

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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Pastoral Team

Father Ian Duffy, Rector
 Father Bill Foote, Honourary Assistant
 Deacon Quinto Tami
 Carlos Diaz, Seminarian Intern

Basilica Staff

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: Sue Majer.....519-823-2455
Saint Paul School
 182 Clairfields Drive East
 Principal: Philip DiNucci.....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
 Principal: Betty Farrell.....519-836-2170
Saint James High School
 57 Victoria Road North
 Principal: Mike MacPherson.....519-822-4290
St. John Bosco
 19 Northumberland Street
 Principal: Kellie Angerilli.....519-824-8909

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



USE OF THE PARISH HALL AND MEETING ROOMS AT THE BASILICA

Dear Parishioners,

Effective immediately and until further notice, the following guidelines and protocols will apply for use of the Parish Hall and Meeting Rooms:

Monday, October 4 – *St. Francis of Assisi*
9:00a.m. – *Diane Loepky, Matthew McManus, and Intentions of Gosha*

Tuesday, October 5 – *Ferial: Weekday*
9:00a.m. – *Luigi Gatto*
6:30p.m. – *Robert Langlois*

Wednesday, October 6 – *Ferial: Weekday*
7:30a.m. – *Intentions of Rufus Skinner*
8:30a.m. to 12:00 noon – *Eucharistic Adoration*
12:15p.m. – *Justina Kreze, Peter Marchese*

Thursday, October 7 – *Our Lady of the Rosary*
9:00a.m. – *Paul Garcia and Special Intentions of Carmen Leith*

Friday, October 8 – *Ferial: Weekday*
9:00am – *Santhosh George, Aaron Recelis, and Intentions of Jack & Peggy McGarry*

Saturday, October 9 – *Ferial: Weekday*
5:15pm – *David Patrick Smith, Dionisia Bergantim and Intentions of Justin Nazren, Hilary De Souza, Friends and Family of Hilary De Souza*

Sunday, October 10 – *Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9:00a.m.- 10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon

1. Only the Main Parish Hall and the Music Annex are available for use. The Newstead Room, the Crypt Chapel and the Lourdes Room (basement meeting room in the Parish Office) remain closed until further notice.
2. Use of the Parish Kitchen is reserved to those providing care for the Homeless and for the Vinny's Kitchen Ministry. No other group using the Hall may use the Kitchen.
3. Only the Universal Washroom in the Parish Hall is available for use. Other washrooms will remain locked until further notice.
4. The Parish Hall is limited to a capacity of 30 people. The Music Annex is limited to 14 people.
5. Social Distancing must be strictly observed by all in attendance.
6. Hand Sanitizing and sanitizing of the space after use must be observed.
7. Masks must be worn by all in attendance at all times while in the Parish Hall or Music Annex.
8. Contact Tracing must be done by the person in charge of the meeting and submitted to Susan at the Parish Office on the next business day.
9. No food or drink is to be served, brought to, or consumed during meetings in the Parish Hall or Music Annex.
10. In accordance with recent Diocesan Guidelines everyone attending a meeting or event in the Parish Hall or Music Annex must provide proof of full vaccination. It is the responsibility of the person in charge of the meeting to ensure the proof of vaccination is provided.
11. Other than Diocesan organizations, and the Scouts, with whom we have a long-standing relationship, no other group or organization from outside the parish will be permitted to use parish facilities for the time being, except in emergency circumstances.

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 \$6,852.00 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessings.

Change of Address

Contact Susan at the office 519-824-3951 or e-mail ourlady@churchofourlady.com

12. It is strongly recommended that Groups, Committees and Ministries continue to meet online for the time being.

I thank you for your attention to these unfortunate guidelines, and I join you in praying that we will soon see the end of the Covid Pandemic and will be able to return to a more vibrant, and in-person parish life.

I remain yours in Christ,

Fr. Ian Duffy Rector,
The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate.

COVID VACCINES

The official position of the Catholic Church is that all available COVID vaccines are ethical and all Catholics who are able are encouraged to receive the vaccine. All employees serving in the Diocese of Hamilton are encouraged to be fully vaccinated or to submit to a COVID rapid test every Monday and Thursday in order to carry out their responsibilities. Volunteer liturgical ministers are required to be fully vaccinated. Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI encourages every member of the Catholic Church within our Diocese of Hamilton to be fully vaccinated.

STATEMENT FROM THE CANADIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS ON RECONCILIATION WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES OF CANADA

The Catholic Bishops of Canada, gathered in Plenary this week, took the opportunity to affirm and acknowledge to the Indigenous Peoples the suffering experienced in Canada's Indian Residential Schools. Many Catholic religious communities and dioceses participated in this system, which led to the suppression of Indigenous languages, culture, and spirituality, failing to respect the rich history, traditions and wisdom of Indigenous Peoples. They acknowledged the grave abuses that were committed by some members of our Catholic community; physical, psychological, emotional, spiritual, cultural, and sexual. They also sorrowfully acknowledged the historical and ongoing trauma and the legacy of suffering and challenges faced by Indigenous Peoples that continue to this day. Along with those Catholic entities which were directly involved in the operation of the schools, and which have already offered their own heartfelt apologies, the Catholic Bishops of Canada expressed their profound remorse and apologized

unequivocally. Together with the many pastoral initiatives already underway in dioceses across the country, the Bishops pledged to undertake fundraising in each region of the country to support initiatives discerned locally with Indigenous partners. Furthermore, they invited the Indigenous Peoples to journey with us into a new era of reconciliation, helping us to prioritize initiatives of healing, to Listen to the experience of Indigenous Peoples, especially to the survivors of Indian Residential Schools, and to educate our clergy, consecrated men and women, and lay faithful on Indigenous cultures and spirituality. They further committed to continue the work of providing documentation or records that will assist in the memorialization of those buried in unmarked graves.

A delegation of Indigenous survivors, Elders/knowledge keepers, and youth will meet with the Holy Father in December 2021. Pope Francis will encounter and listen to the Indigenous Peoples, so as to discern how he can support our common desire to renew relationships and walk together along the path of hope in the coming years. The Bishops of Canada have pledged to work with the Holy See and our Indigenous partners on the possibility of a pastoral visit by the Pope to Canada as part of this healing journey.

We are committed to continue the journey with the First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples of this land. For more information, please contact the diocese or visit www.cccb.ca.

Vocations

If we really believe in something, it does not seem to be a sacrifice to give up everything else to pursue that new dream. Jesus asks the same as any great leader...total dedication; but He promises rewards no one else can promise. "You will have treasure in Heaven, then come, follow Me." Come follow the call of Christ as a priest, sister, brother or deacon. If you feel that God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Father Michael King, Director of Vocation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 ext. 2246 or email; vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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.

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