

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, KHS, Rector
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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
 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: 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: Sandra Cummings.....519-822-4290
St. John Bosco
 19 Northumberland Street
 Principal: Corey Malone.....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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Monday, March 7 – Ferial - Weekday

9:00a.m. – Luigi Gatto, Anton & Matilda Kramberger, Liz & Joe Tersigni, Semlak Family, Father Ron Synnott and Special Intention for Sam Morton
9:00a.m. to 1:30pm – Walk for Life Church Hall

Tuesday, March 8 – Ferial - Weekday

9:00a.m. – Paul Garcia and Special Intentions for Patricia Collin
7:00 p.m. – CWL Lenten Mass – Father Erek Skwarek, Luis Rego

Wednesday, March 9 – Ferial - Weekday

7:00a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
7:30a.m. – Ken Leader
9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. – Eucharistic Adoration
12:15p.m. – Melissa Zaviski

Thursday, March 10 – Ferial - Weekday

9:00a.m. – Special Intentions for Terry Natywarly
7:00p.m. – Robert Hines

Friday, March 11 – Ferial - Weekday

9:00a.m. – Stations of the Cross - Paul Garcia
1:00p.m. to 7:00p.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (All Fridays during Lent)
6:00p.m. to 6:45p.m. – Confessions
7:00p.m. – Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Saturday, March 12 – Ferial – Weekday

8:00a.m. to 8:45a.m. – Confessions
9:00a.m. – Lenten Saturday Mass
4:00pm to 5:00p.m. - Confessions
5:15p.m. – Geri Amichand, Pat Migliarini, Kathy & Ed Noon, Dominic Romeo, Joyce Thompson and Intentions for Michael & Amanda March and Nicholas & Katie March

Sunday, March 13 – Second Sunday of Lent

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.

MEMORIAL GIVING

Making a memorial gift is a special way to honour the memory of a deceased loved one. When a deceased family member or friend was a person of faith, a gift to their Parish is a meaningful way to honour what was most special to them. Your donation is acknowledged to the family that a gift has been made in honour of the deceased; however, the amount of the gift is never disclosed. Please consider the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate when making funeral arrangements and include our Parish in the Memorial Donations along with your favourite charities and causes. Thank you.

Lent 2022 Virtual Resources

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis and the Liturgy Office have prepared a variety of resources for parishes and families for the Lenten Season.

The link below brings you to the Lent 2022 Virtual Resources on the Diocesan web page. A few of these resources are highlighted below.

- Liturgy of the Word for Ash Wednesday with His Excellency, Bishop Wayne Lopsinger prepared with an elementary school participant in mind. This can be celebrated virtually in a classroom or at home.
- Tips for families celebrating the Lenten rituals of prayer, fasting and almsgiving at home.
- Resources available for purchase from the Diocese office or free on-line links to children's activities, literature for teens, and adult resources.

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/lent2022/>

Church Keys

We are presently conducting a security audit of the Basilica and requesting that all groups or individuals with a key(s) to the Basilica return them to the Parish Office. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated

Stewardship of Treasure

† Thank you for your gift of \$7,160.00 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessing. The SVDP collection was \$3,247.00 thank you for your continued support.

Evening with His Excellency, Bishop Lobsinger

Join Auxiliary Bishop, Wayne Lobsinger, for Evenings with His Excellency, and opportunity to learn more and ask questions about our Catholic Faith. You may attend online or in person at Canadian Martyrs Parish, Hamilton, on the 2nd Friday of every month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, visit: <https://www.canadianmartyrshamilton.com/upcoming/2021/9/10/evenings-with-his-excellency>.

40 Days for Life – Mass with Bishop Lobsinger

On **Thursday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m.** Bishop Lobsinger will be visiting the Basilica of Our Lady for a special Mass for 40 Days for Life. 40 Days for Life is a time of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to end abortion. The prayer vigil is taking place daily from March 2 to April 10 in downtown Guelph and all are encouraged to sign up to pray. Visit 40daysforlife.com/Guelph for more details or call 519-836-6311.

Tax Receipts for 2021

Are now available in the Church for pickup. If you have any concerns, please contact Susan at the parish office.

McCafe Free Coffee Cards

Saint Vincent de Paul is hoping to collect the McCafe free coffee cards to give to the homeless that come up for breakfast at our Basilica steps.

As you know, due to the cold weather, the breakfast program is currently being run through the Stepping Stone (aka Drop-in Centre). We provide the shelter with the breakfast sandwiches and fresh fruit, and they help us by putting it out for those folks spending the night at the shelter. We are hoping to reinstate it at our church steps sometime mid-May.

Until then however, we were hoping to ask our parishioners to donate any full McCafe cards they may have. This will not only permit a person to enter a McDonalds to get out of the cold for a bit, but also allow them to get free coffee at the same time. If anyone wishes to help out, they can put the card(s) in an envelope marked SVDP Coffee Cards and leave it in the collection basket on Saturday or Sunday Masses. The cards will be collected and distributed to the homeless directly.

Vocations

Peter, John and James had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our lives. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre

Is now open and accepting group and personal retreat bookings for 2022! With a large Chapel and acres of untouched green space Mount Mary is an ideal location for those seeking a retreat experience. Groups of all types are welcome for a day or for an overnight stay. For more information please visit: www.mountmary.ca

Grief Relief

Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? Are you wondering if your feelings are normal? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton will be offering an online grief program beginning in April. Find out more on the Diocesan website at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/grief-support>, or call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

St. Michael's I	Thurs. Apr. 28	7:00pm
St. Ignatius	Sat. Apr. 30	10:00am
St. Paul's I	Tues. Apr. 26	7:00pm
Correspondence	Thurs. Apr. 28	7:00pm

Celebration of First Holy Communion

St. Ignatius	Sat. May 14	10:00am
St. Michaels's	Sat. May 21	10:00am
St. Paul	Sat. May 28	10:00am

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