

# 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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Father Ian Duffy, VF, KCHS, Rector  
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**Basilica Staff**

Joe Finocchio, Business Manager  
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 Amy Grey, Parish 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  
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 182 Clairfields Drive East  
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**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.

**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)

## THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



### MASSES OF THE WEEK

#### **Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup> – Our Lady of Sorrows**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Intentions of Mary Farquhar & family, Lily Murphy & family, Agnes Taylor & family

#### **Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> – St. Cornelius**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Donato Tonto, Intentions of Josie Sheridan

#### **Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

7:30 a.m. - Mass – Intentions of Jerome Farquhar

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:15 p.m. – Mass – Intentions for all living members of the Sloan family

#### **Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. - Mass – Harold & Rita Gregory, Katherine Nixon

#### **Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Francis Leonce, Intentions of Rose Freeman

7:00 p.m. – Music Ministry Benefit Concert

#### **Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> – St. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon**

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. – Mass – Salvatore & Fortunata Limina, Father Ron Synnott, Bianca De La Roche, Intentions for all the living members of the Healy family, Intentions for all the living members of the Butt family

#### **Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> – Twenty- Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass

11:00 a.m. – Mass

1:00 p.m. – Baptism

#### **Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps**

During the week beginning Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn for the repose of the soul for Robert & Elizabeth Sloan, and for the repose of the soul for Thomas & Cassie Healy.

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 \$9,314.00 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

#### **Vocations**

God is the Father with open arms. Who will preach this Good News of reconciliation? Consider service as a priest, deacon, brother or sister. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon contact **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.**

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

Website: [www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

#### **PARISH NEWS**

##### **Basilica Senior Choir: Looking for new members**

Love to sing? You just found your people.

The Basilica Senior Choir is now welcoming new members! If you have a love for sacred music, a good sense of humour, and a desire to serve through song, we want you in the loft with us. Singing in a choir isn't just uplifting — it improves mental well-being, sharpens memory, strengthens community, and brings deeper meaning to the liturgy. Whether you're a seasoned chorister or haven't read music in years, there's a place for you here. Rehearsals are joyful, supportive, and occasionally include baked goods. Interested? Speak with Joe Carere, Director of Music, in the choir loft after any mass. Join us and be part of something beautiful.

##### **MUSIC MINISTRY BENEFIT CONCERT**

**You're invited! On Friday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m.,** we welcome world-renowned organist **Michael Bloss** to the Basilica. He will be performing César Franck's beautiful *Three Chorales* and the powerful *Grande Pièce Symphonique*. Admission is by freewill offering, with proceeds supporting the many projects and ministries of our Basilica Music Department. Come and enjoy an evening of inspiring music in our beautiful church!

##### **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.

##### **2025 Marian Day Events**

Once again, this year the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, as the Diocesan Marian Shrine, will be hosting the Hamilton Diocesan Marian Days on the first Saturdays from June

through October. The Marian Days will begin with a Holy Hour at 9:00am, with confessions being heard during the Holy Hour. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am, followed by the Rosary Procession. You are welcome to bring a lunch, coffee and tea will be served after the Procession, and tours of the Basilica will be available. The remaining date is October 4, 2025 with Bishop Crosby.

### **Marian Day - Regina Caeli Tea**

Our remaining Marian Day devotion is October 4<sup>th</sup> with Bishop Crosby. We will celebrate the conclusion of our Marian Days on October 4<sup>th</sup> with the Regina Caeli Tea at noon in the Parish Hall. Join us for a High Tea experience! Regular and fancy sandwiches, scones, sweets and refreshments. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and must be reserved in advance. Tickets are always available on Marian Days or by contacting the Parish Office. We look forward to your attendance!

### **RCIA 2025-2026**

Are you, or someone you know, interested in becoming a Catholic, or completing your sacraments of Initiation (First Communion and/or Confirmation)? If so, then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for you. The RCIA is a journey of faith delving into the riches of our Catholic tradition, and preparing people for Baptism, Reception into the Catholic Church, or completion of the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. The journey begins in September 2025 and will culminate at the Easter Vigil in April 2026. Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 season. Please call the Parish Office to register at (519) 824-3951. Please register early.

### **Religious Education**

St. Joseph's Parish at 409 Paisley Road in Guelph is providing in-person Religious Catechism Classes for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation for students who attend public or private schools from grade 1 through to grade 7. It is also open to those children whose parents wish to have their children learn more about their Catholic faith. Classes are every Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 pm starting **SEPTEMBER 9TH 2025**, (date change!) and run through to May 2026. For more information, please contact Donna Haley 519-831-6451 or [religiousedstjosephguelph@gmail.com](mailto:religiousedstjosephguelph@gmail.com)

### **Save the Date: SSVP Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Conference**

Saturday, September 27, 2025  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual Guelph & Area St. Vincent de Paul Retreat at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate  
We are thrilled to welcome SSVP National President Linda Dollard to this year's retreat, and we hope you can join us too! We are equally as blessed to be able to celebrate on the actual feast day of St. Vincent de Paul, and we will honour his legacy with spiritual enlightenment, insightful guest speakers, valuable collaboration, and a delicious lunch. Attendees are kindly asked to RSVP by Friday, September 19, 2025 to [natalie.dibattista@hotmail.com](mailto:natalie.dibattista@hotmail.com).

## **OTHER NEWS.**

### **Diocese of Hamilton: Bishop Crosby 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priestly Ordination**

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the Eucharist on **Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.** in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. Refreshments and an opportunity to greet the Bishop in McNally Hall following Mass. All are welcome.

### **Gilbert MacIntyre & Son (Hart Chapel): Are Your Affairs In Order?**

Join us for this complimentary educational event and discover the peace of mind that "being prepared" brings. Come to learn from our expert speaker what's essential to properly prepare an estate and how best to organize your important documentation! The event will take place on Wednesday September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025, from 6:30-8:00p.m. To register, call Gilbert MacIntyre & Son Funeral Home at 519-821-5077. Attendees will receive a free personal planning guide; light refreshments will be served.

### **Guelph and Area Right to Life: Memorial for the Pre-Born**

Join Guelph & Area Right to Life on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 3:00 PM for the Memorial for the Pre-Born. The service will be held at the Garden of Grace, 28 Norfolk St., Guelph ON. Join us for a time of prayer as we remember the preborn children whose lives were ended through abortion. All are welcome.

### **Maryhill Historical Society's 49th Annual Heritage Day**

Celebration is on Sunday, September 21, 2025, Mass is at 11 a.m. at St. Boniface Church with the program at the Maryhill Heritage Park Community Centre (58 St. Charles St. E., Maryhill) from 12pm-4pm. Lunch Tickets—advance tickets only. \$20/person, \$10 --10years & under, 5 and under FREE. Tickets are available from Linda at 519-242-9595 / Diane at 519-648-2432 or by email: [maryhillroots@gmail.com](mailto:maryhillroots@gmail.com). Payment by cheque, cash or e-transfer. E-transfer to [maryhillroots@gmail.com](mailto:maryhillroots@gmail.com) and indicate tickets in the message box. There will be lunch with dessert and refreshments, a Silent Auction, 50/50 draw and an escorted Heritage Cross tour at the end of the program. All welcome. This is the Maryhill Historical Society's major fundraiser.

### **The Bishop Farrell Library & Archives: Open House**

The library invites you to an open house, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-5:00pm and September 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00-2:00pm. We are located at 698 King St. West, on the grounds of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Join us to view The Saint John's Bible, learn about our services, and pick up a few good books! Open to all!

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