# BASILICA OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE



#### 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, VF, KHS, Rector Father Bill Foote, Honourary Assistant Deacon Quinto Tami Deacon Moices Caballero

#### Basilica Staff

Joe Finochio, Business Manager Susan Potvin, Parish Secretary Amy Grey, Secretary Brendan Shea, Custodian

#### Music Ministry

Joe Carere, Organist & Choirmaster Julian Mason, Sub-Organist Bruce Taylor, Organ Scholar

#### <u>Parish Office Hours:</u> Monday to Friday 9:00am - 12:00 noon 1:00pm - 4:30pm

St. Vincent de Paul Society: 519-731-2563

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- 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.

<u>Lord's Day Masses:</u> Saturday: 5:15 pm Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am

#### <u>Weekday Liturgies:</u> 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: Michael MacPherson...519-822-8502 Our Lady of Lourdes 54 Westmount Road Principal: Valerie Markes............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.

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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

# MASSES OF THE WEEK

# Monday, December 2nd

7:30 a.m. - Novena Mass - Members of the Martinello and Hunt Families

8:30 a.m. - The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer) 9:00 a.m. - Mass - Manuel Pires, Charlie Bone, Intentions of Women at Marion Place

# Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> - St. Francis Xavier

7:30 a.m. - Novena Mass - Ana Percis 8:30 a.m. - The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer) 9:00 a.m. - Mass - Margaret Skowron, Stuart Crease 7:00 p.m. - Advent Evening Mass - Intentions of Ida Baggio

# Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a.m. - The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer) 7:30 a.m. - Novena Mass - Intentions of O'Neil Family 8:00 a.m. - Perpetual Help Devotions 8:30 a.m. - Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament 12:15 p.m. - Mass - Mary Peori

# Thursday, December 5th

7:30 a.m. - Novena Mass - Bill Gordon 8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer) 9:00 a.m. - Mass - Members of the Garic Family, Stuart Crease

# Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

7:30 a.m. – Novena Mass – Jennifer Augustus 8:30 a.m. - The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer) 9:00 a.m. - Mass - Antony Selestine Fernandez, Intentions of Marilyn Langlois

# Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – St. Ambrose

7:30 a.m. - Novena Mass - Intentions of Monsignor Noon 8:00 a.m. - First Saturday Confessions

9:00 a.m. - Mass Sung in Latin

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. - Mass – Bill Chamberlain, Gye-Ryong Kim, Celestina Cabling, Vicki Anderson, Marija & Mohor Kus, Primo Baggio

Sunday, December 8th - 2nd Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. – Novena Mass

- 8:30 a.m. The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer) 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 11:00 a.m. Mass
- **1:00 p.m.** Baptisms
- 3:30 p.m. Edison Singers Messiah

# PARISH NEWS

#### **Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps**

During the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, starting on Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> 2024, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn in loving memory of Jennifer Strong and burn for the intentions For All the Saints. 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 gift of \$12,883.25 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

#### Vocations

Could God be calling you to be a Priest, Deacon, Brother or Sister to help our world of today to truly "Prepare the way of the Lord"? Contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

## Advent Evening of Reflection

On Tuesday, December 3rd, you are all welcome to an evening of Advent Reflections from the writings and talks of the Venerable Fulton J. Sheen. Allan Smith, a radio host, and expert on Archbishop Sheen's work, will lead the reflections. Allow the stirring words of Fulton Sheen to lead you into a deeper experience of the Advent Season.

#### Holy Hour and Mass on Saturday Mornings

During the Season of Advent Mass will be celebrated at 9:00a.m. on Saturday mornings. Mass will be preceded by a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 8:00a.m. with Confessions from 8:00-8:45, and the Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer) at 8:30a.m.

#### Masses on Tuesday Evenings

During Advent we will offer Holy Mass on Tuesday evenings at 7:00p.m. These Masses are particularly for those whose work or study do not enable them to attend Mass during the weekday, but all are welcome. During these Masses, Deacon Moices will lead us in Advent reflections each Tuesday evening.

#### Parish Registration/Renewal Campaign 2024

Our Parish Registration/Renewal Campaign 2024 is now underway. The aim of the Campaign is to register NEW parishioners and to **RENEW** information for current parishioners. Please fill out a registration card located in the Church. As a bonus, your card becomes a BALLOT in a DRAW for the STATUE of SANTA WITH BABY JESUS. Deposit your completed card in the collection basket or in the DRAW DRUM located at the back of the Church. The Campaign will run until December 22 with the draw to be held on that date.

#### Novena for The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Once again, this year we will celebrate a Novena (nine days) of Masses leading to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, our Parish's Patronal Feast Day. Novena Masses will be held at 7:30a.m. each morning from November 30<sup>th</sup> to December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Each morning will include the Novena Prayers, and a reflection on Our Lady in the life of Christ, and the life of the Church.

