

# 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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 Father Bill Foote, Honourary Assistant  
 Father John Iyekowa  
 Deacon Quinto Tami  
 Deacon Moices Caballero

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

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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

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

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### MASSES OF THE WEEK

#### **Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> - Family Day**

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

**9:00 a.m.** – **Mass** – Freda Kantor, Intentions of Bill Kantor, and Bill & Julie Flaherty

#### **Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

**9:00 a.m.** - **Mass** – Intentions of Deacon Tami

#### **Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

**7:30 a.m.** – **Mass** – Intentions of Kelly & Therese Strome

**8:00 a.m.** - Perpetual Help Devotions

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

**12:15 p.m.** – **Mass** – Intentions of Judy & Ron Howse

#### **Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

**9:00 a.m.** – **Mass** – Gentile Natarelli, Cresencio Reyes

#### **Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

**9:00 a.m.** - **Mass** – Isidro Cabling, Intentions of Lochiel McCarthy, Mary Muller

#### **Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Chair of St. Peter**

**4:00 p.m.** - Confessions

**5:15 p.m.** - **Mass** – Hugh, Rosemary, Michael and Andrew Lowe, Victor & Jennie Scherwinski, Mark Joseph Thomas

#### **Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary**

##### **Time**

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

**9:00 a.m.** – **Mass**

**11:00 a.m.** – **Mass**

**4:00 p.m.** – Elora Singers

### **PARISH NEWS**

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

During the 6<sup>th</sup> week in Ordinary Time, beginning on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn in loving memory of the Sorbara & Dupuis Families, and for the intentions of the Sorbara & Dupuis Families.

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 gifts collected in the amount of \$9,880.00 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

#### **Vocations**

The Lord calls us to do God's will. Pray that you may know God's will in your life; especially, if you have the inclination that you are being called to the ordained or consecrated life. If God is calling you to be a Priest, Religious or Deacon contact **Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988**

Email:

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

#### **Church Choir – Seeking Female Singers**

The Senior Choir is seeking female singers for the spring season. Please see Joe in the choir loft or inquire in the Parish office for more information

#### **Catholic Young Adult Study Book Group**

The young adult book study group will be discussing "Beautiful Eucharist" by Matthew Kelly on Wednesday February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 5:45p.m. The meeting will be 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 Hanna Caruso at [hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com](mailto:hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com) to RSVP.

### **OTHER NEWS**

#### **World Day of Prayer**

St. Joseph's Catholic Women's League invite you to this year's World Day of Prayer Service written by the women of Cook Islands on Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00a.m. at St. Joseph's Parish Hall (409 Paisley Rd, Guelph). This global ecumenical movement brings together over 150 countries to observe a common day of prayer. Join in solidarity as we pray in and with the women of Cook Islands. For more information, please call Sharon Huska at (519)821-4505.

#### **Royal City Mission – A Lent Experience**

As many of you know the Royal City Mission located at 50 Quebec St. Just steps down the hill from the Basilica, which serves up to 1,800 meals a week to those in need in our community. Their work for those they serve is built on a simple desire to create and foster 'relationships, justice, and beauty'. The Mission has partnered with local businesses, churches, and individuals to make their meal programs work. This requires up to 70 volunteers a week. As Lent approaches, if you are seeking a way to give back or if you want to immerse yourself directly in service to those less fortunate, please consider volunteering your time to the Royal City Mission. Visit their website at [www.royalcitymission.ca](http://www.royalcitymission.ca) to learn how you may help prepare and serve a meal, or perhaps attend, just to sit and share a conversation with one of their guests over a cup of coffee or nutritious meal. The Royal City Mission is a 'lifeline for many'. Please consider volunteering your time.

### **Guelph & Area Right to Life: Fundraising Dinner**

Save the date for our annual Fundraising Dinner on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, at 6:00p.m. at the Mandarin in Guelph (565 Woodlawn Rd W, Guelph, On N1K 1E9). Enjoy an evening of great food and fellowship in support of Guelph and Area Right to Life. Your participation helps sustain our work in the community. Bring your family and friends for this memorable evening in support of a worthy cause.

### **Valentine's Gala at St. John the Baptist Parish - Guelph**

Join us on Saturday February 22, 2025, at the Italian Canadian Club, Guelph. Doors open at 6:00p.m.; dinner at 7:00p.m, dancing to follow. Tickets are \$60.00 per person, and this includes: Salad, chicken parmigiana dinner, dessert, soft drinks, coffee, tea and raffle prizes. Tickets are on sale at St. John's Church after all Masses or at St. John's Parish Office until Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025. For more information email: [sjsocialcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:sjsocialcommittee@gmail.com).

