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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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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, April 13th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Elvira Sisniegas de Vargas, Lanny and Elenor Sorbara; Intentions of Oswald Fernandes

Tuesday, April 14th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Adriana de Luz, Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, April 15th

7:00 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
7:30 a.m. – Mass – Celestin and Bernice Dupuis
8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration
12:15 p.m. – Mass – Jim and Eleanor Shortreed

Thursday, April 16th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Patricia Meagr, Robert De Genova

Friday, April 17th – St. Kateri Tekakwitha

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
9:00 a.m. – Mass – David De Genova, Intentions of Paul Muller

Saturday, April 18th

4:00 p.m. – Confessions
5:15 p.m. – Mass – Nicola and Amalia Dioreto, Joseph and Nellie Cozzarin, Domenic, Luigi and Gerry DiLoreto, Luigi and Lorrie Cozzarin, Pat and Bobbie Dupuis, Mary Sue McCarthe

Sunday, April 19th – Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
9:00 a.m. - Mass
11:00 a.m. – Mass
1:00 p.m. - Baptisms

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the week beginning Sunday, April 12th, 2026, The Regina Caeli Shrine lamps will burn for the repose of the souls of Serafina Vescio, and Katherine Richter

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 donations collected in the amount of \$14,001.50 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing. The St Vincent De Paul Basilica Conference gives thanks for your donation of #3,417.00 towards their works of charity on your behalf.

Vocations

Do you recognize Christ in your life? Does your heart burn in his presence? How are you being called – as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email at vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

PARISH NEWS

Spring Market - Sat. April 25, 2026

All are invited to come out to our Catholic Women's League Spring Market on Sat. April 25, 2026, in our parish hall. We will have vendor tables, a silent auction, 50/50 draw, attic treasures and a bake table. If you can contribute in any way, please call the office or email treasurercwlguelphabasilica@gmail.com. Mark your calendars now!

The Guelph Catholic Dad's Group

The Guelph Catholic Dad's group meets at the Basilica at 7am on the last Saturday morning and 7pm at St. John's Parish on the second Monday each month. Our next meeting is April 13th at 7pm in the meeting room. Email kevinloughnane3@gmail.com for more details.

Faith and Flavours Pilgrimage to Italy - November 3-14, 2026.

You are very welcome to join in a faith and flavour filled pilgrimage to Italy from November 3-14, 2026. Visits include Siena, Assisi, Monte Cassino, and Rome, among others over an enjoyable ten-day pilgrimage. The cost of \$7,995.00 per person includes airfare, hotels, ground transportation, all admission fees, most meals, and the services of an expert English-speaking guide. Fr. Ian Duffy will be the spiritual director of this pilgrimage leading us in prayer in the footsteps of St. Catherine of Siena, Ss. Francis and Clare, Ss. Benedict and Scholastica, Ss. Peter and Paul, and many more. To register or for more information please call Edgar at 1-800-268-0900 ext. 233, or e-mail edgar@gateways-international.com. Space is limited so register soon.

OTHER NEWS

When Life Changes Grief Program

Using Dr. Bill Webster's grief material these programs are intended to help you to understand your grief and provide practical tips and support for helping you through. **Part two** (for those who have completed part one), The Ongoing Journey, will be offered at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West on Wednesday evenings from April 8 - May 13 from 7:00-8:30pm. All are welcome. To register look for the program start date under Upcoming Events on the Diocesan home page at hamiltondiocese.com or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2026. You are cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 31, 2026 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ

the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only – those married 60 years or more may bring one quest if you require assistance). Registration is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at hamiltondiocese.com or call the Family Ministry Office at 905 528-7988 ext. 2249.

Reel Justice Film Festival

Join us April 23, 2026, 7:00 – 9:00 PM for a screening of *Deep Rising*. Narrated and executive produced by Jason Momoa, the documentary investigates the push to mine the deep seabed for rare metals, exposing geopolitical, corporate, and scientific maneuvering to control these vital elements. Through awe-inspiring footage of the deep's most dazzling creatures, *Deep Rising* reveals the need to protect the seabed as the common heritage of humankind and stresses the urgency of responsible choices for the future of sustainable energy. **The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/>.**

Parenting Tip

Easter is a special season for the Church, where we remember Jesus' suffering, but rejoice in his resurrection and the hope it brings to each one of us. When we read simple versions of the Easter story, we offer children a beautiful understanding of what Easter is all about. They will see the Paschal candle at the Church, which is lit at the Easter Vigil Mass, so explain that it represents the light and hope Christ brought to the world. Remind them that Easter eggs (even when chocolate!) are meant to represent new life, just as the resurrection brings new life to all. All of this will help them to understand the liturgical celebrations you attend together and to know how much God loves them.

Marriage Tip

All people have busy times in their lives when they seem to need more hours in a day than the actual twenty-four hours allow! It is essential then that we stop long enough to ask ourselves what really matters to us and then to ensure we adjust our schedules accordingly. A spouse should not be on the short end of receiving your time and attention (nor should your family). Set up a date night regularly, be sure to eat at least one meal (even if it is early morning breakfast) together most days, take time to pray together and attend church together. Life is hectic but sacrificing time with the one you love will not help you get more done; it will only help to distance you from the one you need most.

Did you Know....

Children in our parishes benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Program each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. We need volunteers to support the program! If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please reach out to the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com. To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>

Gilbert MacIntyre and Son Funeral Home

will be hosting a Complimentary Educational Workshop titled "Are Your Affairs in Order?" after mass on Sunday, April 26, at 12:30 – 3:00 pm in the Church Hall. Expert quest speaker, Michael Labelle will show you how to properly prepare an estate and how to organize your important documentation. You will learn the essential duties of an Executor and how to choose one, the importance of an up-to-date Will and Power of Attorney. Learn how advanced planning is key to protecting your loved ones by diminishing the emotional and financial stress placed on families at time of loss. Discover the peace of mind that "Being Prepared" brings. To register call Gilbert MacIntyre & Son Funeral Home Hart Chapel at 519-821-5077.

Right to Life – March for Life

Join us for a bus trip from Guelph to Ottawa on Thursday May 14th, 2026 (return). Limited seats available sign up today! Contact the GARTL office for itinerary and sign up. Email info@guelphforlife.com or call 519-836-6311

Third Sunday of Easter

May your people exult forever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

Why Does Easter fall on Different Dates Each Year

Easter changes date every year because it is a "moveable feast" tied to the lunar cycle and the spring equinox, rather than a fixed date on the solar calendar. According to calculations established by the Council of Nicea in 325 AD, Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon (the Paschal Full Moon) on or after March 21.

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