

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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 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.

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, March 9th

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Mary Peori, Gerard Peori, Intentions of Monsignor Noon

Tuesday, March 10th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Sam Verdone, Intentions of Karen Holliday

Wednesday, March 11th

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

7:30 a.m. – Mass – Robert Holliday

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:15 p.m. – Mass – Catherine Thomas

Thursday, March 12th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Joyce Thompson, Intentions of Marlene Mason

Friday, March 13th

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 14th

8:00 a.m. - Holy Hour with Confessions

9:00 a.m. – 40 Days of Life Mass (Bishop Dabrowski)

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. – Mass – Maurice & Frances Zadro, Richard Wojcicki, Mary Mani, Sean McDowell, Brendan McDowell

Sunday, March 15th – Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass

10:00a.m – St. Patricks Coffee Sunday

11:00 a.m. – Mass

12:00 p.m. – St. Patricks Coffee Sunday

1:00 p.m. – Baptisms

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the week beginning Sunday, March 8th, 2026, The Regina Caeli Shrine lamps will burn for the repose of the souls of Addison Hill, and for the repose of the souls of the Gobbi & Orso family members.

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 \$16,987.85 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing. The St Vincent De Paul Basilica Conference gives thanks for your donation of \$3,097.00 towards their works of charity on your behalf.

Vocations

"We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day." Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? 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

Thank you to all the Parishioners who so generously make contributions through the use of weekly offertory envelopes as well as direct deposit. 2025 Tax receipts will be available for pick up at the back of the Church starting the weekend of February 28. They will be there for two weeks after which they will then be mailed out. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish office. Thank you

Join us in celebration of Catholic Hill Heritage for St. Patrick's Coffee Sunday on March 15.

While dedicated to Our Lady, many of you know that the Basilica has a special connection with St. Patrick. The first church on Catholic Hill was a small wooden structure built by Irish immigrants in 1833 in the fledgling community of Guelph. Come down to the Parish Hall on March 15 and share refreshments and a Shamrock cookie following the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses.

"May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields, and, until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand."

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!

Catholic Young Adult Book Study

Learn more about the saints, prayer 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 every other Wednesday. The group is reading "In This Hours of Brede," a novel about Benedictine nuns, and will continue discussing it on March 11 (Lourdes Room, starting at 6:00pm). For more info, email hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com.

CWL Announcement

On March 10th, 2026, at 7:30 pm, the CWL are hosting Mary Davidson-Pilon, a speaker from Wellington Hospice. All parishioners are welcome. We hope to see you on the 10th.

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!

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.

Listening and Fasting: Pope Leo XIV'S message for Lent 2026

Pope Leo XIV's message for Lent 2026, entitled "Listening and fasting. Lent as a time of Conversion," was published on Friday, February 13, by the Holy See Press Office. To read Pope Leo's message, and download a helpful infographic, visit the Dicastery for Integral Human Development here: www.humandevlopment.va.

Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi

From Jan 10, 2026, to Jan 10, 2027, the Church marks a special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi on the 800th anniversary of his death. During this year, the faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence by fulfilling the usual conditions

(confession, Communion, prayer for the Holy Father, detachment from sin) and engaging in acts inspired by the Franciscan spirit, such as pilgrimage, prayer, works of charity, and humble service. To learn more about this Holy Year, visit <https://bit.ly/yearoffrancis>.

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).

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 (Elmira)

is hosting a **FISH FRY** on **Friday, March 13, 2026**, here at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. There will be continuous seating from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Take-out will be at 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Please bring your own take-out bag as we are trying to save the environment. Purchase your tickets by calling Rick Weishar at 519-577-5928 or call the Parish Office at 519-669-3387 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Tuesday to Thursday). Cost is Adults \$20.00; Children (aged 6 to 12 years) \$12.00; Children (aged 5 and under) Free; and Take-out is \$20.00. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to reupholstering the hall chairs.

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 Obberma until 6pm

Bring the Kids too!

Please RSVP by replying to this email

st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.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.

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