

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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Music Ministry

Joe Carere, Organist & Choirmaster
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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:

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 9 McElderry Road
 Principal: Corey Malone.....519-823-2455
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 182 Clairfields Drive East
 Principal: Dawn Uliana.....519-824-9470
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 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.

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Monday, February 23rd

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Dorothy O’Handley, Giuseppina Aloisio, Nancy Peverly

Tuesday, February 24th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Magdeleine Bourget
6:30pm – Holy Hour & Benediction (Crypt)

Wednesday, February 25th

7:00 a.m. – The office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
7:30 a.m. – Mass – Intentions of Father Peter Jurzyk
8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions
8:30 a.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
12:15 p.m. – Mass – Intentions of Therese & Kelly Strome

Thursday, February 26th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Intentions of Judy & Ron Howse

Friday, February 27th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Norman J. Smith
6:30 p.m. – The Office of Vespers
7:00 p.m. – Mass and Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 28th

9:00 a.m. – Lenten Mass
4:00 p.m. - Confessions
5:15 p.m. – Mass – James Bot, Cindy Lamont-Greer, Ceferina Emata, Intentions of Wojcicki family, Intentions of Kurupa family, Intentions of Ogradzinski family

Sunday, March 1st – Second Sunday of Lent

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, February 22nd, 2026, The Regina Caeli Shrine lamps will burn for the repose of the souls of Anton & Joseph Markovinovic and for the repose of the soul of Stiven Markovinovic.

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 \$8,139.50 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God’s blessing.

Vocations

Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God’s Will for our life. If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905 528-7988. Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

PARISH NEWS

Message from the office: 2026 Envelopes

If you have not already picked up your envelopes they are now located at the Parish Office. The office is open from 9am till 4:30pm Monday to Friday. If you no longer wish to use envelopes, please let the office know so that we can update your account.

Catholic Young Adult Book Study

Learn more about the saints, prayers, and more, while enjoying good food and getting to know other young adults from the parish! Young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome to join the book study group every other Wednesday. The group is reading "In This House of Brede," a novel about Benedictine nuns, and will discuss it on February 25th (Lourdes Room, starting at 6:00pm). For more info, email hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com

Stations & Soup

On Tuesday, March 3rd at 4:30pm, families are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross together in the church, with a soup dinner to follow in the parish hall. All are welcome. Children will be invited to participate in the stations through songs and by helping to lead the prayers. Please RSVP by emailing hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com

Family Fun Day Bowling and Dinner

The Basilica Stewardship Committee is pleased to host their 2nd Annual Family Fun Day Bowling and Dinner on Sunday, March 22nd, from 2-4 pm at Splitsville on Woodlawn Road. Dinner, refreshments and fun will follow at the Parish Hall starting at 4:30 until 7 pm.

The pricing for this family event is \$25 per person (\$100 Cap for families) for 2 hours of bowling with shoe rental, as well as refreshments and dinner at the Parish Hall. Bowling only is \$20 per person; Dinner only is \$10 per adult or \$5 for children 5 and under.

Tickets will be sold starting on Sunday, February 15 in the Parish Hall during the Knights Breakfast, and after weekend masses at the back of the Church starting February 21/22 until March 14/15. Get your tickets early to reserve your spot before tickets sell out!

We look forward to a great Family Fun Day of bowling, food and fun!

CWL – Spring Market Event- April 25th, 2026

The CWL will be holding our Spring Market on April 25th, 2026. If you are interested in being a vendor, please email treasurercwlguelphbasilica@gmail.com. Thank you. We wish to thank all parishioners, vendors, visitors, and volunteers who helped us to make our Christmas Bazaar a success. We look forward to seeing you at our Spring Market.

Basilica's Walk in my Shoes Lent Offering

The Basilica St. Vincent de Paul Conference is once again collecting footwear during the Lenten season to be distributed to the various homeless shelters in our city. We will gratefully accept donations of men, women and children's new and lightly used sneakers following Ash Wednesday, February 18, and ending the weekend of March 28/29. Donations may be left in the bins near the statue of St. Vincent de Paul in the foyer of the church. All donations will be delivered to the shelters before Easter. We hope this initiative will provide decent footwear to the many folks in shelters who have been literally living in the same sneakers for months and months. Many thanks for your continued support and kind generosity!

Post Secondary Education Funds

Interested in starting an Educational Fund for your children to fund post-secondary opportunities? If your answer is "yes" and your net income is \$55,867.00 or less, and you have children born since 2004, you can qualify for free government money to set up a fund for your child(ren). For more details, please email:

socialjusticeclbguelph@gmail.com or leave your contact information with the Parish Office, and a volunteer from St. Vincent de Paul Particular Council Social Justice Committee will contact you, explain the details and assist you with your application. We have assisted thirteen children so far and look forward to helping many more precious children with access to post secondary education.

Volunteer Opportunity:

The St. Vincent de Paul Particular Council of Guelph Social Justice Group is looking for volunteers to help in upcoming projects. Social Justice is a key component of Society of St. Vincent de Paul where we examine the root causes of poverty, create strategies and advocate to change those structures that keep people in poverty. Our work follows the Ten Principles of Catholic Social Teaching. At present we are working with our students in high school to learn about Social Justice and engage in projects to address the needs of those we serve, supporting affordable housing initiatives and helping families to sign up for Canada Learning Bond. We are especially looking for retired teachers and others to assist with our work with youth and share their expertise in the area of Social Justice.

If interested in learning more, please send contact information to socialjusticeclbguelph@gmail.com and someone from our committee will contact you to provide more detail.

OTHER NEWS

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 guest if you require assistance). Registration is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at www.hamiltondiocese.com or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

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. Both part one and two will be offered at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West. 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.

Part One – When Life Changes will be offered on Wednesday afternoons from February 18- March 25 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm.

Part Two – The Ongoing Journey (for those who have previously completed Part One) is offered on Wednesday evenings from April 8 - May 13 from 7:00-8:30pm.

Young Adults Night

Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and music for Lent in support of you as you discern your vocation and as we prepare to celebrate Easter. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30pm), social with food, vocations testimony, Lenten music concert, and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, March 7th at St. Ann Church (120 Sherman Avenue North, Hamilton, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For information, contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

Michael House – The Warmest Mug is on!

Our Warmest Mug Campaign is running from January 22 to February 22, and we invite your community to participate in this heartwarming local tradition. This fundraiser invites people to sip and support! Local cafés and restaurants across Guelph are offering special hot beverages, and with every purchase, proceeds support the moms and babies at Michael House.

📍 **Explore the map and details:**

<https://www.michaelhouse.ca/event/the-warmest-mug-hot-chocolate-festival/>

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