

# 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  
 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](http://www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca)



**MASSES OF THE WEEK**

**Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> – St. Justin**

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

**9:00 a.m. – Mass** – Mary Peori, Gerard Peori, Manuel Pires

**Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**9:00 a.m. – Mass** – Trudy Fernandes, Alex Ostamus

**6:30 p.m.** – Holy Hour and Benediction

**Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> – St. Charles Lwanga & Companions**

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

**7:30 a.m. – Mass** – Joan Zuwalla, Intentions of Joan Smith

**8:00 a.m.** – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

**12:15 p.m. – Mass** – Shannon Lee, Intentions of Rochelle & Eddie Sousa

**Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>**

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

**9:00 a.m. – Mass** – Henry May, Helen May

**Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> – St. Boniface**

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

**9:00 a.m. – Mass** – Shirley Jolly, Judy Marchiori

**Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – Marian Day (Bishop Ustrzycki)**

**9:00 a.m.** – Holy Hour

**10:30 a.m. – Mass**

**11:30 a.m.** – Rosary Procession

**12:00 p.m.** – Tea and Coffee in Parish Hall

**4:00 p.m.** – Confessions

**5:15 p.m. – Mass** – Nicola Stefano, Bernie Miller, Michael Embro, Margaret & Jerzy Skowron, Intentions of Bianca Carter, Intentions of Antonio & Fiorella DiLoreto on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

**Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> – The Solemnity of the most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**

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

**9:00 a.m. – Mass**

**11:00 a.m. – Mass**

**Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps**

During the week beginning Sunday, May 31st, 2026, The Regina Caeli Shrine lamps will burn for the repose of the soul of Teodora & Jozet Goralski & Czeszawa & Feliks Adamiak.

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 \$7,939.50 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

**Vocations**

Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink to nourish us on our journey towards the Kingdom. May we be faithful to him on our journey as married, single, ordained or consecrated persons. 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

**PARISH NEWS**

**2026 Marian Day Events**

Once again, this year the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, as the Diocesan Marian Shrine, will be hosting the Hamilton Diocesan Marian Days on the first Saturdays from June through October. The Marian Days will begin with a Holy Hour at 9:00am, with confessions being heard during the Holy Hour. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am, followed by the Rosary Procession. You are welcome to bring a lunch, coffee and tea will be served after the Procession, and tours of the Basilica will be available. Dates are as follows: June 6, 2026 (Bishop Ustrzycki), July 4, 2026 (Bishop Lobsinger), August 1, 2026 (Cardinal Collins), September 5, 2026 (Bishop Lobsinger) and October 3, 2026 (Bishop Dabrowski).

**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](mailto:edgar@gateways-international.com). Space is limited so register soon.

**Message from the Parish Kitchen: Desperately Seeking...**

Blue and white tea-towels from the Parish Hall Kitchen. If you took them home to launder, thank you most sincerely, but we would like them back. We're really missing them!

**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. On June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm

(Lourdes Room), the group will be discussing "Love in the Ruins" by Catholic author Walker Percy. For more information email [hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com](mailto:hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com).

### **Guelph Catholic Dad's group**

The next Saturday meeting is at 7:00am June 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:paul_jc@live.com) for more details.

### **Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession - June 4<sup>th</sup>**

The Wellington Deanery is inviting you to its 2026 Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession on June 4<sup>th</sup>, following the 6 pm Mass at St. John the Baptist Parish in Guelph. The procession will be from St. John the Baptist Parish to Sacred Heart Church. Please come dressed for the weather and bring water. For more information, please email [ourlady@churchofourlady.com](mailto:ourlady@churchofourlady.com)

### **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](mailto: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 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The notification of acceptance is June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026. The presentation will be on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at the 11am Mass.

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass**

Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](https://bit.ly/WYDInfoNight) For more information about WYD in the Diocese of Hamilton please visit: [wyd.hamiltondiocese.com](http://wyd.hamiltondiocese.com)

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

July 13<sup>th</sup> – July 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 [stjohnsguelph@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stjohnsguelph@hamiltondiocese.com).

### **GUELPH WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO MIDLAND:**

#### **AUG 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

WALKING PILGRIMAGE IS ABOUT:

- \* Nourishing your spirituality
- \* enjoying the great outdoors
- \* getting great exercise: 20+km per day
- \* having fun and enjoying good company

Those who walk the Guelph-to-Midland pilgrimage find it to be a unique and grace-filled experience. For eight days pilgrims pray, sing, laugh, and share stories with others as they journey. Join us, as we cast off routine for eight days and acquiesce to a community of higher purpose.

**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](http://www.ignatiusguelph.ca) (under programs - Guelph Walking Pilgrimage) **NOTE registration deadline June 30, 2026.**

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