families on the Field" promotion followed by a Q+A Session and Testimonial sharing from Team Chaplain, Steve Kearns, and several current Tiger-Cats players!

Price: Tickets start at just **\$30**

Why a Faith & Family Night?

Hear Q & A and Faith Testimonials Post-Game from Current Tiger-Cats Player, Help Build Community, Witness to the City, Let the City know about the positive impacts that Churches and faith-based groups are making in the community, Enjoy fellowship with members of your own church and members of other Hamilton area churches and faith based organizations And of course.... Enjoy some Football!!

When Life Changes Parts one and two

Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! The Hamilton Diocese offers two six-week grief programs for your support. Part one of the program will be offered again on Wednesdays from November 5th to December 10th. For those who have taken part one, part two will be offered from September 10th to October 15th. Both programs will run from 7-8:30pm and will be held at the Chancery Office, Hamilton. To register online: hamiltondiocese.com under upcoming events or call Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249

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