

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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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
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 251 Colonial Drive
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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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, March 23rd

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Elvira Sisniegas DeVargas, Intentions of Jocelyn Bridle, Peter & Anna Narduzzi

Tuesday, March 24th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
9:00 a.m. – Mass – John & Nancy Azzopardi, Joe Ciaravella
6:30 p.m. – Holy Hour & Benediction

Wednesday, March 25th – The Annunciation of The Lord

7:00 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
7:30 a.m. – Mass (Missa Pro Populo)
8:00 a.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
12:15 p.m. – Mass – Intentions of Bishop Ustrzycki

Thursday, March 26th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Eda Case, Mary Peori

Friday, March 27th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
9:00 a.m. – Mass and Stations of the Cross – Andrew Collins
6:30 p.m. – The office of Vespers
7:00 p.m. – Mass and Stations of the Cross – Nicola Della Croce

Saturday, March 28th

8:00 a.m. – Confessions
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Angela Shea
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. – Confessions
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. - Confessions
5:15 p.m. – Mass – Jan & Anna Sokolowski, Maria & Wladyslaw Widziszewski, John Olywa, Valerie Bricknell, Nancy Sokolowski, Intentions of Sister Christine Leyser

Sunday, March 29th – Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
9:00 a.m. – Mass
11:00 a.m. – Mass
7:00 p.m. – Lamentations for Palm Sunday (Tenebrae)

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the week beginning Sunday, March 22nd, 2026, The Regina Caeli Shrine lamps will burn for the repose of the soul of Jose Luis Cosillo, and the intentions for Eric Van Room.

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 \$7,826.50 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

"Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord!" Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? 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

We all wish a very happy birthday to His Excellency Bishop Ustrzycki. The Bishop who has served us for many years turns 94 years young on March 25. **Stolat!**

Lamentations for Palm Sunday – March 29th 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 pleased 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.

Faith and Flavours Pilgrimage to Italy - November 3-14, 2026.

You are very welcome to join in a faith and flavour filled pilgrimage to Italy from November 3-14, 2026. Visits include Siena, Assisi, Monte Cassino, and Rome among others over an enjoyable ten day pilgrimage. The cost of \$7,995.00 per person includes airfare, hotels, ground transportation, all admission fees, most meals, and the services of an expert English speaking guide. Fr. Ian Duffy will be the spiritual director of this pilgrimage leading us in prayer in the footsteps of St. Catherine of Siena, Ss. Francis and Clare, Ss. Benedict and Scholastica, Ss. Peter and Paul, and many more. To register or for more information please call Edgar at 1-800-268-0900 ext. 233, or e-mail edgar@gateways-international.com. Space is limited so register soon.

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, 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

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

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 treasurercwl@guelphbasilica@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

Upcoming Gala – Regina Caeli Academy

Representatives from Regina Caeli Academy will be selling gala tickets and other items after all Masses this weekend.

If you have any questions about the new independent school opening in Guelph, please stop by the church's main entrance after Mass today.

The Guelph Catholic Dad's Group

Meets at the Basilica at 7am on the last Saturday morning each month.

Our next meeting is March 28th at 7am in the Lourdes room. Email kevinloughnane3@gmail.com for more details.

OTHER NEWS

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 info@guelphforlife.com.

A brief history about the Annunciation of the Lord

The Feast of the Annunciation was celebrated as far back as the 4th or 5th century, but the first certain mention of the feast was in the "Canons of the Councils of Toledo" and Constantinople. In 656 A.C, the Feast of the Annunciation was said to have been celebrated throughout the church in Toledo. The Feast of the Annunciation is celebrated on March 25 every year in the Roman Catholic Church, except when the day falls during the Easter Triduum – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday – in which case the feast is transferred to the most suitable day during Easterside. However, the date never changes in Eastern Orthodoxy and Eastern Catholicism, even it falls during Easter. When Easter and the Feast of the Annunciation fall on the same day, it is called Kyriopascha. The Annunciation is narrated in the Bible in the Book of Luke Chapter 1, from verses 26 to 38. According to the Bible, the angel Gabriel was sent to meet Mary, a virgin in Nazareth, Galilee. Mary was betrothed at the time to a man named Joseph. Angel Gabriel hailed Mary and told her not to fear because she had found grace with God. He told her she would give birth the Son of God. When she replied that she was a virgin, he reassured her that the Holy Ghost would come upon her. He also informed her that her barren cousin, Elizabeth, would conceive a son as well, even in her old age. Mary responded, "be it done to me according to thy word." Joseph also received an annunciation later, as detailed in Matthew 1:18. The Feast of the Annunciation celebrates God's entrance into the human world through Jesus and Mary's willingness to accept God's command.

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