

# 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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**Pastoral Team**

Father Ian Duffy, VF, KCHS, Rector  
 Father Paul Niesiobędzki, Associate Pastor  
 Father Bill Foote, Honourary Assistant  
 Deacon Quinto Tami

**Basilica Staff**

Marion Alexander, Bookkeeper  
 Amy Grey, Parish Secretary  
 Sue Narducci, Part Time 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  
 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](http://www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca)

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



### MASSES OF THE WEEK

#### **Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)  
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Mary Sims, Intentions of Isabella Cotroneo, Adalyn Poole

#### **Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds  
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Enzo Commisso, Alex Ostamas

#### **Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7:00 a.m. – The Office of Lauds  
7:30 a.m. – Mass – Manuel Pires  
8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions  
8:30 a.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
12:15 p.m. – Mass – Intentions of Allison Barr

#### **Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds  
9:00 a.m. – Mass – David Sawyer, Jennifer Umphrey

#### **Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds  
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Paul Bourget, Ruth McPherson, Intentions of Diane Hanlon

#### **Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> – St. Mark**

4:00 p.m. – Confessions  
5:15 p.m. – Mass – Frank & Mary Kurys, Living and deceased members of the Kurys & Lester Families, Vince DeMelo, Maria Lina Linhares, Roberto Linhares

#### **Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds  
9:00 a.m. – Mass  
11:00 a.m. – Mass

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

During the week beginning Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, The Regina Caeli Shrine lamps will burn for the intentions of Christel Richter and Jennifer Berry.

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 \$6,501.45 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

#### **Vocations**

The Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them. Is He asking you to help others to find Him? Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our archdiocese that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

#### **PARISH NEWS**

#### **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](mailto:edgar@gateways-international.com). Space is limited so register soon.

#### **Pilgrimage Information Session – Faith and Flavours Pilgrimage**

There will be an information meeting for the Faith and Flavours Pilgrimage happening on Wednesday April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

#### **Walk in my shoes collection – Final Count**

The Basilica's St. Vincent DePaul Conference and our community's needy feet would like to thank you once again for your generosity during the past Lent collection. The final number that we collected was 345 pairs of gently used sneakers and shoes, a wonderful show of kindness!

#### **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](mailto:treasurercwlguelphabasilica@gmail.com). Mark your calendars now!

#### **GARTL Annual General Meeting – May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026**

All are welcome to attend Guelph and Area Right to Life's Annual General Meeting on Saturday, May 2 at 12:00 PM at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Parish Hall. Come hear updates on our work and mission!

#### **March for Life Bus – May 14, 2026**

Reserve a seat on Guelph and Area Right to Life's coach bus to the National March for Life in Ottawa on Thursday, May 14. Departure is at 6:00 AM from the Basilica parking lot. Suggested donation is \$50. RSVP by May 5. For more information, visit [guelpforlife.com/bus](http://guelpforlife.com/bus).

## OTHER NEWS

### The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> 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 guest if you require assistance). Registration is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) or call the Family Ministry Office at 905 528-7988 ext. 2249.

### World Youth Day 2027: Seoul, South Korea

#### July 31 – August 9, 2027

Bishop Dabrowski is sending a delegation of young adults (aged 18-35) to World Youth Day in the summer of 2027. World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the world. The Diocesan Pastoral Offices welcome you to attend a **virtual information night** on Thursday, April 23 @ 7:30pm. Register here: [bit.ly/WYDInfoNight](https://bit.ly/WYDInfoNight)  
For more information about WYD in the Diocese of Hamilton please visit: [wyd.hamiltondiocese.com](http://wyd.hamiltondiocese.com)

### 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.

### Mother's Day celebrations – Hannon, Ontario

can be difficult and complex when your mother is no longer here to celebrate. **Join this special tea on Sunday May 10, 2026**, for an afternoon dedicated to honoring the women who shaped us and loved us but are no longer with us. The afternoon is intended to be heartfelt and uplifting, sharing our stories, sipping tea and enjoying finger sandwiches and fresh baked scones. Cost is \$85. Please email Salvina with your interest or questions or pass this email along to anyone who you feel may be interested in attending. The event will be held at 667 Golf Club Rd. Unit #2, Hannon, ON. Contact: Salvina Castiglione, BA, BSW, RSW.; [www.cardinalconnection.ca](http://www.cardinalconnection.ca); or call (905)-537-9638.

### Heartache to Healing - Grief Support Group - St. Michael Parish, Waterloo

Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. Our support group follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. All who have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless of how much time has passed since your loss.

**Monthly informal drop-in support** - available at St. Michael Parish on the 2nd Wednesday of the month; 7pm in the Parish Resource Centre/Library. Registration is not required.

**Part 1 - 6-week Program-theory and sharing** - The program runs Wednesday evenings (6 consecutive weeks) from May 13 to June 17, 2026, at 7pm - St. Michael Parish, Waterloo. **Registration is required by May 4** by contacting our Parish office 519-884-9311, or email [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca). Part 2 of the program will be available in the Fall. Website: [www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support](http://www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support)

### The Hidden meaning behind a Catholic priests' Liturgical vestments

Every Color he wears tells a story. Liturgical vestments are a profound visual theology. The colors guide the faithful through the mysteries of salvation and highlight specific events of faith. Here's what they mean:

**White:** Signifies Joy, glory, light and purity and is worn during Easter and Christmas and on feasts of our Lord, the blessed mother and non-martyred saints (gold may also be worn in place of white on the most important days of the year).

**Green:** is used during ordinary time. This season focuses on the public ministry of our Lord.

**Violet:** Signifying penance, contrition and humility is the color for Advent and Lent. This is also the color of the stole the priest wears when he hears confessions.

**Red:** is used for Pentecost, Good Friday, the feasts of martyrs and the Sacrament of Confirmations. Red signifies the "fire" of the Holy spirit, Jesus' obedience to death, and the blood shed by martyrs.

**Rose:** is used only twice a year: on Gaudete Sunday during Advent and Laetare Sunday during Lent. It signifies subdued rejoicing and anticipation, a gentle reminder that even in penitential seasons, joy is near.

**Black:** may be used for the Mass of Christian Burial, on in All Soul's Day, and on Remembrance Day. A symbol of death and mourning, black vestments stand as a powerful reminder to the faithful to pray for the souls of the departed.

**Blue:** is not a standard liturgical color – it can only be used by special privilege. In the Latin Rite, it is reserved for a certain Marian shrines and a handful of countries, like Spain, where it may be worn on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is the rarest color you'll ever see at Mass – and when you do, it's always pointing to our Lady.

Pop Quiz: Based on what you learned today, what color should you expect to see the priest wearing at Mass this weekend?

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