

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
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 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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, September 23rd – St. Pius Of Pietrelcina

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

9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Michael Fitzgibbon, Anna Levenetz, Intentions of Christa & Ryan Kilbourne

Tuesday, September 24th

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

9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Alex Ostamus, Carmelo Montesanti

Wednesday, September 25th

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

7:30 a.m. - **Mass** – Mary Mani

8:00 a.m. - Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:15 p.m. - **Mass** – Margret Jordan

Thursday, September 26th – St. John De Brebeuf And St. Isaac Jogues

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

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Nancy Azzopardi

Friday, September 27th – St. Vincent De Paul

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

9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Peggy McGarry

Saturday, September 28th

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – SSVP Basilica Conference Retreat

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. - **Mass** – Elisa Sante Baggio, Virgilio Cabling, Dionisi Bergantim, Intentions of Ben Martin, Anna & Mario Percic, Mason Family Anniversary

Sunday, September 29th – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:00 a.m. – **Mass**

11:00 a.m. – **Mass**

PARISH NEWS

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the 25th week in Ordinary Time, starting on Sunday September 22, 2024 the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn in loving memory of Leo Bielawski & Mary Bielawski. 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 \$14,404.00 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing. The St Vincent DePaul Basilica Conference gives thanks for your donation of \$3,547.00 towards their works of charity on your behalf.

Vocations

Today's readings speak of the gifts of prophesy and of casting out demons.

If you feel God could be calling you to be a Priest, Religious, or Permanent Deacon, please contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

2024 Marian Day Events

Marian Days continue at the Basilica with Holy Hour at 9:00am, and confessions being heard during the Holy Hour. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am, followed by the Rosary Procession. The October 5th Marian Day will be followed by the Regina Caeli Tea. Tickets are now on sale, each ticket is \$25.00, and all tickets must be pre ordered. 1 seating only at 12:00pm, Contact the Parish Office for tickets.

Dates are as follows:

October 5, 2024 (Bishop Daniel Miehm)

Basilica's St. Vincent De Paul Conference

We will be hosting our annual Retreat on Saturday, September 28th, 2024, in the church hall. The retreat will begin with Holy Mass at 9:00a.m, followed by a number of compelling speakers who will address key issues facing Society today. Of course, there will be time for fun and fellowship as well. All past and present Vincentians are welcome. Please rsvp your intention to attend by calling 519-830-0594 before Wednesday September 25th, 2024.

Pilgrimage to France & Spain in June 2025

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 highlighting Lourdes, Lisieux, Nevers, Monserrat, Zaragoza, Barcelona and Paris. The price of \$5,690.00 CDN per person includes 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).

Catholic Young Adult Book Study Group

"Prayer: Sacraments, Scriptures, and Saints":

On Wednesday September 25th at 7:00pm, young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to attend a talk on the topic of prayer in the parish hall of the Basilica of Our Lady. Father Ian will be giving a talk called "Prayer: Sacraments, Scriptures, and Saints," and there will an opportunity to pray afterwards. Invite a friend, deepen your prayer life, and meet fellow young adults! To RSVP, contact Hanna Caruso at hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com.

Children's Liturgy is Back!!

This will be during the 9:00am and 11:00am Sunday Masses only and offered to children who are 4 years of age and up to grade 3. If you would like to be a part of our team who lead the children, please contact the parish office. We can always use your help, to guide our young parishioners to the blessings of our Lords words and readings.