### **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference**

This conference will bring together Catholic women to share in hearing informative presentations, enjoy delicious food and fellowship with all those present. The event will be held on Saturday March 22, 2025, from 9:00a.m. till 4:00p.m. at the Old Mill (includes light lunch) in Toronto. For more information see [Recharge Your Spirit at the Dynamic Women of Faith Conference 2025](#); to register go to [Dynamic Women of Faith Conference 2025 Tickets, Sat, 22 Mar 2025 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite](#).

### **Sisters of the Poor – Are you struggling with Addiction?**

Be Sober: Have you chosen sobriety or are you struggling with addiction? Or are you a family member of someone who does? The Sisters Poor of Jesus Christ offer an ongoing 12-step program to support you. The Be Sober meetings are held every Tuesday from 7:00p.m. to 8:30p.m. in the basement of St. Ann Catholic Church (120 Sherman Ave.N., Hamilton). The evening is organized into three key components: prayer, training in the 12 steps and spirituality, and group sharing. For further information, please contact (905) 512-8493 or email [besober.skateri@ocaminho.org](mailto:besober.skateri@ocaminho.org). All are welcome!

### **Opening The Holy Door: Spring Book Club**

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to join us for a four-week virtual book club, exploring the new book by Joan Watson, "Opening the Holy Door". Tuesdays from 1:00p.m. to 2:00p.m. March 18<sup>th</sup> to April 8, 2025. Together we will reflect on the beautiful images of mercy and hope found on the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, open to pilgrims and visitors throughout the Jubilee Year. Join us for this time of prayer and conversation, drawing into deeper fellowship during this Jubilee of Hope. Registration can be made here: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>.

### **Marriage Tip # 146**

February is known as the month of love, but love needs to be part of our thinking 24/7! Love is an action word, so take time to reflect on your own contribution to your married relationship. Do you use kind words, compliment your spouse, apologize, when necessary, show love through action in the things you do, pray for your spouse daily and make time to be together and share your day? These will all build love and keep it strong.

### **Parenting Tip #166**

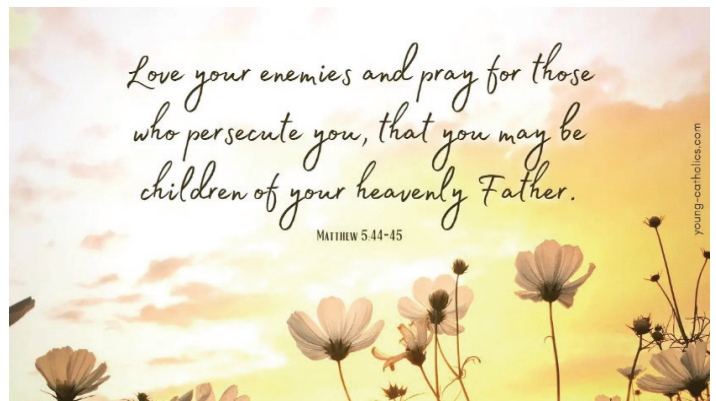
Family love is one of the most complex loves to navigate. Siblings often love each other but also know clearly all the buttons to push to make other members react negatively. Children challenge parents as they age, generally trying to define and discover whom they are as an individual, and sometimes personalities just clash. These are hard moments, so work to stay connected with good moments that bring you together. Nature walks, movie nights, game nights, and brunch following Mass on the weekend – any actions that will remind everyone that family is our greatest support. Putting in the effort to plan fun moments will have lifetime benefits to all members of the family!

### **The Rite Of Election**

Is an important part of the journey of candidates following the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, RCIA. This year the Rite of Election will be held at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, in Hamilton, beginning at 1: 30p.m, on March 9, 2025, the first Sunday of Lent. Candidates and their sponsors from all parishes and missions in the Diocese will gather for this celebration. The Rite closes the catechumenate period and begins the final spiritual preparation for the "elect" prior to the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

### **The Carmelite Nuns at the Carmel of St. Joseph**

Located in St. Agatha, marked their 72<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the celebration of the First Mass in their first monastery in Kitchener, on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. We thank God for their presence in the Diocese and for the prayers offered by the Nuns for the needs of our Diocese and all parishioners!



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