

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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Marion Alexander, Bookkeeper
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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:

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



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, January 19th

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

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Gino & Anna Dagri, Robert Holliday, Intentions of Massimo Marcone

Tuesday, January 20th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Rocco Tacconelli, Intentions of Adam & Rachel Holliday

Wednesday, January 21st – St. Agnes

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

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

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Joseph Leenders

Thursday, January 22nd

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Mike Stancati, Intentions of Nicholas Raftis & family

Friday, January 23rd

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Bruna Gatto, Troy Jarvis

Saturday, January 24th – St. Francis De Sales

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Peter Hannam, Giulia DeSantis, Maria Marchesano, Ita Doey, Leo Manzer

Sunday, January 25th – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, January 18th, 2026, The Regina Caeli Shrine lamps will burn for repose of the soul of Larry & Olive Hollinger and for the repose of the soul of Giuseppe & Giroloma Cascio.

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 \$7174.00 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom 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. Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

PARISH NEWS

Message from the Parish Office

Please join us in wishing the Very Reverend Father Ian Duffy a very happy birthday on January 21st. We pray that your birthday will be filled with God's blessings, and that the Holy Spirit will strengthen you as you serve our Basilica.

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. 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. For location details, contact hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com.

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.

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.

Restart: Moving Forward

Have you experienced a divorce or separation? Are you looking to learn ways to cope, for support from others and to gain a feeling of moving forward? Our 10 week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal or simply learn more. The sessions will run **Tuesdays from Feb. 17 – April 21, 2026** from 7-9 pm and are held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration online can be found by going to hamiltondiocese.com and looking

for the date under Upcoming Events, or by contacting Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

Enhancing Self-Esteem

This program provides the opportunity to increase awareness of yourself and to learn specific skills for building a positive self-esteem. It can help you to feel stronger in all areas of your life. Issues covered during the course include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings, positive ways to behave assertively and setting realistic goals for your future. The program will run **Tuesdays from Feb. 17 – April 21** from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. Registration online can be found by going to hamiltondiocese.com and looking for the date under Upcoming Events, or by contacting Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

St. James Anglican Church – Euchre Nights

Join us bi-weekly for progressive euchre!
Dates: January 14th & 18th, February 11th and 25th (March dates to be determined)
Times: Check in at 12:30pm (games start at 1pm sharp)
Fees: \$15.00 each (light refreshments included)
To register: text or call Lynn at 226-383-9070 or email her at st.jameschurch@wightman.ca
Address: 171 Queen St. E, Fergus

What is Ordinary Time?

In the Catholic Church, **Ordinary Time** (*Tempus per annum*) is the largest part of the liturgical year, comprising two segments between the major seasons (Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter), marked by the color **green** (symbolizing hope/growth). It's called "ordinary" because weeks are numbered, not because it's mundane; it's a time for spiritual growth, living Christ's teachings, and meditating on His life in daily life, focusing on conversion and applying Gospel readings.

When it occurs:

First Period: From the Monday after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord until Ash Wednesday (start of Lent).

Second Period: From the Monday after Pentecost until the First Sunday of Advent, when the Church year restarts.

Key Aspects:

Color: Green, representing life, growth, and hope.

Focus: Living the Christian life, applying Jesus' teachings in everyday situations, and growing in faith.

"Ordinary" Meaning: The word comes from "ordinal" numbers (1st, 2nd, etc.), referring to the numbered weeks, not a lack of importance.

Significance: It's a time to deepen one's relationship with Christ through consistent prayer, Mass attendance, and living the Gospel values in daily life.

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