Parish Gift Shop

People quite often have questions about the scapular: how to wear it, etc. For a complete answer, watch Fr. Michael-Joseph Paris OCD on YouTube; The Brown Scapular Explained. It is quite interesting and confirms that there are many fabrics and metal scapulars that can be worn.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

RCIA is a process for welcoming adult newcomers into the Roman Catholic Church. It is for all who are thinking about becoming Catholic or searching currently. Beginning in the fall, interested adults will meet each week for a few hours to explore our faith with experienced and encouraging parish facilitators. The first 10 weeks will focus on the fundamentals of Christianity in the context of our Roman Catholic experience. The process continues through winter and into spring with the focus shifting to specific Catholic beliefs and practices, and to spiritual preparation for reception into the church. While most participants become full members of the Church at Easter, there is ongoing dialogue and openness to each person's journey. Sessions will be held in the Lourdes meeting room (in the Parish Office) on Wednesdays from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, starting September 25th, 2024. Please contact the Parish Office for more information or to register at 519-824-3951 or email ourlady@churchofourlady.com

Other News

Catholic Moms Group

We are happy to announce that Teresa Hartnett of Hamilton Diocese Family Ministry Office will be a guest speaker on Wednesday, October 2nd, 2024, at 4:30pm till 6:00pm. Please join us at St. John the Baptist located at 45 Victoria Rd. North Guelph. Please RSVP to st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com. Teresa Hartnett is passionate about helping individuals, couples & families grow strong & happy, in how they live their faith! Teresa undertakes numerous speaking engagements across Canada each year & teaches for St. Peter's Seminary & Halton Catholic School Board's Staff Religion courses. She is also the author of Nighttime Devotional for Teen Girls, a book designed to assist teens in navigating life using their faith as a foundational tool. She believes her most important role is in her family as a Wife, Mother to her four children & Grandmother to her eight grandchildren!

Religious Education Program – In-Person Classes

St. Joseph Church is providing in-person Religious Catechism Classes for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation for students who attend Public or Private schools from grade 1 through to grade 7. It is also open to those children whose parents wish to have their children learn more about their Catholic Faith. Classes are every Tuesday from 6:30pm to 7:30pm starting September 10, 2024 and runs through to May 2025. For more information please contact Donna Haley at 519-831-6451. Registration forms are on the website under Parish Life/Ministries.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Fall In Love Again!

Dates: September 20th -22nd, 2024

Are you ready for more growth and happiness in your marriage or priesthood? Uncover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, transformational marriage! An in-person weekend is taking place at Queen of Apostles in Mississauga. For more information, call (416) 554-4439 or 416-554-7065 email Christian.elizabeth.arroba@wwme.org or visit the Worldwide Marriage Encounter website at www.wwme.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers refresher programs like this to help re-energize your marriage, but also has a program called Retrouvaille/Rediscovery for marriages in trouble, where partners have divorced or are considering divorce, and would like to make 'one last try'.

Engaged Encounter programs are for couples considering getting married. This highly effective weekend program is recognized in most dioceses as equivalent to the 6 week marriage preparation programs offered in many parishes. There will be cards placed at the back of the church for the for the next few weeks, if you would like to take one home with you.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Sick (EMoC)

Many parishes send extraordinary ministers to bring Communion (EMoC) to the faithful who are ill and deprived of their rightful and accustomed place in the Eucharistic community. EMoC, who have this responsibility, represents Christ and manifests faith and charity on behalf of the whole community toward those who cannot be present at the Eucharist. It is helpful and important that EMoC receive formation regarding liturgical instructions and ministerial responsibilities. To this end, the Liturgy Office is offering a formation workshop that will cover the following main points: Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to the sick as an extension of the Parish, Liturgical options and applications, Pastoral Issues, Resources. The workshop date and location is: Thursday October 10th, 2024 from 6:30pm till 9:00pm at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Kitchener. Registration can be found at http://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSezbuA1bIUVS6f1ix0AFB9mUXi8nLZiDIMGonyPu5WLPknw/viewform?usp=sf_link.

Parenting Tip Of The Month

As school begins a new, we set up new schedules and set boundaries and guidelines to help our children achieve the best success they can. It is a great time to incorporate prayer, perhaps before meals and bed, into your family routine. Let your children know that speaking to God at any time is an easy way to ask for support and share their joys. God is always ready to listen and provide help; this is a proven way to help your children succeed! (From: Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

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