



Monday, December 7 – Feast: *St. Ambrose*
9:00a.m. – Intentions of *Mary's List*

Tuesday, December 8 – Feast: *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
7:30a.m. – Pastoral Intentions
9:00a.m. – *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
7:00p.m. – Solemn Mass of the *Immaculate Conception w/ Bishop Crosby*

Wednesday, December 9 – Ferial: *Weekday*
7:30a.m. – *Emilio Stradiotto*
12:15p.m. – Intentions of *Jesse Montooth, Intentions of Jacquie Harris*

Thursday, December 10 – Ferial: *Weekday*
9:00a.m. – *Tim Sullivan, Nancy Raso (Hamilton)*

Friday, December 11 – Ferial: *Weekday*
9:00a.m. – *Tomas Semlak, Intentions of Lochiel McCarthy*

Saturday, December 12 – Feast: *Our Lady of Guadalupe*
9:00a.m. – Pastoral Intentions
5:15p.m. – *Celestina Cabling, Gioan Do Quang Bui, Lucia Maria Martone, Lina Gemin, Robert Holliday*

Sunday, December 13 – Third Sunday of Advent
9:00a.m., 10:30a.m. & 12noon

Stewardship of Treasure:

Thank you for your gift of \$9,683.00 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessings.

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

COVID-19 UPDATES

Please refer to our parish website (www.basilicaofourlady.com) or the diocesan website (hamiltondiocese.com) for the current and updated directives regarding COVID-19 from Bishop Crosby and the Diocese of Hamilton.

ADVENT MASS AND DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE 2020

During the Advent Season Masses will be celebrated at the following times:

Lord's Day Masses

*Saturdays at 5:15p.m.
Sundays at 9:00a.m., 10:30a.m. and 12:00noon*

Weekday Masses

*Monday – 9:00a.m.
Tuesday – 9:00a.m.
Wednesday – 7:30a.m. & 12:15p.m.
Thursday – 9:00a.m.
Friday – 9:00a.m.
Saturday – 9:00a.m..*

Confessions

Saturdays – 8:00a.m.- 8:45a.m. & 3:30p.m.- 5:00p.m.

Monday, December 23rd – 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

*Wednesdays – 8:15a.m.-12:00noon
Fridays – 9:30a.m.-12:00noon*

Perpetual Help Devotions

Following the 7:30a.m. Mass on Wednesday mornings

TICKETS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

This year, due to the restrictions limiting the numbers in the Basilica because of the Covid-19 pandemic, we will be issuing tickets for the Christmas Masses. Tickets will be available after all Masses on the weekend of December 5th/6th. They are also available weekdays, Monday-Friday from 9a.m.-4:30p.m. at the Parish Office (closed between 12-1p.m.) Attendance at each Mass will be limited to 200 people so that we stay under our socially distanced number for occupancy. Christmas Masses will be celebrated on Christmas Eve at 5:00p.m., 7:00p.m., 9:00p.m. and at Midnight. On Christmas Day Masses will be at 9:00a.m. and 11:00a.m. Please note that, in accordance with public health guidelines, we are only able to issue you tickets for people who live in your home; other friends or relatives will have to obtain their own. Tickets are free of charge but will be mandatory for entrance into the Basilica on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

**NOVENA OF MASSES FOR THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

In our capacity as the official Marian Shrine of the Diocese of Hamilton, the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate is honoured to offer a Novena of Masses leading up to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. During these trying times this Novena will be seeking the intercession and protection of the Mother of God, and Mother of the Church, on our Diocese in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. Novena Masses will be held at 7:00p.m. from November 29th to December 7th inclusive. Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, at 7:00p.m. on Tuesday, December 8th. All the faithful of the Diocese are welcome to take part in this Novena. Please note that all Diocesan Covid protocols must be observed while at the Basilica. Even if you cannot come to the Basilica in person, please join this Novena in prayer from your home. Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception, Pray for Us.

2021 PARISH ENVELOPES

Envelopes for your 2021 weekly donations are now prepared. They will be available for pick up in the Basilica this weekend, **December 5th/ 6th**. In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, please be sure to pick your envelopes up as soon as possible. If you are using envelopes regularly you will automatically receive a new set of envelopes. If you have moved within the past year, please inform the Parish Office so that our records are updated and you will receive your proper income tax receipt. Your financial support is an important response to the call of Stewardship and is much appreciated, as together we respond as good stewards for the financial support of our parish community.

SISTERS OF THE CARMEL OF SAINT JOSEPH

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Jesus, December 16th to December 25th, 2020. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to Infant Jesus. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to: Carmel of Saint Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1, St. Agatha, ON, N0B 2L0.

MINISTRY OF COMPASSION – NAVIGATING THE HOLIDAYS

Grief is a very difficult road to travel and winding one's way through Christmas, birthdays, anniversaries, or any other holiday comes with many obstacles. It can be overwhelming. Please visit the Ministry of Compassion link for some simple suggestions to help you and your family honour your loved one this Christmas and throughout the year.

ONLINE DONATIONS

For those parishioners who are choosing to make their weekly or monthly Offertory donation online (through Canada Helps via the parish website or directly with Canada Helps...It would help us greatly if you would enter the word "Offertory" in the **Message** field on the Canada Helps page. Also, please note, if you opt to donate in this way you will be receipted directly through Canada Helps for these donations for tax receipt purposes and not the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Parish.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATIONS

Junior Kindergarten and Senior Kindergarten at Wellington Catholic...We have faith in education. The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting registrations for Kindergarten at our schools beginning January 4th, 2021.

Kindergarten Eligibility

* must be four years of age on or before December 31st, 2021 to attend Junior Kindergarten

* must be five years of age on or before December 31st, 2021 to attend Senior Kindergarten

Documents needed:

- child's birth certificate
- a parent or child's baptismal Certificate child's health card/immunization record/ custody papers (if applicable)
- proof of tax support for families new to the system (i.e. most recent bill)

PLEASE NOTE:

* Students currently attending a Wellington Catholic Junior Kindergarten program are **NOT REQUIRED** to register for Senior Kindergarten. Should you have any questions about registration procedures or requirements, please call your school

SUNDAY (do not change anything here, we'll put a correct header each week)