# The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Friday December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Because December 8<sup>th</sup> is a Sunday of Advent this year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to the following Monday. On Monday December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, we will celebrate our Parish's Patronal Feast as follows:

- 8:30a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Morning Prayer and Rosary)
- 6:15p.m. Vespers (Evening Prayer)
- 6:30p.m. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
- 7:00p.m. Solemn Mass for the Immaculate Conception Reception in the Parish Hall after Mass

# Pilgrimage June 2025 to Spain and France

You are invited to take part in a Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Spain and France from June 3rd to 13th, 2025. Fr. Ian Duffy, Rector of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, will be the Spiritual Director for this pilorimage. The price will be \$5,690.00 CDN per person including airfare,

accommodation, ground transportation and most meals. To register or for more information please contact Edgar at Gateways International (edgar@gateways-international.com or 1-800-268-0900 Ext 233).

# Parish Gift Shop

Christmas is just around the corner and the Basilica Gift Shop is stocked with beautiful Nativity Sets, Christmas ornaments, hostess gifts and stocking stuffers. The Basilica Gift Shop is now set up in the Newstead Room, so be sure to drop by and check it out. New Items arriving weekly, check out our wide selection of beautiful statues, rosaries, prayer books, rosaries, jewelry, plus much more.

#### Catholic Young Adult Book Study Group

The young adult book study group will be reading the novel "Till We Have Faces" by C.S. Lewis, continuing on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 5: 45p.m in the Parish Hall of the Basilica of Our Lady, starting with a potluck dinner. Young adults in their 20s and 30s are welcome to attend. Please contact hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com to RSVP.

#### **CWL Christmas Bazaar**

The CWL would like to sincerely thank everyone for their support at our Christmas Bazaar. A special thank you to our volunteers for their time and dedication. The bazaar would not have been a success without them. Thank you to all of the vendors who joined us and those who donated baked goods and household items. We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to our donors for their generosity. None of our success would be possible without the support of so many. Your contributions will make a difference in the lives of those we serve. May God richly bless you and your families this Christmas season.

# **OTHER NEWS**

# Fresh Christmas Table Centerpiece Workshop

Please join us at Our Lady of Lourdes Church (Waterloo) in the Parish Hall, on Friday December 20th, 2024, at 2:00p.m. The cost of the workshop is \$50.00, and everything will be provided. To register please contact via email Patrycja @ pwiecek@hotmail.com, space is limited, and you must be registered to attend.

#### Catholic Moms Group – St. John the Baptist Church

We meet every first Wednesday of the month, you and your children are welcome to attend. This month we will be learning how to make your own Advent Wreath. Join us on Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024, from 4:30p.m. to 6:00p.m. Supplies are limited so please RSVP to secure your spot at st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com

(St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 45 Victoria Rd. N. Guelph On)

## The Reel Justice Film Festival

Is excited to release our dates for the 2025 season. Our films this year focus on hope and the personal stories that give voice to those that often go unheard. Themes included women's empowerment, refugees, youth, Indigenous justice, and environmental care. We start the season on January 23, 2025, with She Rises Up, a revealing look at the power of women's economic participation. Film Director, Maureen Castle-Tusty and Executive Producer James Tusty will join us as quest speakers. In 2088, they founded Sky Films Inc. to produce documentary films that inform, uplift, and inspire. The Reel Justice Festival is a partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace. Film screenings are shown online, once a month from January to May. You can view our full film lineup at: http://hamiltondiocese.com/reeljustice-film-festival/. We hope you can join us!

#### Christmas Sing-Along

Join us for a Christmas Sing-Along with Michael Kelly Cavan at St. Mary's Church (56 Duke St. West, Kitchener). The evening will be held on Sunday December the 8<sup>th</sup> from 2:00p.m. to 3:30p.m. Hosted by the St. Mary's Truth and Reconciliation Circle, all proceeds will support Healing of the Seven Generations Christmas appeal for Indigenous families in our region. Cookies, coffee, hot chocolate in parish hall following the sing along. Free will offering graciously accepted or bring an unwrapped toy (age 0-11) or a gift card.

#### Scotland & Northern England Trip (May 4-17, 2025)

Join us for an almost all-inclusive 12-day trip to Stirling, Durham, Lake District, and the surrounding countryside. Open to members of the parish community and their friends and family. The cost of the trip is \$4,695.00 and a deposit is due mid-July. See the St. Teresa of Avila parish website (www.stteresaelmira.ca) for the events page and itinerary details. Organized by Joan Coutu with Fr. Peter Meyer.

