

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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Father Ian Duffy, VF, KCHS, Rector
 Father Jonathan Reitzel, 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

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, July 20th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Vespers

9:00 a.m. – Mass – The Semlok Family, Hrvoje Bojsic, Dara Lucic

Tuesday, July 21st

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Wieslaw Niemkiewicz, Intentions of Samuele .H.

Wednesday, July 22nd – St. Mary Magdalene

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

7:30 a.m. – Mass – Intentions of Agnes Taylor

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:00 p.m. – Benediction

12:15 p.m. – Mass – James Mechan

Thursday, July 23rd

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass – June Weiler, Intentions of Cormac McCarthy

Friday, July 24th

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

9:00 a.m. – Repose of the Souls in Purgatory, Intentions for the protection of life

Saturday, July 25th – St. James

4:00 p.m. – Confessions

5:15 p.m. – Mass – Intentions of Franklin Steves & Family, Nash Freiburger, Lily Murphy, Mary Farquhar and Albert & Bernadette Sloan

Sunday, July 26th – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass

11:00 a.m. – Mass

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the week beginning Sunday, July 19th, 2026, The Regina Caeli Shrine lamps will burn for the repose of the soul of Elena & Peter Gemin & burn for the intentions of Eric VanRoony.

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 \$8,666.45 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

"Give your servant therefore an understanding mind..." Perhaps the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life awaits you. If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email at vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

PARISH NEWS

2026 Marian Day Events

Once again, this year the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, as the Diocesan Marian Shrine, will be hosting the Hamilton Diocesan Marian Days on the first Saturdays from June through October. The Marian Days will begin with a Holy Hour at 9:00am, with confessions being heard during the Holy Hour. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am, followed by the Rosary Procession. You are welcome to bring a lunch, coffee and tea will be served after the Procession, and tours of the Basilica will be available. Dates are as follows: August 1, 2026 (Cardinal Collins), September 5, 2026 (Bishop Lobsinger) and October 3, 2026 (Bishop Dabrowski).

Welcome Message from Father Jonathan Reitzel

Greetings, to all of you. My name is Fr. Jonathan Reitzel, and I am looking forward to serving all of you as the Associate Pastor here at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate. I was ordained alongside your former Associate Pastor - Fr. Paul Niesiobedzki. Although ordained a priest, like him, for 3 years, I am the youngest priest of the Diocese of Hamilton. I am excited to see what the Lord will bring about from our time together. Peace!

18th Annual Parish Picnic

The Summer is just starting but we're already planning our 18th Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 13th. This year, the organizing committee is working on changing the format to make our Picnic even better!

What will be Different?

Location - on the Basilica property (Southside Parking lot)

Timing - Picnic will begin right after 11:00 am Mass followed by lunch, games and entertainment

Live Entertainment - Talent Showcase and Karaoke

What will be the Same?

Price per person remains at \$5 which includes snacks, drinks and BBQ lunch

Great Raffle Prizes including the Children's Bike Raffle Kids Games

A "Shout Out" to all the talented members of our Parish Community. If you are interested in being part of our Talent Showcase, please email us at: Ourlady@Churchofourlady.com by July 24th, so we can plan our lineup!

Watch the bulletin for more news in the coming weeks!

Basilica Gift Shop

The Gift Shop is excited to show you our new Basilica line of souvenirs. We have Basilica keychains, magnets, slate coasters, bookmarks, prayer cards and note cards. We have new statues in many sizes as well as a nice collection of giftware for the sacraments, bibles, rosaries and many

more. Come and visit us in the Newstead Room, parish basement, after any weekend masses and on special occasions such as the Marian Days throughout the summer. Cash or cheques only please.

Parish Hall - Wooden Round Tables

We are replacing our 6 ft. Round Wooden-Topped Tables with lighter-weight resin-topped tables. There are 8 wooden tables looking for new homes. If you would like a table (or more), please contact the Parish office. No formal cost; but donations gratefully accepted. Thank you!

OTHER NEWS

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (WDGE) 2026

will be celebrated on Sunday, July 26, 2026, close to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus. The theme for this year is: "I will never forget you" (Is 49:15). Let us take this opportunity to honour grandparents and the elderly, recognizing them as a blessing and an important part of our faith communities. This day offers a wonderful opportunity for families to celebrate with their grandparents, elderly relatives, and neighbours and for helping to remind our elderly brothers and sisters that they are cherished and valued members of our communities.

FRASSATI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Calling all those entering Grade 10 in September 2026! Are you looking to grow in your faith? Do you want to explore what it means to be a Catholic leader? **The Frassati Leadership Program** may be for you. Join other Grade 10 Catholic leaders as we reflect on the foundations of Catholic leadership and foster opportunities for you to grow in your own faith and leadership skills. For more information and to register please visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/youth-ministry/frassati/>.

WYD 2027

The Diocese of Hamilton is blessed to have 82 young pilgrims preparing to travel to Seoul, South Korea next summer as a part of the 45th International Celebration of World Youth Day. To learn more about this pilgrimage of faith and how you can support the young people of our Diocese, visit us at: wyd.hamiltondiocese.com.

Young Adults Night: Hamilton – August 1, 2026

Fr. John Ha, our new Vocations Director, 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. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com; St. Catherine of Siena Church (620 Rymal Road East, Hamilton) Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm) Social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm) Vocations testimony and praise music (8:00pm-9:00pm) Compline (9:00pm)

YOUTH MINISTER'S RETREAT

SAVE THE DATE! We are inviting all youth ministers, youth ministry coordinators and leaders in youth ministry, to join us for our annual retreat on September 19 at Mount Mary Retreat Centre in Ancaster. More information and how to register will be shared as soon as possible. In the meantime, if you are interested in attending or have any questions, please reach out to us: youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

WALK WITH JESUS: RETREAT FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE THE DEATH OF A CHILD.

The loss of a child is a most challenging event in the life of any parent. This grief is acute and challenging. The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us for this healing day. Whether the loss is recent or some time ago, we know this day will help to restore your inner core. The retreat will be offered from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday, October 10 or Saturday, November 7th. The \$20 fee includes lunch. Registration is required for set up and lunch. You can register on the Diocesan home page at hamiltondiocese.com under upcoming events (look for the date retreat of the date), or by calling the office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Registrations Open – Regina Caeli Academy

Discover a community where academic excellence walks hand in hand with deep faith formation. Regina Caeli Academy is currently accepting registrations from JK to Grade 8. Visit our website today or call 226-706-7529 to secure your child's place for the upcoming school year. Reginacaeliacademy.ca

Helping Children Fall in Love with God

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach to the religious formation of children. It is rooted in the Bible, the liturgy of the church, and the educational principles of Maria Montessori. This program is offered for children ages 3-12 years, with sessions held once per week after school or Saturday morning from late September through mid-May at Holy Rosary Parish, Guelph

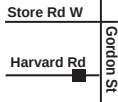
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Catholic Mom's Group – Next meeting August 5th, 2026

Join us at our next meeting
Guest Speaker: Andrea Szrejber
Navigating Grief & Loss through a Catholic Lens
Wednesday, August 5th
4:30pm - 6:00pm (Rear Entrance)
Kids are Always Welcome at the Catholic Craft Table with a Retired Teacher (Ages 4+)
RSVP email: st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com
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