

# 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  
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 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  
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 57 Victoria Road North  
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**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)

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### MASSES OF THE WEEK

#### Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> – St. Michael, St. Gabriel, St. Raphael

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Pdraig O’Cleigh, Intentions for Cathie Evans and Taryn Burns

#### Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> – St. Jerone

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Intentions for Daniel Butt and Guelph Police Officers

#### Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> – St. Therese of the Child Jesus

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

7:30 a.m. - Mass – Anton Semlok

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:15 p.m. – Mass – Mary Peori

#### Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> – The Holy Guardian Angels

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. - Mass – Henry & Helen May, George Hoedlmoser

#### Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Manuel Pires, Rita Roy

#### Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> – St Francis of Assisi (Marian Day)

9:00 a.m. – Holy Hour & Confessions

10:30 a.m. – Mass with Bishop Crosby

11:30 a.m. – Rosary Procession

12:00 p.m. – Regina Caeli Tea in Parish Hall

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. – Mass – Marilyn Langlois, Intentions for Helen and Richard Wajcicki, Emma Dempsey and Family, Eamon Lowe, Margaret and Ted Butt

6:30 p.m. – Young Adults Vocation Night

#### Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. – Mass

11:00 a.m. – Mass

1:00 p.m. – Church Tours

#### Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the week beginning Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn for the intentions of Tim and Margaret Raaymakers and Bianca Carter.

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 \$10,603.00 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God’s blessing.

#### Vocations

But if only someone would go to them. Pray for those who are called to ‘run the race’ as 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) [hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

#### PARISH NEWS

##### CWL Christmas Bazaar

It is almost that time of year again! Please mark your calendars for the annual CWL Christmas Bazaar which will be held on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 2025 in the Parish Hall. Again, this year we are taking orders in advance for pies. The cost per pie is \$15. Please refer to the insert for additional information and payment instructions. Orders and payment must be in by October 30<sup>th</sup>. Pies can be picked up on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your anticipated support.

If you are interested in purchasing a vendor table, please contact [treasurerewiguelphbasilica@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerewiguelphbasilica@gmail.com). Thank you. We hope to see you all there!

**Young Adults Night** - Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> - Guelph  
October is Diocesan Vocations Month. Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.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 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 Sept 24, October 8 & 22. Please RSVP to [hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com](mailto:hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com).

### **CWL Civic Evening of Spirituality - Tues. Oct. 14**

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 Valeriot 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 [treasurercwl@guelp-basilica.com](mailto:treasurercwl@guelp-basilica.com) All CWL ladies are invited as well as those interested in our league. Please promote this event and get your tickets soon!

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

[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/bishops\\_dinner\\_for\\_community\\_needs](https://www.wellingtoncdsb.ca/our_board/board_events/bishops_dinner_for_community_needs)

#### **Right for Life**

**This Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, join thousands across Canada to make a public, prayerful and peaceful stand for Life. Guelph & Area Right to Life will be hosting Life Chain in the following locations:

**Guelph, 2-3 pm:** Stone Rd at Edinburgh Rd S

**Elora, 3-4 pm:** Colborne St at Geddes St (MacDonald Square)

**Fergus, 4-5 pm:** Hwy 6/Tower St at Belsyde Ave

#### **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!

**Fun Family Bingo** – Evening of: October 4th, 2025, November 1st, 2025, December 6th, 2025 - St Joseph's Parish Hall opens at 6pm Bingo starts and doors close at 6:30pm. Please arrive early. Please bring: your own snacks, drinks, Bingo dabbers & pen. Entrance Fee: \$3.00 Children \$5.00 Adults This is a no cash prize Bingo. 6 cards per person. SO, BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN!

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