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Parish Community



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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, Rector
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 Carlos Diaz, Seminarian Intern

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Joe Finocchio, Business Manager
 Susan Potvin, Parish Secretary
 Brian Smith, Custodian

Music Ministry

Joe Carere, Organist & Choirmaster
 Julian Mason, Organ Scholar

Parish Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 9:00am - 12:00 noon
1:00pm - 4:30pm

St. Vincent de Paul Society: 519-654-3575

Elementary Schools:

Saint Michael School

9 McElderry Road
 Principal: Brian Munaro.....519-823-2455

Saint Paul School

182 Clairfields Drive East
 Principal: Sue Majer.....519-824-9470

Saint Ignatius of Loyola School

251 Colonial Drive
 Principal: Robert Furfaro.....519-822-6192

Welcome to newcomers in the parish.

Registration forms are available at the office or on our website.

Hospital Registration:

Please be sure to indicate your religion and parish when entering the hospital.

Lord's Day Masses:

Saturday: 5:15pm
Sunday: 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon

Weekday Liturgies:

See schedule inside

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday 8:30 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: Stephen Gulyas.....519-822-8502

Our Lady of Lourdes

54 Westmount Road
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Bequests:

Please consider a bequest to the Church of Our Lady 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 nine months before the proposed date of 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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, December 13– *St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr*
9:00a.m. – *Eric & Rosemary Kubica, Lochiel*
McCarthy, Mat Pagnan
7:00p.m. – *Novena Mass*

Tuesday, December 14– *St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor*
9:00a.m. *Nada Wyman*

Wednesday, December 15 – *Ferial: Weekday*
7:30a.m. – *Thomas Kenny*
8:30a.m. to 12:00 noon – *Eucharistic Adoration*
12:15p.m.– *Peter Durante*

Thursday, December 16 – *Ferial: Weekday*
9:00a.m. – *Gosha, Richard Wojcicki*

Friday, December 17 – *Ferial: Weekday*
9:00a.m. – *Primo Baggio & Maria Alessandro, George Martin*

Saturday, December 18 – *Ferial: Weekday*
9:00am - *Pastoral Intentions*
5:15pm – *Anton Semlak, Lorenzo De Gravio, Nicola Stefano, Madge McDowell, Paul Garcia, Regina Silveira*

Sunday, December 19 – *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
9:00a.m.- 10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

REST IN PEACE

+We offer our prayers and sympathy to all the families who have recently lost a loved one. May they, and all our deceased loved one's rest in peace with the Lord.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

+Thank you for your gift \$26,050.00 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessings.

Sacrament of Reconciliation During Advent

Saturday, Dec. 18 8:00 am – 8:30 am
11:00am – 12:00 noon
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Publication of Banns Of Ordination Announcement

Mr. Carlos Arturo Diaz is scheduled to be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 28, 2021 at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, Ontario. If anyone knows of a serious cause why this Ordination should not take place, please notify your Parish Priest.

Let us all pray that Mr. Carlos Diaz will be a good and faithful servant of the Lord and His Church.

CWL Silent Auction

Since Covid has come into our lives, the CWL has not been able to raise funds in our traditional way. In order to raise funds for the numerous charities the Basilica CWL supports, we will be hosting an online auction – just in time for holiday shopping and gift-giving! The auction will be live from December 1st until December 18th, 2021. Please visit www.basilicaofourlady.com and click on the link to the auction. This is an exciting venture for the CWL and we hope you will join in on the fun!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament During Advent

All Wed. of Advent 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

All Saturdays of Advent

A Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 8:00 am, ending with Mass at 9:00 am. Morning Prayer will be prayed at 8:40 am.

Direct Deposits

We have a weekly and monthly direct deposit available for parishioners who do not want to receive envelopes, please let the parish know and a form will be emailed to you, or you can register on www.basilicaofourlady.com

Vocations

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest, deacon or religious to carry the Good News of God's Great Love? If you feel God is calling you to a Church vocation, then call Father Ian Duffy at 519-824-3951 for further information.

Change of Address

Contact Susan in the office 519-824-3951 or e-mail ourlady@churchofourlady.com. If you are using envelopes from another parish, please print your name on the envelope so we can identify who it is.

2022 Sunday Missals and Envelopes

Missals will be on sale at the office and the church for \$5.00 apiece. 2022 Envelopes should be ready for pickup on December 5, 2021 in the church.

Kindergarten Registration at Wellington Catholic DSB

The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting new registrations for Kindergarten at our schools beginning January 3, 2022.

To be eligible for registering in kindergarten children;

- Must be four years of age on or before December 31, 2022 to attend Junior (Yr 1)
- Must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2022 to attend Senior (Yr 2)

During the registration process, school administration is available to assist you with any questions you may have. To assist administrators with registering your child for kindergarten, we ask that you have the following documents available;

- Child's Birth Certificate
- Parent or Child's Baptismal Certificate
- Proof of Tax Support for Families new to the system (i.e. most recent tax receipt)
- Proof of Address (Government Document, Mortgage or Rental Agreement, Hydro Bill, Credit Card Statement)
- Immigration Documentation (If applicable)
- Custody Documents (If applicable)

Also;

- Students currently attending a WC Junior (Yr 1) Kindergarten program are **NOT REQUIRED** to register for Senior (Yr 2)
- Should you have any questions about registration procedures or requirements, please contact your local Catholic school.

Parenting Tip of the Month: Tip 135

The excitement of Christmas begins to build even before Halloween. Children are targeted with ads and commercials to ask Santa for the latest toys, electronic device or game. As parents we love to see the anticipation, but our task is a greater one – it is to keep the reason for Christmas at the forefront of our children's minds and understanding. Are they as excited about the coming of Christ and it's meaning for all people? Do they have a sense that long after every gift they desire from Santa is gone, the truths, love, care, compassion, guidance and stability from God will live on to help each of us to live and, ultimately, receive the gift of eternity? The true gift of Christmas should never be the last one we think of, or getting excited about, since it is indeed the most valuable. Advent is the perfect time to daily bring all of this to light!

Marriage Tip of the Month – Tip 115

Intentional divorce and conscience uncoupling are two terms becoming popular in North American vernacular, but what we should be promoting is intentional marriage and conscience coupling. The research is clear that couples can take steps to remain and even deepen their love. Consciously making the decision to spend time together, to share our deepest feelings (good and bad), to use touch throughout the day, to make date-night (however this looks) a priority will build your couple relationship. Looking for moments of gratitude and thanking your spouse will increase the loving bond between you. This Christmas make conscience coupling your gift to each other; it may be the best gift you will ever receive!

Knights of Columbus 50/50 Draw

The Knights of Columbus, Council #1507 is a participating Council in an electronic 50/50 raffle. Tickets are only available for purchase online. For more information on the raffle, please go to <http://www.kofcontario5050.com>. (Please choose "Guelph 1507" as the Organization.)

Short Cut: If you want to purchase tickets for this raffle, here is the most direct way – please go to: <https://www.kofc1507.org/post/the-knights-of-columbus-50-50-electronic-affle>

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