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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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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
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 182 Clairfields Drive East
 Principal: Dawn Uliana.....519-824-9470
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 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
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 54 Westmount Road
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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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, November 25th

8:30 a.m. - The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. - **Mass** - Luz Daguio, Mr & Mrs Eriberto Daguio Sr, Intentions of Marilyn Langlois

Tuesday, November 26th

8:30 a.m. - The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Daniela Babia, Elias Doiron

Wednesday, November 27th

7:00 a.m. - The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
7:30 a.m. - **Mass** – Intentions of The Macarthy Family
8:00 a.m. - Perpetual Help Devotions
8:30 a.m. - Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
12:15 p.m. - **Mass** – Sabina & Luigi Pilosio

Thursday, November 28th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Richard Wojcicki

Friday, November 29th

8:30 a.m. - The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Intentions of Kim Jones

Saturday, November 30th – St. Andrew

7:30 a.m. – **Novena Mass**
4:00 p.m. - Confessions
5:15 p.m. - **Mass** – Terry Artuso, Denis Grierson, Oscar Wilde, Antoine Bou Halloun, Intentions of Luvette & Trevor Louisey, and Kathleen & Kent Rodenburg

Sunday, December 1st – 1st 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. – Church Tours
4:00 p.m. – Service of Lessons and Carols

PARISH NEWS

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the 1st Sunday of Advent, starting on Sunday December 1st, 2024, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn in loving memory of Steve and Maria Magyar and burn for the intentions of all the unbaptized children. 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 \$9,258.20 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life."
Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the

Master. If you feel that God is calling you to serve Him as a Priest, Religious or Deacon, call **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988**
Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

2025 Sunday Missals

Will be available at the back of the Church following Masses starting the week of November 9th. Please have the exact amount when purchasing, the missal will be \$5.00 each. During the week you can come to the parish office to purchase a Missal.

Advent Service of Lessons and Carols Sunday December 1st, 2024, at 4:00p.m.

The weeks before Christmas are usually a hurried time of shopping, preparations, and card writing. For Christians, however these weeks should be marked by prayerful preparation for the Feast of Our Lord's Nativity. You are welcome to attend our annual **Advent Service of Lessons and Carols**, as a way to begin this season in prayer and recollection. This service will be a reflection on the Season of Advent through Scripture and music, following a format that has been used for almost a century at St. John's College, Cambridge. This year's service will begin at 4:00p.m. on the First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2024. Please come and bring a friend!

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 30th to December 8th, 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 8th, 2024

Because December 8th is a Sunday of Advent this year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to the following Monday. On Monday December 9th, 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 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 Gift Shop is stocked with beautiful Nativity Sets, Christmas ornaments, hostess gifts and stocking stuffers. The Gift Shop is now set up in the Newstead Room, so be sure to drop by and check it out. And yes, we still have a wide selection of beautiful statues, rosaries, prayer books, rosaries, jewelry, etc.

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, starting on Wednesday, November 27th and 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.

Help Support Pregnant Women and Their Babies

The Sanctuary Outreach Pregnancy Support Program assists pregnant women facing difficult circumstances. One practical way this is done is through the Sanctuary Outreach Hospital Bag Fund. This fund provides hospital recommended essentials, packed in a travel bag, for the hospital stay immediately after delivery. The provision of a hospital bag not only assists the mother as she prepares for delivery but also communicates to her that she and her baby are valued. Join us in supporting moms and babies by giving to the Sanctuary Outreach Hospital Bag Fund. We are collecting hospital bag items on Sunday, December 8th and Sunday, December 15th. Place your items in the collection bin in the front entrance or visit the below website to make a monetary donation. sanctuaryoutreach.com/hospitalbagfund

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 4th, 2024, from 4:30p.m. till 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 guest speakers. In 2008, 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/reel-justice-film-festival/>. We hope you can join us!

OAC at 150: Celebrating the Past, Charting the Future

Speaker: Dr. John Cranfield, Interim Dean of the Ontario Agricultural College
When: December 3, 2024, at 7:30p.m.
Where: Guelph Civic Museum, 52 Norfolk St
All lectures are free and open to the public, donations are appreciated.

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.

Marriage Tip of The Month #143

There is much written these days about the positive effects on people, emotionally, mentally and physically, when they learn to develop an attitude of gratitude. This is true for marriage as well. When we learn to see our spouses as those, we have a high regard for, we look at our spouse with a different set of eyes. We place great value in their attributes, those things they bring to the family and to us, and we learn to find moments every day of thankfulness for their gifts and presence in our lives. Life is about choices, choose gratitude for your spouse (on purpose) and life will be so much happier for both of you. From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office (905) 528-7988 ext. 2250.

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