

# 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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 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)

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### MASSES OF THE WEEK

#### Monday, March 16th

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass – David Kenny, Elvira Sisniegas, Intentions of Maureen Pitman

#### Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> - St. Patrick's Day

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Boris Barbir, Padraig O'Cleirigh

#### Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

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

7:30 a.m. – Mass – Barry Christopher Smith

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:15 p.m. – Mass – Wilson McCarthy

#### Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – St. Joseph

9:00 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:30 a.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6:30 p.m. – Office of the Vespers

7:00 p.m. – Solemn Mass for the Feast of St. Joseph (Bishop Lobsinger)

#### Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

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 21st

8:00 a.m. – The Office of Lauds with Holy Hour

9:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. – Confessions

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. – Mass – Clair Family, Howitt Family, Harcourt Family, Anton and Joseph Markovinovic; Stiven Markovinovic

#### Sunday, March 22nd – Fifth Sunday of Lent

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, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026, The Regina Caeli Shrine lamps will burn for the repose of the souls of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Gemin, and intentions for all the Students of Our Lady of Lourdes High School.

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 \$ 8,341.50 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

#### Vocations

"Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Do you believe that your plan is God's plan? 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

#### PARISH NEWS

#### Lenten Lectio Divina

On Wednesday, March 18 we are pleased to welcome Fr. Adam Voisin, Pastor of Regina Mundi Parish in Hamilton, to lead us in a Lenten Lectio Divina, which is an ancient method of reflecting upon Sacred Scripture. The evening will begin at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

#### The Feast of St. Joseph, Thursday, March 19

St. Joseph is the Patron Saint of the Universal Church and the Patron of Canada, and his feast is a Solemnity of the Church. The Day's schedule is as follows:

Holy Hour Before the Blessed Sacrament

5:30 – 6:45

The Office of Vespers: 6:00pm

Benediction & Litany of St. Joseph: 6:30pm

Solemn Mass with His Excellency, Bishop Lobsinger

7:00pm

Reception for St. Joseph's Day after Mass

#### Lamentations for Palm Sunday – March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

During the evening on Palm Sunday, please join us for the noble, solemn and very moving Office of Tenebrae.

"Tenebrae", the Latin word for "Darkness", is a combination of the Liturgies for the Hours of Matins and Lauds from the Divine Office for the final days of Holy Week. Once again, this year we are please to welcome some of the alumnae of St. Michael's Choir School to sing the beautiful Tenebrae Responsories composed by the Choir School's founder, Monsignor Ronan. This year we have extended an invitation to our Christian brothers and sisters at St. George's Anglican Church to join us for Lamentations. You are encouraged to enter Holy Week by attending this simple yet moving liturgy at 7:00pm on Palm Sunday, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

#### Wellington Deanery Lenten Penitential Services

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We warmly welcome you to take part in one of two Penitential Services offered by the priests of Wellington Deanery. Each evening will begin with a brief Penitential Service, after which multiple priests will be available for individual confessions. The services will begin at 6:30pm,

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and last as long as it takes to hear your confessions. The dates and places are as follows:

Tuesday, March 24 St. John's Church, Guelph

Thursday, March 26 St. Joseph's Church, Fergus

Come and encounter the loving mercy of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There is no better preparation for the great celebration of Easter.

We are Yours in Christ,

The Priests of Wellington Deanery

### **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 and finishing at 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!

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

Learn more about the saints, prayers, and more, while enjoying good food and getting to know other young adults from the parish! Young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome to join the book study group. The group is reading "In This House of Brede," a novel about Benedictine nuns, and will conclude the discussion on April 8 (Lourdes Room, starting at 6:00pm). For more info, email [hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com](mailto:hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com)

### **CWL Spring Market - Sat. April 25, 2026**

All are invited to come out to our Catholic Women's League Spring Market on Sat. April 25, 2026, in our parish hall. We will have vendor tables, a silent auction, 50/50 draw, attic treasures and a bake table. If you can contribute in any way, please call the office or email

[treasurercwlguelphbasilica@gmail.com](mailto:treasurercwlguelphbasilica@gmail.com). Mark your calendars now!

### **Catholic Moms Group Field Trip**

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

4:30pm - 6:00pm

Catholic Moms Group Guelph Field Trip

Guided Tour of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate

We will meet there and have a tour by Wendy Obbema until 6pm **Bring the Kids too!**

Please RSVP by replying to this email

[st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com](mailto:st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com)

### **OTHER NEWS**

#### **March Break Mass & Celebration**

Celebrate St. Joseph's Feast Day and Bishop Ustrzycki's 94<sup>th</sup> birthday with Regina Caeli Academy, and the beautiful and historic Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph bring the whole family and meet future classmates. Please register before March 16<sup>th</sup> at [info@reginacaeli.ca](mailto:info@reginacaeli.ca) and for more information.

#### **Made for Better: Relationships, Wellness, and the Divine Design**

Alliance for Life Ontario Youth Conference

Saturday, April 11, 2026 | 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Guelph Bible Conference Centre, Guelph

Ages 14–20 | Cost: \$25 (includes snacks & lunch)

A day dedicated to exploring mental health, healthy relationships, and God's design for the human person, featuring Stephanie Smith, Adrian Faber, and Jakki Jeffs. The conference includes keynote sessions, breakout discussions, lunch, and a panel.

To register or learn more, contact 519-836-6311 or email

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