

# 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)



**MASSES OF THE WEEK**

**Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)  
 9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Joanne Duffy, Helen & Frank Synnott, Isabel & Harry Nunan, Intentions of Paul Muller

**Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds  
 9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Father Ron Synnott, Jose Eduardo & Maria Jose da Luz  
 6:00 p.m. – Holy Hour and Benediction  
 7:00 p.m. – CWL Civic Mass

**Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> – St. Catherine of Siena**

7:00 a.m. – The Office of Lauds  
 7:30 a.m. – **Mass** – Ferdinand Monrique  
 8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions  
 8:30 a.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 12:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Michael Synnott

**Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – St. Marie De L'Incarnation**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds  
 9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – In thanksgiving to God, and for the Repose of the Souls in Purgatory

**Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds  
 9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Jack Thompson, and Thanksgiving to Mary and St. Joseph

**Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> – St. Athanasius**

8:00 a.m. – First Saturday Confessions  
 9:00 a.m. – **Mass Sung in Latin**  
 4:00 p.m. – Confessions  
 5:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Sister Marie Last, Yvon Gagne, Mary Moher, Jenna Gazzola, Leo Connolly

**Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fifth 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. – Church Tours

**Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps**

During the week beginning Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, The Regina Caeli Shrine lamps will burn for the repose of the soul of Lewis Njoroge and the intentions of Mellissa Wambui, Josphine Mbakah 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 \$9,328.40 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

**Vocations**

"The one who believes in me will also do the work that I do, in fact, will do greater works than these..." Are you willing to do the work of the Lord as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?

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.

**CWL Civic Mass – Tuesday April 28th**

On Tues. April 28 there will be a Mass at the Basilica to celebrate the feast day of Our Lady of Good Counsel, the patroness of the Catholic Women's League. The Holy Mass will be at 7pm following our usual CWL sponsored Eucharistic Adoration Hour, which will be pushed back to 6pm. All of our Guelph CWL sister members are welcome to attend, followed by a light reception.

**Children's Liturgy**

We have a lively Children's Liturgy program happening every Sunday at our parish during the 9 & 11am masses. It takes place downstairs in the crypt for the first half hour of mass, where we talk about the Sunday readings in an interactive and creative way. WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS! It's only about twice per month (you decide) and the readings and questions are ready to go! You will need to go through a screening process and must be 18 years old and over. There will always be at least two leaders with the children. If you're interested, email Mary Muller at [maryfmuller@gmail.com](mailto:maryfmuller@gmail.com) for more information.

### **Parish gift shop**

The Basilica Gift Shop is open after every weekend mass in the Newstead Room in the Parish basement. We have an assortment of rosaries, jewelry, medals, prayer cards, bibles, statues, crosses, cards and much more. We also have a nice selection of gifts for First Communion.

### **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!

### **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 [guelphforlife.com/bus](http://guelphforlife.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 quest 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)

#### **Calling All Moms!**

Guelph Catholic Moms Group Ministry  
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##### **Wednesday, May 6th**

4:30pm - 6:00pm (Use Rear Entrance)

**Kids are Always Welcome at the Catholic Craft Table**

RSVP email: [st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com](mailto:st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com)

**St. John the Baptist** 45 Victoria Rd. North, Guelph

#### **Walk with Mary to Jesus Procession – May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026**

*Starting at the Basilica of our Lady Immaculate and walking to Sacred Heart*

The annual Marian procession, crowning and devotion will take place this year on Sunday, May 3, at 2:30 PM. Please join us to honor Mary and ask her to intercede with her Son for our country, province and city. With the new advances of the Culture of Death, it becomes more obvious that we need to publicly acknowledge our faith and pray for the establishment of the Culture of Life. Please meet at the Basilica of Our Lady front steps at 2:15 PM and dress for the weather. For more information, please call Stella Mott, 519-763-9991.

#### **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.

#### **Michael House - Board of Directors Opportunities**

Michael House is seeking a dedicated Board Director with strong financial expertise to support the organization's mission of serving vulnerable mothers and children in our community. This role is ideal for a finance professional with experience in budgeting, financial oversight, or audit, who can contribute to sound stewardship, strengthen internal controls, and provide strategic guidance on financial matters. As a member of the Board, you will play a key role in ensuring long-term sustainability while using your skills to make a meaningful impact in a faith-based, mission-driven organization. In addition to this financial leadership role, we also welcome expressions of interest from individuals with a range of skills and professional experience that would benefit the Board and the organization. We are particularly open to Members-at-Large who feel called to support our mission and can contribute expertise in areas such as governance, legal, communications, fundraising, community engagement, or strategic planning. We are also currently hiring and would be grateful if you could help spread the word! We have opportunities including Canada Summer Jobs positions, as well as roles such as Office Coordinator, Primary Worker and Housing Coordinator. More information can be found here:

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