

# 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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Father Ian Duffy, VF, KHS, Rector  
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 Deacon Moices Caballero

**Basilica Staff**

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**

**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)

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### MASSES OF THE WEEK

#### Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>

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

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Fred Tremmaglio, Michael Conlon, Henri Demolder

#### Tuesday, January 21<sup>th</sup>, St. Agnes

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

9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Yvon Gagne, Anna Tran Thi Loan

#### Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>

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

7:30 a.m. – **Mass** – Intentions of Jim & Elenora Shortreed

8:00 a.m. - Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Intentions of Bob & Linda Myers

#### Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>

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

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Jerry Liesmer

#### Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, St. Frances De Sales

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

9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Dorothy Battae

#### Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, Conversion of St. Paul

9:00 a.m. - **Feast Day Mass**

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. - **Mass** – Enzo Commisso, Charlene Douglas, Joe Alessandrini, Intentions of Kyle Noval, Connie Leigh

#### Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, beginning on Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn in loving memory of Richard Wojciki, and for the Intentions of The Wojciki and Kroupa Family's.

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 \$9,814.00 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

#### Vocations

You are the body of Christ; every one of you is a member of it. As a member of the body, we serve different roles. Are

you willing to do your part? 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/)

#### Parish Envelopes 2025

The 2025 Envelopes are now available at the back of the Church. They have been sorted into Alphabetical Order, if you are unable to find your envelope or are a new Parishioner that would like to use the weekly envelopes, please drop by the Parish Office to register and receive a box.

#### Envelope Number #342

Could the parishioner who uses the number #342 please contact the Parish office at your earliest convenience.

#### 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).

#### Gift Shop

We are currently reorganizing our new space, but we will remain open after all weekend Masses. This is the perfect time to let us know if you have a special request for statues, jewelry, rosaries, medals, etc. Please drop in for a visit and thank you for your patronage in 2024.

#### Catholic Young Adult Book Study Group

The young adult book study group will be discussing Pope John II's "Letter to Women" on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 [hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com](mailto:hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com) to RSVP.

#### Family Day Bowling and Dinner

Are you looking for a fun and affordable way to celebrate Family Day? The Stewardship Committee is pleased to announce their 1st Family Day Bowling Day on Sunday, February 16th from 2-4 p.m. at Splitsville on Woodlawn Road. Dinner, refreshments and fun will follow at the Parish Hall starting at 4:30 to 7:00 p.m.

The pricing for this family event is \$25 per person (\$100 Cap for families) for 2 hours of bowling with shoe rental, as well as refreshments and dinner at the Parish Hall.

Bowling only is \$20 per person; Dinner only is \$10 per adult or \$5 for children 5 and under. Tickets will be sold after weekend Masses until February 8/9. Get your tickets early to reserve your spot before tickets sell out!

We look forward to a great Family Day of bowling, food and fun!

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **Jubilee Of Hope 2025**

The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as “Pilgrims of Hope!” All invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been designated as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all available on the Diocesan website: [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com). Each month in the Diocese of Hamilton, we will pray for Heros Of Hope – those members of our parishes and communities who offer hope to those in need by their ministries and service. During January, we pray for those who serve in Parish Ministries:

Lord God, by the grace of our baptism,  
You have given us new life in Christ and called us to serve as pilgrims of hope.

We pray in thanksgiving for those who have responded to your call to be leaders in our parish community  
And for the volunteers who dedicate their gifts  
For the building up of your Church  
And the service of their sisters and brothers.

Through their varied ministries,  
May they touch the hearts of all in our community  
Who long for hope, born of our Christian faith,  
That never disappoints.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Solemn Opening of the Holy Year**

Despite a steady downpour of rain, the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton was filled to near capacity as Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, presided over the 11 a.m. Mass on **December 29, 2024**, to solemnly open the Jubilee Year. The Mass marked the beginning of a year of hope and pilgrimage for Catholics in the Diocese of Hamilton. The celebration featured the blessing of a replica of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. This symbolic gesture emphasized the local Church's unity with the universal Church and its shared mission during this sacred year. During his homily, Reverend David Wynen reflected on the significance of the Jubilee Year and the role of local pilgrim churches.

“Most of us, unfortunately, will not have an opportunity to go to Rome for pilgrimage this whole year, although the city of Rome is preparing to welcome some 35 million people who they expect to be arriving in Rome for pilgrimage during the whole year. So in our Diocese, and in all dioceses, the

bishop has designated pilgrim churches so that Catholics can make a pilgrimage locally during the Holy Year. In Hamilton Diocese, the Cathedral Basilica is the principal place of the pilgrimage for the diocese. And there are five other churches, one in each deanery, that also will serve as pilgrim churches. Each of those pilgrim churches will have a replica of the Holy Door of St. Peter's in Rome.”

Father Wynen also lightheartedly acknowledged the non-functional nature of the replica doors, adding, “*Now unfortunately, this is not a door that you'll be able to go through. If you did, that would be pretty miraculous. But it's there to remind us of our union with our Holy Father and with Catholics throughout the world during this whole year of hope.*”

He concluded with an invitation to the faithful to embrace their role as pilgrims of hope.

“Today, as the whole year of hope begins for us in our diocese, let us commit ourselves to be pilgrims of hope, proclaiming with our witness of faith that Jesus Christ lives, and that we, his disciples, having been fed at his table, bring this healing and peace into a broken world that longs for justice, peace, and mercy.”

The Mass concluded with a prayer of blessing and a call to embark on the Jubilee Year with hearts full of hope and faith, united in spirit with Catholics worldwide. Please come to the Parish office or Sacristy to have your passport stamped.

### **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.

### **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!

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