

# 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.

**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 IN ORDINARY TIME



### MASSES OF THE WEEK

#### **Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Amelia Vicich, Shirley Cardy, Grant Wilson

#### **Tuesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Intentions of Betty Rowsell

6:30 p.m. – CWL Adoration in the Crypt

#### **Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> – St. Thomas Aquinas**

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

7:30 a.m. – Mass – Intentions of Patrick Kenny

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:15 p.m. – Mass – Intentions of Jebby James and Family

#### **Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Margaret Sullivan, Dante Trevisan

#### **Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Intentions of Debbie Barr

#### **Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup> – St. John Bosco**

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. – Mass – Jerry Zajdel, Brenda Isles, Carlo Fontana, Jeffery Armishaw, Intentions of Georgine and Fred Willemsma

#### **Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> - Fourth 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. – Church Tours

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

During the week beginning Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026, The Regina Caeli Shrine lamps will burn for repose of the soul of Yvon Cyr and for the repose of the soul of Claire Duffey.

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 \$10,120.00 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

#### **Vocations**

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in Heaven..." Do not be discouraged by jeers when considering being 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

#### **PARISH NEWS**

##### **Volunteers Needed regarding Funeral Lunches**

The Catholic Women's League offers the family of deceased members of the Basilica a buffet funeral lunch, at their request. As you can appreciate, we are only able to offer this service to families if we have Basilica volunteers to help. If you would like to volunteer, you do not need to be member of the CWL. Please call the Basilica office and let the staff know you are interested in volunteering. A CWL Executive member will then contact you. A significant amount of funds raised from this as well as our Spring Market and Christmas Bazaar are donated to assist the Basilica and other organizations that help others less fortunate than ourselves. Many thanks to those who already volunteer, and for new volunteers who are considering joining the group.

##### **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. Vegetarian and gluten-free options are available. Tickets are \$140 each and can be purchased at the parish office. For a table of 8, tickets are \$135 each; for a table of 10, they are \$130 each. This discounted table rate applies to tickets purchased by February 12, 2026. A portion of ticket sales may be eligible for a tax receipt. Thank you for supporting Regina Caeli Academy. For more information, to pay by e-transfer, or to donate a prize, please contact [info@reginacaeliacademy.ca](mailto:info@reginacaeliacademy.ca).

##### **Catholic Young Adult Book Study Group**

The young adult book study group will resume meeting in January. On January 28<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.guelphbookstudy.wordpress.com). For location details, contact [hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://findmyschool.ca) find your local Catholic school using your home address

**Pre-Register.** Complete the [online pre-registration form](#) available at [wellingtoncdsb.ca](http://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.

### **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/>

### **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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com).

### **St. James Anglican Church – Euchre Nights**

Join us bi-weekly for progressive euchre!

Dates: February 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> (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](mailto:st.jameschurch@wightman.ca)

Address: 171 Queen St. E, Fergus

### **40 Days for Life – Guelph**

40 Days for Life is a 40-day prayer vigil for the ending of abortion through prayer, fasting, and peaceful public witness, taking place February 18 – March 29, 2026.

Mark your calendars for our 40 DFL events:

- Candlelight Opening Prayer

Tuesday, February 17, 2026, 6:00–6:30 PM

City sidewalk beside the Guelph Cenotaph (Woolwich & Eramosa Rd)

- 40 Days for Life Mass with Bishop Dabrowski

Saturday, March 14, 2026, 9:00 AM

Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, 28 Norfolk St, Guelph

- Candlelight Closing Prayer

Sunday, March 29, 2026, 6:00–6:30 PM

City sidewalk beside the Guelph Cenotaph

Learn more and sign up for prayer times

at [40daysforlife.com/guelph](http://40daysforlife.com/guelph).

For parish involvement, contact 519-836-6311

or [info@guelfhforlife.com](mailto:info@guelfhforlife.com).

### **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 beautiful property features multiple bedrooms, a private pool, rooftop terrace, and access to local churches.

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