

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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 Deacon Moices Caballero

Basilica Staff

Joe Finochio, Business Manager
 Susan Potvin, Parish Secretary
 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
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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, March 24th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Margaret Mary Spence, Intentions of Betty Rowsell, Jakki Jeffs

Tuesday, March 25th – The Annunciation Of The Lord

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds

6:00 p.m. – Jubilee Holy Hour and Confessions

6:30 p.m. – The Office of Vespers (Evening Prayer)

7:00 p.m. – **Jubilee Pilgrimage Mass** (Bishop Lobsinger)

8:00 p.m. – Dessert Reception

Wednesday, March 26th

7:00 a.m. - The Office of Lauds

7:30 a.m. - **Mass** – Living and Deceased members of the Jakiela family

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Frank Misiuna, Carol Glyn Williams, Intentions of Sister Christine Leyser

Thursday, March 27th

8:30 a.m. - The Office of Lauds

9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Julian Dolegowski

Friday, March 28th

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

9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Living and Deceased members of the Szczepanik family

9:30 a.m. – Stations of the Cross

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m. – **Mass** – Peter Wright

7:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 29th

8:00 a.m. – Holy Hour

9:00 a.m. – **Lenten Mass** – Frances Ratchford

4:00 p.m. - Confessions

5:15 p.m. - **Mass** – Eleanor Sorbara, Maria Pyra, Mr & Mrs Anthony McAlpine, Frank Leblanc, Intentions for staff, students and families of Bishop Macdonell High School

Sunday, March 30th – Fourth 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. – Baptisms

PARISH NEWS

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the 3rd Sunday of Lent, beginning on Sunday, March 23rd, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine

burn in loving memory of Maria Rocio Reyes and Sue Luciani.

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 \$21,888.27 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

2025 Donation Envelops and 2024 Tax Receipts

The 2024 tax receipts are now at the back of the church ready to be picked up, as well as the 2025 offertory envelopes. They will be available there until Easter. After they will be moved to the Parish Office where you can get them during business hours. The office is open Monday to Friday from 9:00a.m. until 4:30p.m.

Vocations

Like the forgiving father of Luke's Gospel, God welcomes us home despite our sinfulness and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? 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/

A Very Special Birthday Shout Out

Everyone at the Basilica would like to extend a very Happy Birthday on March 25th to our dear Bishop Ustrzycki. This year the Bishop will be celebrating his 93rd birthday, so please take a moment to wish him a very Happy Birthday.

Let's Make Our Easter Bright!

Seeking help on Saturday, April 5 to help make Our Lady shine! Can you spare a couple of hours to help dust, polish and clean statues, windows, woodwork and pews? Do you need community service hours?

Join us in the church following morning Mass with smiles and enthusiasm. All supplies and training provided. Pizza Lunch, too, when Our Lady is sparkling.

Wellington Deanery Jubilee Mass

You are all very welcome to join His Excellency, Bishop Lobsinger, in celebrating a Mass for the Jubilee Year for the faithful of Wellington Deanery on the Solemnity of the Annunciation, Tuesday, March 25 at 7: 00p.m at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate. The Jubilee Indulgence will be granted, under the usual conditions, to the faithful who participate in this Mass. You may also have your Jubilee Booklet stamped if you wish. May Our Blessed Lady, Our Life, Our Sweetness and Our Hope guide us through this Jubilee of Hope and draw us close to Her Son.

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 on March 1st and 2nd.

50th Anniversary of Ordination for Monsignor Dennis Noon

Mark your calendar – On Sunday April 6th, 2025, our retired Pastor, Monsignor Dennis Noon, will celebrate his 50th anniversary of Priestly Ordination. Monsignor was our Pastor at the Basilica of Our Lady for 16 years before he retired in 2019. To mark this very special anniversary, Monsignor will be the Celebrant for both Sunday Masses on April 6th, 2025. Following each of the morning masses, there will be a reception in the Monsignor Noon Parish Hall with light refreshments and an opportunity to congratulate and recognize Monsignor. We hope that you will be able to attend!

OTHER NEWS

MARTYR SHRINE - SMALL RELIQUARY

Saturday March 29, 9a.m to 3p.m: Join us as we welcome Fr. Bert Foliot a Jesuit priest from the Martyr Shrine. He was ordained 52 years ago, been a pastor of numerous parishes in Toronto and Winnipeg. He has also done ministry among Indigenous Peoples for 25 years. He served as the rector of Regis College in Toronto and was the director of the Jesuit Infirmary in Pickering, Ontario. He was a superior of Jesuit Communities for 45 years. Presently, he is a member of the Jesuit staff at Martyrs Shrine and is pastor for the Beausoleil First Nation on Christian Island. For 7 years he walked from Guelph to Midland, Ontario with the Guelph Walking Pilgrimage. This all-day talk will be about the Shrine's 100 years and a 400 year story of love and discovery with St. Jean de Brébeuf and his companions. The day begins with Mass at 9a.m with blessings from the relics, discussion on the Martyrs and a synodal spiritual discussion after. Lunch is provided. **No cost to attend.** **RSVP required - please call St Joseph Parish Office at 519-822-4614.**

Lift Jesus Higher Rally "Power from on High"

Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto. Join the Catholic Renewal Ministry on Saturday, March 29, 2025. Variety of speakers. Closing Mass celebrated by Archbishop Francis Leo. Tickets are \$30.00 and bus tickets are \$20.00. For tickets and bus transportation please call: Ana Percic 519 824 8456. For more information on the rally go to <https://www.ljhr.ca/>

Vacation Bible School – St. John The Baptist Parish

Is hosting a Vacation Bible School for the week of July 14, 2025. Please contact the office at 519-824-7311 if you or your child are in grade 7-12 and would like to volunteer.

Holy Rosary – Tax Clinic 2025

The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program will be receiving files to issue tax receipts for low-income seniors and pensioners, people with disabilities, and social assistance recipients. This service is FREE. Drop-off & pick-up/ in-person. For more information and dates and times that they will be open please call (519) 760-5448.

40 Days for Life Prayer & Worship Night – March 29

Join Guelph and Area Right to Life for a 40 Days for Life Prayer & Worship Night on Saturday, March 29 at 7:00 PM at River of Life International Fellowship (40 Margaret St, Guelph, ON). We are honored to welcome Ramona Trevino, former Planned Parenthood manager. For more information, <https://www.guelphforlife.com/40-days-for-life>.

Vocations Recognition Dinner 2025

The Serra Club of Hamilton invites you to gather on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, Liuna Station in Hamilton to celebrate the service of our Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, Permanent Deacons, and Consecrated Virgins Living in the World. Doors open at 6:00p.m. Tickets are \$90.00 per person. To order tickets or for information, send an email to serrahamilton1965@gmail.com. You can pay for your ticket through e-transfer using the same email or you can pay by credit card using the following link: <http://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>. This event is co-sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton.

Vacation Bible School 2025

All Parish ministers and youth ministry leaders are invited to join in our annual Vacation Bible School workshop in preparation for summer children's ministry. New to VBS? Looking to learn more about recruiting youth volunteers? Want a peek at the new VBS kits available this year? Come and join us for this informative virtual workshop on April 9, 2025, at 7:00p.m. on zoom. To register, please email catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com.

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