

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
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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:

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 9 McElderry Road
 Principal: Corey Malone.....519-823-2455
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 182 Clairfields Drive East
 Principal: Dawn Uliana.....519-824-9470
Saint Ignatius of Loyola School
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 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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, May 4th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Jerzy Skowron, Mary Peori, Gerard Peori

Tuesday, May 5th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Maria Semlok, Intentions of Heather Kenny

Wednesday, May 6th – St. Francois De Laval

7:00 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
7:30 a.m. – **Mass** – Peter Brazolot
8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions
8:30 a.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
12:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Manuel Pires

Thursday, May 7th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Neil McDougald, Intentions of Tracey Fernandes

Friday, May 8th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds
9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Maurice & Frances Zadro, Intentions of Bianca Carter

Saturday, May 9th

4:00 p.m. – Confessions
5:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Eleanor Garcia, Victor Zadro, Richard Wojciki, Francis Contois, Intentions of family and friends and fellow parishioners of Jeff and Angie Hunt, and Intentions of staff, students and families of Bishop Macdonell High School

Sunday, May 10th – Sixth Sunday of Easter

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 3rd, 2026, The Regina Caeli Shrine lamps will burn for the intentions of Eric VanRoon and Bianca Carter.

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 \$7,809.35 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 \$3,344.00 towards their works of charity on your behalf.

Vocations

The Lord said, "I will not leave you orphaned." Pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life. If God is calling you, 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.

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.

Children's Liturgy

We have a lively Children's Liturgy program happening every Sunday at our parish during the 9 & 11am masses. It takes place downstairs in the crypt for the first half hour of mass, where we talk about the Sunday readings in an interactive and creative way. **WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!** It's only about twice per month (you decide) and the readings and questions are ready to go! You will need to go through a screening process and must be 18 years old and over. There will always be at least two leaders with the children. If you're interested, email Mary Muller at maryfmuller@gmail.com for more information.

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.

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.

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.

29th National March for Life

The 29th National March for Life will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2026, in Ottawa. This year's theme, "Follow Me," is an invitation for all to bear witness to the dignity of life through a visible presence on Parliament Hill. For information about local bus trips, please contact your local Right to Life office. Additional details can be found at: <https://marchforlife.ca>.

Calling All Moms!

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