

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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 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



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, May 18th – Victoria Day

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Intentions of His Majesty the King

Tuesday, May 19th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Dr. Eng Tik Ling, Intentions of Sam Verdoni and the Verdoni Family

Wednesday, May 20th

7:00 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

7:30 a.m. – Mass – Martha Mills

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:15 p.m. – Mass – Tomas Semlok

Thursday, May 21st

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Sheila Mattar, Intentions of Julieann & Andrew Burt

Friday, May 22nd

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Maria Rodriguez, Intentions of Conor & Susan Healy

Saturday, May 23rd

4:00 p.m. – Confessions

5:15 p.m. – Mass – Giovanni Michieli, Jose Dias, Joe Ciaravella, Mark Thomas, Ella Whitmell

Sunday, May 24th – Pentecost Sunday

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – Mass

10:00 a.m. – KOC Breakfast

11:00 a.m. – Mass

12:00 p.m. – KOC Breakfast

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the week beginning Sunday, May 17th, 2026, The Regina Caeli Shrine lamps will burn for the repose of the soul of Evert & Christina Vlasveld and burn for the intentions of the Capretta 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 \$7,615.45 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love." Send forth workers into your vineyard. If God is calling you to 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.

Parish Office Closed – Monday May 18th

Please note due to the Victoria Day holiday the Parish Office will be closed on Monday May 18th, we will re-open at 9am on Tuesday May 19th

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.

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.

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

CWL Father Diemert Memorial Bursary

This past year the Catholic Women's League at the Basilica reviewed the criteria and selection process for the Father Diemert Memorial Bursary that was initiated in 1987. Father Diemert was the Pastor of our Parish from 1979 to 1986. He passed away on July 1, 1986, while he was in the position of Pastor at our Parish. Our new process will focus more on Parish involvement and will include an application form for students to complete. The following criteria must be met by the student:

- must be entering the first year of an accredited college, trade school or university;
- must be a practicing Catholic as verified by Father Ian; and
- must be active in Parish activities i.e. altar server, choir member, volunteer with the Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent de Paul, or Children's Liturgy, or any other Parish ministry as verified by the applicable member of the Basilica. A maximum of 3 bursaries are available each year. The application forms will be available in the south tower of the Basilica in the brochure holder.

The deadline for applications is June 1, 2026. The notification of acceptance is June 10, 2026.

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

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.

Vacation Bible School – Suba Diving into friendship with God - St. John the Baptist Parish

July 13th – July 17th, 2026

Join us for a week of catholic themed games, art and much more!! Offered to kids in SK to grade 6 (in September). To register or for more information please email stjohnguelph@hamiltondiocese.com.

GUELPH WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO MIDLAND: AUG 1st – 8th, 2026

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Participate for 1 day, a weekend or the full 8 days! Cost \$400 for 8 days or \$75 per day. We carry your gear, provide 3 meals and snacks daily, and cover entry and camping fees. You bring your tent, chair and personal gear/clothing in a duffle bag. To register or for more information go to www.ignatiusguelph.ca (under programs - Guelph Walking Pilgrimage) **NOTE registration deadline June 30, 2026.**

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