

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
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 Deacon Quinto Tami

Basilica Staff

Marion Alexander, Bookkeeper
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 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



Monday, March 2nd

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Barry Christopher Smith, Eda Case, Maria Marchesano

Tuesday, March 3rd

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Intentions of Adam Holliday and Margaret & Jerzy Skowron

Wednesday, March 4th

7:00 a.m. – The office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
7:30 a.m. – **Mass** – Huguetta Allaire
8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions
8:30 a.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
12:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Gabriella Martini, Intentions of Terence Fernandes & Family

Thursday, March 5th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Christian Lockner

Friday, March 6th

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

Saturday, March 7th

8:00 a.m. - Holy Hour with Confessions
9:00 a.m. – **First Saturday Mass (Sung in Latin)**
4:00 p.m. - Confessions
5:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Eleanor Garcia, Tommy Gervin, Maria Mazza, Nancy Peverley, Manuel Pires, Intentions of Elisa Sala

Sunday, March 8th – Third 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. – Baptisms

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the week beginning Sunday, March 1st, 2026, The Regina Caeli Shrine lamps will burn for the repose of the souls of Mr. & Mrs. Gemin and Carol Anne Schmuck.

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 \$7,735.50 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

"But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty." Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose?

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: 2025 Tax Receipts

Are now located at the back of the church please pick them at your earliest convenience.

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!

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.

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/>

C.Y.O. Camp Brebeuf – Registration is now open

We're gearing up for a milestone summer as we celebrate 85 years of amazing Catholic camping, and we couldn't be more excited. We offer day camps, overnight and leadership options. Camp Brebeuf is open to anyone from the age of 4 all the way up to 16. Activities include outdoor adventures and camping, arts, crafts, creativity, sports & team challenges, music, dance and fun performances. For more information or to register please contact us at (519) 856-4671 or email office.camp@campbrebeuf.ca. You can also check out our website to see the themes for each week at www.campbrebeuf.ca. The camp is located just in Rockwood (8434 Wellington Rd 27).

What is Lent?

Lent is the yearly celebration of the Church in preparation for Easter. **Lent has two major purposes:** It recalls or prepares for Baptism and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's Word and of more fervent prayer, believers are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. During Lent, the reminder of baptism already received, as well as the theme of repentance, renew the entire community along with those being prepared to celebrate the paschal mystery, in which each of the elect will share through the sacraments of initiation. (RCIA 125, Ad gentes, 14) For those already baptized Lent is a time of preparation to celebrate the paschal mystery through reminders of our baptism and penitential practices. (GNLYC 27) Lent is a privileged time for **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**. This season provides an opportunity to renew and deepen our relationship with Jesus, and to renew the choices we make, so that we might live as he taught.

When is Lent?

Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 18th, 2026**, and continues until the beginning of the **Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening, on April 2nd, 2026**. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.



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