

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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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
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 251 Colonial Drive
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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



MASSSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, January 12th – St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Intentions of Jerome Farquhar, Laurae Burt, Catherine Healy

Tuesday, January 13th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Intentions of Lochiel McCarthy, Mark & Margaret Wardell

Wednesday, January 14th

7:00 a.m. – The office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

7:30 a.m. – Mass – Intentions of Bill & Heidi Krusky & family

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:15 p.m. – Mass – Intentions of Aidan Frazer

Thursday, January 15th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Peter Brazolot, Intentions of Daniel Butt

Friday, January 16th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Nancy Azzopardi, Intentions of Deacon Quinto

Saturday, January 17th - St. Anthony

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. – Mass – Eleanor Garcia, Richard Wojcicki, Intentions of Maria Tami, Jack Glazier, Karen Holliday & family

Sunday, January 18th – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, January 11th, 2026, The Regina Caeli Shrine lamps will burn for repose of the soul of Harry & Violet Wilkie and for the repose of the soul of Burt & Margaret Kelly.

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 Christmas donations collected in the amount of \$9,959.50 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 \$7,800.00 towards their works of charity on your behalf.

Vocations

St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a Holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to be 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. Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

PARISH NEWS

Regina Caeli Academy Gala

The private Catholic school opening in September 2026 will host a gala at the Italian Canadian Club on Saturday, April 11, 2026. The event will feature dinner, dancing, a silent auction, and many prizes. Tickets are \$140 each and can be purchased at the parish office starting on January 2, 2026. For a table of 8, tickets are \$135 each; for a table of 10, they are \$130 each. A portion of the ticket sales may be eligible for a tax receipt. Thank you for supporting Regina Caeli Academy. For more information and to pay by e-transfer, please reach out to info@reginacaeliacademy.ca

Catholic Young Adult Book Study Group

The young adult book study group will resume meeting in January. Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to a movie night on Wednesday, January 14th starting at 6pm. The film is "Flannery: The storied Life of the Writer from Georgia," and is about Catholic author Flannery O'Connor. For location details, contact hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com. On January 28th, the group will be discussing "In This House of Brede," a novel about Benedictine nuns by Rumer Godden. For more info, visit www.guelphbookstudy.wordpress.com.

CWL January meeting

This is just a friendly reminder that we will not be meeting in the month of January. We will see you all at our next meeting on February 10th at 7:00pm.

OTHER NEWS

Kindergarten Registration at Wellington Catholic DSB

The Wellington Catholic District School Board is now accepting new registrations for kindergarten students! Our two-year Kindergarten program allows our young learners to learn, grow, and explore through play and inquiry in a faith-based environment. Children who were born in 2022 may attend Year One Kindergarten (Junior Kindergarten), and children born in 2021 may attend Year Two Kindergarten (Senior Kindergarten). If your child is currently attending Year One with Wellington Catholic DSB, you do not have to re-register for Year Two at the same school. We invite families to register their child for kindergarten by following these steps:

Find your school. Visit findmyschool.ca find your local Catholic school using your home address

Pre-Register. Complete the [online pre-registration form](#) available at wellingtoncdsb.ca. Once submitted, you will

receive a unique registration code by email. Use the code and link provided to complete the online registration forms **Schedule a meeting with school administration.** Book a meeting with the school to meet the staff, submit required documents, and finalize your child's admission.

Wellington Catholic DSB is happy to support you throughout the registration process. For more information, please visit wellingtoncdsb.ca or contact your local Catholic school. We look forward to welcoming your family into our school community this fall!

Ministers of the Word

The Diocese of Hamilton provides formation for Ministers of the Word to exercise a very important ministry at Mass. In this workshop, participants receive formation in *Liturgy and Ministry, Techniques to Proclaim the Word of God, and an opportunity to practice*. It is ideal for both parishioners new to this ministry or considering it, as well as a good refresher for experienced Ministers of the Word. There is always good participant sharing. Participation is limited to 75 people. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. *Saturday, January 24, 2026, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown, ON, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.* Participants register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2025/12/minister-of-the-word-formation-workshop-4/>

The Real Justice Film Festival

Join the Reel Justice Film Festival January 22, 2026 7:00 – 9:00 PM for a screening of *PUSH*. Housing prices are skyrocketing in cities around the world. Incomes are not. **PUSH** examines our increasingly unliveable cities and an escalating crisis that has an effect on us all. Housing is not a commodity, it is a human right. 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/> A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

Right to Life Guelph: Relax for a Good Cause!

Support Guelph & Area Right to Life with a \$5,000 donation and receive a 6-night, 7-day stay at a private residence in Puerto Morelos, Mexico, just steps from the Caribbean Sea. This luxury property features multiple bedrooms, a private pool, rooftop terrace, and access to local churches. Proceeds support life-affirming work in our community. For details, call 519-836-6311 or email info@guelphforlife.com.

Young Adults Night

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, February 7th at the St. Michael's Church, Waterloo ON.** Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of

Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>. For more information, contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

How to say goodbye to worn out Sacramentals: (taken from Catholics Online Class)

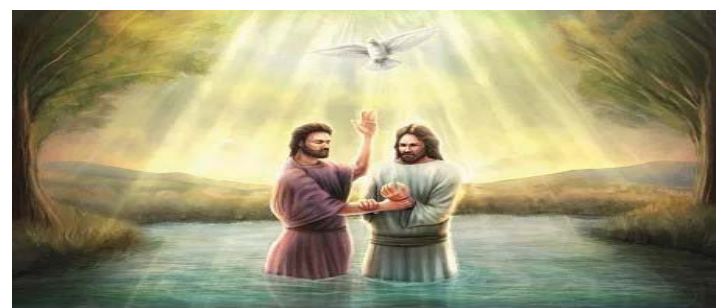
When a Rosary breaks, when a scapular tears, when holy images fade, we don't just throw them in the trash. Why? Because they have been blessed, set apart for God. The church teaches us to return them to the earth with reverence. Holy water is poured into the ground, worn scapulars and holy books are burned and their ashes buried. Statues too broken to use are respectfully laid to rest in the soil, metals may be melted and given new life. It is no superstition, it is love. Love that refuses to treat what once touched the holy as garbage. Love that remembers that even small things, beads, cloth, medals, once carried grace into our lives. Even in their "death," sacramentals preach to us: the world passes away, but the holiness they point to remains forever. So, the next time you see a worn rosary or torn scapular, don't throw it away. Give it back to God with reverence. Because even the little things of faith deserve a holy farewell.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Reading

Today's Gospel invites us to reflect on the baptism of Jesus and on our own baptism. John the Baptist helps us to understand the mission of Jesus by clearly proclaiming that Jesus "is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world," a truth that we also proclaim at every Mass. Yet what does this mean for us today in a world that often denies the reality of sin, even when it's harmful impact us all around us?

We cannot honestly face our individual and collective human failures unless we are convinced that we too are meant to take to heart the words that Jesus heard at his own baptism. Yes, we too are "the beloved" in whom God takes delight. This is the deepest meaning of our own baptism. We can never be separated for any reason whatever from the love of God for us. This love is an unconditional gift and unearned grace beyond all measure. Once we claim this truth for ourselves with honesty and confidence, we can, with gratitude, face our need for forgiveness, trusting we will always receive it.

This week let us pray for Christian unity, a unity which is rooted in the common baptism we share with all Christians. May we live out faithfully, day by day, our baptismal mission to reveal God's love to our broken, messy world.



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