

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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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
 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
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 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

PALM SUNDAY OF LORD'S PASSION



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, March 30th – Holy Week

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Elvira Sisniegas de Vargas, Peter Brazolot, Mercedes Montiel
2:00 p.m. – Mass of Chrism at the Cathedral in Hamilton
All are welcome to attend the Chrism Mass

Tuesday, March 31st – Holy Week

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Joseph Schere, Christopher Pellin
4:00 p.m. – The Office of Vespers
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Confessions
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, April 1st – Holy Week

7:00 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
7:30 a.m. – Mass – Intentions of Bridget Grant
8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Eucharistic Adoration
12:15 p.m. – Mass – Peter Grant
4:00 p.m. – The Office of Vespers
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Confessions

Thursday, April 2nd – Thursday of the Lord's Supper

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Tenebrae (*In the Crypt*)
7:00 p.m. – Mass of the Lord's Supper
Vigil before the Blessed Sacrament after Mass of the Lord's Supper
10:45 p.m. – The Office of Compline (*Night Prayer*)

Friday, April 3rd – Friday of the Passion of The Lord

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Tenebrae (*In the Crypt*)
11:00 a.m. – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
3:00 p.m. – Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 4th – Holy Saturday

11:30 a.m. – Blessing of Easter Food
7:00 p.m. – The Solemn Easter Vigil
Reception to follow the Easter Vigil in the Parish Hall

Sunday, April 5th – The Resurrection of The Lord

8:00 a.m. – Mass at Dawn
10:00 a.m. – Mass of Easter Day
12:00 p.m. – Solemn Mass of Easter Day

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the week beginning Sunday, March 29th, 2026, The Regina Caeli Shrine lamps will burn for the repose of the soul of Joseph Ciaravella, and the intentions of the Fernandes and Poole family.

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 \$7,190.50 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing. Thank you also for your generous donations to the shared Lent collection in the amount of \$3,191.00.

Vocations

"He has been raised from the dead!" Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests, deacons, brothers or sisters. 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

Please note that the office will be closed at 12:00pm on Holy Thursday and will open at 9am on Tuesday April 7th.

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.

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

Walk in my Shoes Lent Collection

The Basilica's St Vincent DePaul Conference and our community's needy feet would like to thank you for your generosity during this past Lent collection. We collected 250 pairs of gently used sneakers and shoes, a wonderful show of kindness! All will be delivered to the city's shelters next week. Thank you, and thanks be to God!

MARCH 29, 2026

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. 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

The Guelph Catholic Dad's Group

Meets at the Basilica at 7am on the last Saturday morning of each month.
Our next meeting is April 25th at 7am in the Lourdes room.
Email kevinloughnane3@gmail.com for more details.

OTHER NEWS

Mass of Chrism at the Cathedral – March 30th at 2:00pm

All are welcome to attend the Diocesan Mass of Chrism during which His Excellency, Bishop Dabrowski, will bless the Oils for the sick and Catechumens. He will also consecrate Sacred Chrism. The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Monday March 30th at 2:00p.m. Parking is limited and carpooling is encouraged. The Cathedral Basilica will open at 12:30p.m. The celebration will be livestreamed with links on the Diocesan website and the Cathedral Basilica's website.

Young Adults Night - Ancaster

Fr. Mark Morley invites young adults (aged 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of fellowship and music as you discern your vocation and as we celebrate the Easter Season. The Young Adults Night includes a social with food (7:00pm-8:00pm) followed by a vocations testimony and praise music ending with Compline (9:00pm) on **Saturday, April 11th** (note Second Saturday, not First Saturday) at Mount Mary Retreat Centre (437 Wilson Street East, Ancaster, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton:
<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact:
vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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.

Right to Life – March for Life

Join us for a bus trip from Guelph to Ottawa on Thursday May 14th, 2026 (return). Limited seats available sign up today! Contact the GARTL office for itinerary and sign up. Email info@guelphforlife.com or call 519-836-6311

Maryhill Park Fish Fry Fundraiser

Maryhill Community Centre (58 St. Charles St. E.)
Good Friday, April 3rd 12 noon to 7 p.m. Eat in or take out. NO RESERVATIONS. Service in order of arrival. First come-first served. Fresh cut fries with haddock, coleslaw, tartar sauce, lemon and gravy. 1 pc. - \$17; 2 pc. - \$20. Children 12 & under 1 pc - \$8.00 in house dining only! Hot Dogs \$3, French Fries \$3. Desserts \$1 & \$2. Refreshments available. Dinner includes coffee and tea. CASH ONLY PLEASE! Call ahead, takeout orders ARE MOST WELCOME. For takeout call (519) 648-2939. Wheelchair friendly.

When Life Changes Grief Program

Using Dr. Bill Webster's grief material these programs are intended to help you to understand your grief and provide practical tips and support for helping you through. **Part two** (for those who have completed part one), The Ongoing Journey, will be offered at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West on Wednesday evenings from April 8 - May 13 from 7:00-8:30pm. All are welcome. To register look for the program start date under Upcoming Events on the Diocesan home page at hamiltondiocese.com or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Why do Catholics cover statues during the last days of Lent?

From the 5th week of Lent until the Triduum, the Church enters Passiontide. The Roman Missal, the book that contains the prayers for Mass, states: The practice of covering crosses and images may be observed during this time. Crosses are covered until Good Friday; images of the saints remain covered until the Easter Vigil. But why do we veil them? To unite our hearts more deeply to the Passion of Christ. By covering what is sacred, we are invited to reflect: What would the world be like without the Passion and Resurrection? When something familiar is taken away, we begin to see its value more clearly. What was once ordinary becomes a gift again. The cross is unveiled on Good Friday, the other images at the Easter Vigil because it is the Resurrection that gives them meaning. Throughout Lent, we are gradually deprived: of the Alleluia, the Gloria, and sacred images. All is restored in glory at Easter, so we may more clearly see the beauty we often take for granted.

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