

# BASILICA OF OUR LADY IMMACULATE

## 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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Joe Finochio, Business Manager  
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 Amy Grey, Secretary  
 Brendan Shea, Custodian

**Music Ministry**

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

**Parish Office Hours:**

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

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

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**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.

**Lord's Day Masses:**

**Saturday: 5:15 pm**  
**Sunday: 9:00 am & 11:00 am**

**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: 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.

**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](http://www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca)

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### MASSES OF THE WEEK

#### Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** - Peggy McGarry, John and Nancy Azzopardi, Intentions of Tim and Mary-Ann Kenny

#### Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. - The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Moses DiCicco, Intentions of Thanks For Baby Joseph

4:00 p.m – 7:00 p.m. - Confessions

7:00 p.m. – **Advent Evening Mass** – Laurie Lowe

#### Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a.m. - The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

7:30 a.m. - **Mass** – Intentions of Mary-Ann & Tim Kenny

8:00 a.m. - Perpetual Help Devotions

8:30 a.m. - Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

12:15 p.m. - **Mass** – Intentions of Luvette Louisey

7:00 p.m. – John B Miller Advent Concert

#### Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Maria Carmela Alpe

#### Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Maurice & Frances Zadro, Eleanor & Lanny Sorbara, Harry Perets

7:30 p.m. - Guelph Chamber Choir – Messiah Concert

#### Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

8:00 a.m. - Confession

9:00 a.m. – **Mass**

3:00 p.m.- 4:45 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. - **Mass** – Trudy Fernandes, Baby Fernandes, Hugh O'Connor, Elise Sante Baggio, Intentions of Reidy Family, Intentions of Oswald & Yvonne Fernandes

#### Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

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

## PARISH NEWS

### Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of Advent, beginning on Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> 2024, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn in loving memory of John & Josephine Ustrzycki, and for the intentions of the Caballero Family.

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 \$11,927.00 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

### 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? contact **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988**

Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

Website: [www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

### 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.

### John B. Miller Advent Concert, Wednesday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>

Again, this year we are pleased to welcome John B. Miller and friends to the Basilica of Our Lady for an evening of Advent Music. Please join us on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of beautiful music. Admission is free but a free will donation would be much appreciated.

### A Christmas Scripture Challenge

On the following days of the Christmas Season sit before your Christmas Tree, or your Nativity scene, and take a few minutes alone, or as a family to reflect upon the following passages of Scripture.

Christmas Eve

St. Luke 2:1-20

Christmas Day

St. John 1:1-14

Epiphany (Sun. Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>)

St. Matthew 2:1-12

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Fr. Ian Duffy, Rector of the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, will be the Spiritual Director for this pilgrimage. 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](mailto: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.

### **Parish Office Closure**

The Parish Office will close at 4:30p.m. on Monday, December 23, and open again at 9:00a.m. on Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>. It will also close at 12:00p.m. on Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, and open at 9:00a.m. on Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.

### **2025 Missals**

We still have Missals available at the Parish Office during the week. Please drop by if you need the new Missal.

### **Parish Envelopes**

The new Envelopes should be available the weekend of December 14/15, they will be alphabetical order, please pick up your 2025 envelopes at the back of the Church. If you do not see your name or now wish to receive envelopes, please call the Parish Office.

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **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](http://www.stteresaelmira.ca)) for the events page and itinerary details. Organized by Joan Coutu with Fr. Peter Meyer.

### **Kindergarten Registration at Wellington Catholic DSB**

The Wellington Catholic District School Board will be accepting new registrations for kindergarten at our schools beginning January 6, 2025!

To be eligible for registering in kindergarten, children;

- Must be four years of age on or before December 31, 2025, to attend Year 1 Kindergarten
- Must be five years of age on or before December 31, 2025, to attend Year 2 Kindergarten

To register we ask that you visit;

[https://www.wellingtoncdsb.ca/registration/kindergarten\\_registration](https://www.wellingtoncdsb.ca/registration/kindergarten_registration) and complete the online student pre-registration form. Once you have completed this form you will receive a

follow-up email to complete the registration process. 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 (ie, Most Recent Tax Bill)
- Proof of Address (Government Document, Mortgage or Rental Agreement, Hydro Bill, Credit Card Statement)
- Immigration Documentation (If Applicable)
- Custody Documents (if Applicable)

During the registration process, school administration are available to assist you with any questions you may have.

### **Please note:**

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

### **The Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass – Save the Date: June 1, 2025**

Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? Then you are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on June 1, 2025, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30p.m. Space allows room for Anniversary couples only – those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance. Registration will be available online in January at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

### **Marriage Tip Of The Month #144**

December can be a stressful month with all the preparation and planning that goes on before Christmas. This stress can cause us to lash out in ways we often would not, especially towards our spouses. This year make a conscious decision to break the cycle. Get out your calendars and plan some quiet time: a shared coffee, a walk in your neighborhood, watching a shared movie, or a dinner out. At least once a week make the gift of the season time with each other because its impact will last much longer than any other material gift you might give. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

### **Christmas Young Adults Night**

During the Christmas Season, Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our Diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adult Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30p.m.), social with food (7:30p.m.), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00p.m.) and compline (9:00p.m.) on Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Rd, West, Hamilton, On). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations> for more information.



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