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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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Music Ministry

Joe Carere, Organist & Choirmaster
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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

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, March 3rd

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

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Charles Bone, Peggy McGarry, Maria Teresa Anastasio

Tuesday, March 4th

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

9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Andela Penava, Intentions of Terence Fernandes & Family

Wednesday, March 5th

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

7:30 a.m. – **Ash Wednesday Mass** – Manuel Pires

8:00 a.m. - Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Intentions of Maria Semlok

7:00 p.m. – **Missa Pro Populo**

Thursday, March 6th

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

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Mary Slade

Friday, March 7th

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

9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Gerry Runstedler

7:00 p.m. – **Mass** – Savina Chiarella

Saturday, March 8th

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** - Nicholas Law

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. - **Mass** – Vicki Anderson, Jacob Slykerman, Jan Dolepowski, Kay Dolepowski, Florian Pokors

Sunday, March 9th – First Sunday Of Lent

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

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** (Pastoral Intentions)

11:00 a.m. – **Missa Pro Populo**

1:00 p.m. – **Rite of Election**

PARISH NEWS

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the 8th week in Ordinary Time, beginning on Sunday, March 2nd, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn for the Intentions of Patricia Grierson and Angela Gideon.

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 \$11,097.00 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you?

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**

Website: www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

Family Bowling/Dinner Update

For those who purchased tickets for the Family Day Bowling and Dinner event that was cancelled due to the snowstorm last weekend, we have rescheduled the event to Sunday, March 30th, 2025 bowling will be from 2: 00p.m to 4: 00p.m, then dinner in our Parish Hall from 4: 30p.m to 7:00p.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 and dinner only is \$10 per adult or \$5 for children 5 and under. For those who have purchased tickets already, if the new date works for you, then you can simply attend the new date with your existing tickets. If the new date doesn't work for you, then a refund will be issued. Ticket sales as well as refunds will take place after weekend masses starting next weekend on March 1st and 2nd.

Forty Hours Devotion This Lent

As part of the ongoing Eucharistic revival in Wellington Deanery you are encouraged to participate in the Forty Hours Devotion this Lent. This year's Devotion, which is rather like a Parish Mission, will be preached by His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins, at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate from March 10-13, 2025. There will be Mass at 7:00pm each evening, and forty hours of semi-continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout these days (hence the name "Forty Hours Devotion")

What Is the Forty Hours Devotion

The Forty Hours Devotion is a special forty-hour period of continuous prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition. Of course, the focus of this devotion is on the Holy Eucharist. As Catholics, the words of our Lord burn in our hearts: "I myself am the living bread come down from Heaven. If anyone eats this bread, He shall live forever; the bread I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" (John 6:51). Affirming our belief in the real presence of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, the Vatican Council II taught that the Holy Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life" (Lumen Gentium, #11). While the Mass is the central act of worship for us Catholics, Vatican II upheld and

encouraged the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass. Of course such devotion derives from the sacrifice of the Mass and moves the faithful to both sacramental and spiritual communion with our Lord (Eucharisticum Mysterium, #50). As Pope Pius XII taught in *Mediator Dei*, "This practice of adoration has a valid and firm foundation." Pope St. John Paul II has repeatedly "highly recommended" public and private devotion of the Blessed Sacrament, including processions on the Feast of Corpus Christi and the 40 Hours Devotion (cf. *Dominicae Caeae*, #3, and *Inaestimabile Donum*, #20-22). Second, the number *forty* has always signified a sacred period: the rains during the time of Noah lasted 40 days and nights; the Jews wandered through the desert for 40 years, our Lord fasted and prayed for 40 days before beginning His public ministry. The 40 Hours Devotion remembers that traditional "forty-hour period" from our Lord's burial until the resurrection. The Forty Hours Devotion begins with a Solemn Mass of Exposition and a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament like Holy Thursday. The Blessed Sacrament remains on the altar in a monstrance. During the next 40 hours, the faithful gather for personal or public prayer in adoration of our Lord. The Blessed Sacrament is reposed in the tabernacle for the daily Mass, and then returned for exposition after Mass. At the end of the devotions, the Mass of Reposition is offered, again concluding with a Procession, Benediction and final Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Ideally the forty-hour period should be continuous, however most Churches break up the time. The Forty Hours Devotion can be seen almost as a parish mini-retreat or mission. A guest preacher is often invited to give a series of homilies. Confessions should be offered and encouraged. Consequently, an appropriate time to schedule Forty Hours is either Advent or Lent. While the Forty Hours Devotion nurtures the love of the faithful for our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, three special dimensions have also surrounded this devotion: the protection from evil and temptation; reparation for our own sins and for the Poor Souls in Purgatory; and deliverance from political, material, or spiritual calamities. Here the faithful implore our Lord to pour forth His abundant graces not only for themselves, but also for their neighbours, not only for their own personal needs, but for those of the Church and the world.

Bishop Macdonell High School 50th Reunion

Calling all classmates of the 1975 graduating class at Bishop Macdonell High School. This is your 50th anniversary year and organizers are seeking contact information. Please send your email address to Eileen (nee Coady) Brown at eileenbrown@rogers.com to be included on the invite list for the reunion being held in October. Also, please join the Facebook group called: '1975 Grade 12 Grads of Bishop Macdonell', as updates will be posted there as well.

OTHER NEWS

Knights of Columbus Council 8192 – Fish Fry

Is hosting a fish fry on Friday, March 7, 2025 at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall (19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira). There will be continuous seating from 5:00p.m. to 7:30p.m. Take out will be from 4:30p.m. to 5:00p.m. Please bring your own take-out bag as we are trying to save the environment. Purchase your tickets by calling Rick Weishar at 519-577-5928 or at the Parish Office between 9:00a.m. till 1:00p.m. (Tuesday to Friday) or call 519-669-3387. Cost for adults is \$20.00; children (6 to 12 years old) \$12.00; children (aged 5 and under) are free; take out is \$20.00. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charities.

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 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 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.

Gilbert MacIntyre & Son: Are your Affairs in Order?

Please join us on Wednesday March 12, 2025 from 6:30p.m. till 8:00p.m. (Gilbert MacIntyre & Son Funeral Home Hart Chapel, 1099 Gordon St, Guelph) for this complimentary educational event and discover the peace of mind that "Being Prepared" brings. Come learn from our expert speaker what's essential to properly prepare an estate and how to best organize your important documentation! Attendees will receive a free personal planning guide; light refreshments will also be served. To register please call 519-821-5077

RCIA: Rite of Election

As we approach Lent, the Diocese of Hamilton will celebrate the Rite of Election at 1:30p.m. on Sunday March 9, 2025, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton On, for all parishes in the Diocese. The Rite of Election closes the catechumenate period and begins the Elect's final spiritual preparation to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Food for Thought

† God didn't remove the Red Sea.... He parted it. He isn't going to remove the situation, but He will make a way through it. Trust that God is always on time. Even when we think He is too late. Amen if you believe.

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