

# 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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 Brendan Shea, Custodian

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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: 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](http://www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca)



**MASSES OF THE WEEK**

**Monday, September 22nd**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Mary Mani, Intentions for living members of the Downey family and Maria Sousa and Family

**Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> – St. Pius of Pietrelcina**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Margaret Sullivan, Intentions for those with addictions

6:30 p.m. – CWL Adoration

**Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

7:30 a.m. - **Mass** – Carmelo Montesanti

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Danila Michieli and Brendan Sheehy

**Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Shirley Wiggins, Intentions for all religious persons

**Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> – St. Jean de Brebeuf and St. Isaac Jogues**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Intentions for his Holiness Pope Francis and Shealah Wysocki

**Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> – St. Vincent de Paul**

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – SVDP Conference

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. – Mass – Elisa Sante Baggio, Mary Slade, Virgizio Cabling, Intentions for Mr. and Mrs. D'Anaglo and for all living and deceased members of St. Vincent de Paul

**Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> – Twenty- Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass**

10:00 a.m. – Food Fiesta Desserts

11:00 a.m. – **Mass**

12:00 a.m. – Food Fiesta Desserts

1:00 p.m. – Baptism

**Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps**

During the week beginning Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn for the intentions of Jenny Benjamin and Manju Mathew

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 \$9,746.50 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

**Vocations**

We cannot serve two masters. Which one are you willing to follow? Could it be you are being called to serve the Master as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? 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**

**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 devotions 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

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

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pm starting **SEPTEMBER 9TH 2025**, (date change!) and run through to May 2026. For more information, please contact Donna Haley 519-831-6451 or [religiusedstjosephguelph@gmail.com](mailto:religiusedstjosephguelph@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).

### **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 the 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; and assist in stocking inventory. A police check is required. Please visit us at the Gift Shop or contact the office, if interested.

### **Monthly Catholic Women's League Evening Holy Hour**

Join the Catholic Women's League (CWL) on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:30pm-7:30pm for Eucharistic Adoration. Each month the Holy Hour will be for a particular prayer intention. On Tuesday, September 23rd it will be for the needs and intentions of Bishops. All are welcome.

## **OTHER NEWS.**

### **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](mailto:ontario@serena.ca) for more information, or visit [ontario.serena.ca](http://ontario.serena.ca)

### **The Diocesan Jubilee Year Multicultural Mass**

Will be celebrated at 3:00 p.m. on October 5, 2025 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Waterdown. All are welcome! A Planning Committee is preparing the Liturgy, including the sharing of music and other cultural inclusions – assuring the celebration engages all cultures! A special collection will support the ongoing work of our Diocesan Refugee Office, who welcome hundreds of refugees to Canada every year! After Mass, all are welcome to share a light refreshment with cultural foods prepared for the occasion and enjoy entertainment. It is always a lively and prayerful event.

### **23rd Annual Bishop's Dinner for Community Needs**

The Wellington Catholic District School Board is hosting the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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. We thank you for previously supporting this event in its many forms and invite you to renew your support by attending this year's Bishop's Dinner for Community Needs. 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. This year's Bishop's Dinner for Community Needs promises to be an amazing gathering, a chance to give back to our community, and connect with friends, old and new, alike.

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-](https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/guelph-community-)

[community-](https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/guelph-community-foundation/events/2025bishopsdinnerforcommunityneeds/)

[foundation/events/2025bishopsdinnerforcommunityneeds/](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\\_dinner\\_for\\_community\\_needs](https://www.wellingtoncdsb.ca/our_board/board_events/bishop_dinner_for_community_needs)

### **Catholic Mom's Group**

Guest Speaker: Emily Puigmarti

Topic: Sacred Art

Wednesday, October 1, 2025 from 4:30 pm to 6:00pm After School. Bring the kiddos too. Child care and snack included. St. John the Baptist Church, Guelph (rear entrance) 45 Victoria Road North. Please contact the church to register.

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