

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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Parish Office Hours:

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

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

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.

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, December 9th - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer & Rosary, Adoration All Day
6:30 p.m. – Benediction
7:00 p.m. - Solemn Mass

Tuesday, December 10th

8:30 a.m. - The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. - Mass – Rosary & Adoration all Day, – Jack & Pegg McGarry, Vince Souza Machado, Intentions of Ryan Kilbourne
7:00 p.m. – Advent Evening Mass – Brunhild Fieldhouse

Wednesday, December 11th

7:00 a.m. - The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
7:30 a.m. - Mass – Arthur Koslow
8:00 a.m. - Perpetual Help Devotions
8:30 a.m. - Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
12:15 p.m. - Mass – Denis Grierson, Intentions of Patrick Grierson

Thursday, December 12th – Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Salvation of Sinners

Friday, December 13th - St. Lucy

9:00 a.m. - Mass – Grace Ryan, Intentions of Lochiel McCarthy

Saturday, December 14th – St. John of the Cross

8:00 a.m. - Confession
9:00 a.m. – Mass
4:00 p.m. - Confessions
5:15 p.m. - Mass – Maria & Alessandro Baccega, John Bui Do, Nada Wyman, Qung Bui Do, Jerzy Zajdel, Intentions of Sandra & Jim Evans

Sunday, December 15th – 3rd Sunday of Advent – Bambinelli Sunday

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 2nd Sunday of Advent, beginning on Sunday December 8st 2024, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn in loving memory of Members of the Noon & Collier Family and burn for the intentions of Monsignor Noon,

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 \$34,691.54 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 and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? Contact **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988**
Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
Website: 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.

Bambinelli Sunday, December 15h, 2024

On the Third Sunday of Advent, also called Gaudete Sunday, you are invited to take part in one of the newer traditions in our Catholic life. Please bring the Baby Jesus statues from your home nativity set(s). The images will be blessed at all of the Masses on "**Bambinelli Sunday**" before you place them in your home's Nativity.

John B. Miller Advent Concert, Wednesday Dec. 18th

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 18h 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 th)	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 3rd to 13th, 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 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 11th 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.

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 27th. It will also close at 12:00p.m. on Tuesday, December 31st, and open at 9:00a.m. on Thursday, January 2nd, 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) for the events page and itinerary details. Organized by Joan Coutu with Fr. Peter Meyer.

Bell Ringers for the 2024 Christmas Kettle Campaign

The Christmas Kettle is a cherished tradition, helping to raise vital funds that support our community programs, including food security, shelter, and support for vulnerable families. We believe that the presence of our congregation's involvement in this initiative would make a meaningful impact, not only in raising funds for Guelph, but also in spreading the message of hope and goodwill within our community.

We are looking for volunteers to stand at our kettles across Guelph, engaging with the community and encouraging donations. This is an excellent opportunity for members of our congregation to give back during this season of giving, while also fostering a spirit of volunteerism within our Church. To get involved **please call the Salvation Army at**

519-836-9360 ext. 230 or Guelph SA.ca.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of The Salvation Army and for considering this opportunity to make a lasting difference in our community. Together, we can bring hope and joy to those in need this holiday season.

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 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.

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