

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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Pastoral Team

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.

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, May 11th

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Margaret Skowron, Emile Bouchard, Joe Mokanski

Tuesday, May 12th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Mirko Gavez, Antonio & Maria de Sousa

Wednesday, May 13th

7:00 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

7:30 a.m. – Mass – Benedykt Gondek

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:15 p.m. – Mass – David Patrick Smith, Kathy Ann Reilly

Thursday, May 14th – St. Matthias

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Intentions of Steven Ross and intentions of Andrea and David Lowe

Friday, May 15th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Bernie Miller, Barbara Sockett

Saturday, May 16th

4:00 p.m. – Confessions

5:15 p.m. – Mass – Mr & Mrs. Peter Gemin, Jose Luis Cosillo, Antonia Pellegrino, Joseph Ciaravella, Elena Arevalo

Sunday, May 17th – The Ascension of the Lord

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, May 10th, 2026, The Regina Caeli Shrine lamps will burn for the intentions of John A. Mason and the Narducci 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 \$17,353.95 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

Jesus said, "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." If you are discerning God's call for the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life, contact Fr. Mark Morley,

Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email at vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

PARISH NEWS

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.

Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate 200th Anniversary Logo Design Contest

In 2027, the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate will celebrate their 200th Anniversary as a vibrant and active Parish Community. A 200th Anniversary Committee is in place and is planning a year of celebrations – this is where we need your help!

We are looking for a 200th Anniversary logo design that will be used for all our printed materials, online communications, banners, promotional items etc. and this is where the creativity of our Parishioners can really shine through! We are inviting anyone who would like to participate in this creative design contest to submit a logo design. Design submissions will be reviewed and a winner selected by the 200th Anniversary Committee in June. The individual who submits the winning entry will be recognized and will also receive a cash award.

Are you interested in designing our 200th Anniversary Logo? Email us at:

ourlady@churchofourlady.com and we will send you the Logo Design Briefing.

Deadline for logo design submissions is May 27, 2026.

Learning More About Our Catholic Faith: Where to Start

Many Catholics want to learn more about our Faith, but do not know where to start. There are countless great accessible resources, including official books that provide a solid foundation for further learning, especially The Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, YOUCAT: Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church, and YOUCAT for Kids. If you want books on specific topics, consider Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary: Unveiling the Mother of the Messiah by Dr. Brant Pitre, Biomedicine and Beatitude: An Introduction to Catholic Bioethics by Fr. Nicanor Austriaco, OP, STD, PhD, You Can Understand the Bible by Dr. Peter

Kreeft, or A Biblical Walk Through the Mass: Understanding What We Say and Do in the Liturgy by Dr. Edward Sri. (Most of these books are also available as ebooks and/or audiobooks.) There are also great podcasts, such as Bible in a Year and Catechism in a Year, both hosted by Fr. Mike Schmitz, and The Thomistic Institute Podcast (composed mostly of talks given at universities and colleges). If you like watching (free) videos online, you may enjoy the many Aquinas 101 videos produced by the Thomistic Institute and the series Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well produced by the Augustine Institute.

The Basilica Catholic Women's League

We would like to thank you for donating your delicious baked goods and for those of you who attended our Annual Spring Market on April 25. Because of you, we are able to continue supporting both the needs of our church and community. Also, we invite anyone in the parish to attend our General meeting on Tues. May 12 to hear our member, Dr. Jane Hosdil, who will be speaking on Assisted Suicide (MAID) from the viewpoint of a Catholic Physician. The meeting will begin at 7pm and Dr. Jane will speak around 7:30pm. Hope to see you there!

Guelph Catholic Dad's group

The next Saturday meetings are at 7:00am on May 30th and June 27th in the Lourdes Room at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate. Join us for a time of prayer and discussion of our mission as fathers. Email Paul at paul_jc@live.com for more details.

Parish gift shop

The Basilica Gift Shop is open after every weekend mass in the Newstead Room in the Parish basement. We have an assortment of rosaries, jewelry, medals, prayer cards, bibles, statues, crosses. We also have a nice selection of gifts for First Communion.

March for Life Bus – May 14, 2026

Reserve a seat on Guelph and Area Right to Life's coach bus to the National March for Life in Ottawa on Thursday, May 14. Departure is at 6:00 AM from the Basilica parking lot. Suggested donation is \$50. RSVP by May 5. For more information, visit guelphforlife.com/bus.

Little Way Ladies Retreat – Saturday, October 17th - 9:00AM – 4:00PM

The CWL invites all women to a one-day retreat focused on prayer, rest, and renewal. Through guided reflection, meditative prayer, and Eucharistic Adoration, participants will be invited to slow down, listen more deeply, and grow in confidence in personal prayer. Facilitated by Theresa Matters, Catholic Mindset Coach. Snacks will be provided; participants are encouraged to bring their own

lunch. Cost is \$35. Registration details available at <https://theresamatters.thrivecart.com/guelph-retreat/> or email Theresa with any questions: littlewayfreedom@gmail.com

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 quest if you require assistance). Registration is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at hamiltondiocese.com

World Youth Day 2027: Seoul, South Korea

July 31 – August 9, 2027

Bishop Dabrowski is sending a delegation of young adults (aged 18-35) to World Youth Day in the summer of 2027. World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the world. The Diocesan Pastoral Offices welcome you to attend a **virtual information night** on Thursday, April 23 @ 7:30pm. Register here: bit.ly/WYDInfoNight For more information about WYD in the Diocese of Hamilton please visit: wyd.hamiltondiocese.com

Wellington Catholic DSB Recruitment Fair on May 12

Interested in a career in Catholic education? Wellington Catholic DSB is hosting a **Recruitment Fair** at the Catholic Education Centre on May 12 from 5-8 PM. We are recruiting for current and future positions across our board, including teaching roles, education assistants, early childhood educators, student supervisors, caretakers, support staff, board administration, and more.

This is an opportunity to support Catholic education, meet our team, and learn how your gifts can help nurture students both academically and spiritually. All qualified candidates are welcome. For more information, visit wellingtoncdsb.ca/careers or contact hrgeneral@wellingtoncdsb.ca.

Michael House Baby Bottle Campaign

Join us in supporting Michael House through the Baby Bottle Campaign! From Mother's Day to Father's Day, take home a baby bottle and fill it with coins, bills, or cheques to help support vulnerable mothers and babies in our community. Every bottle filled brings hope, shelter, and a brighter future to families in need. Thank you for being part of this meaningful campaign! Thank you again for helping us make a difference.

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