

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

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 Susan Potvin, Parish Secretary
 Amy Grey, Secretary
 Brendan Shea, Custodian

Music Ministry

Joe Carere, Organist & Choirmaster
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 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

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 9 McElderry Road
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 182 Clairfields Drive East
 Principal: Dawn Uliana.....519-824-9470
Saint Ignatius of Loyola School
 251 Colonial Drive
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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.

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



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, March 10th

6:30 p.m. – Vespers (Evening Prayer)
 7:00 p.m. – **40 Hours Devotion Opening Mass** –
 Dr.Amando Corral Jr, Bob Muss, Georgina Venchiarutti

Tuesday, March 11th

7:30 a.m. - Exposition and Morning Prayer
 8:30 a.m. – Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 6:30 p.m. – Vespers (Evening Prayer)
 7:00 p.m. – **40 Hours Devotion Mass** – Marija Majer
 8:30 p.m. – Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, March 12th

7:30 a.m. - Exposition and Morning Prayer
 8:30 a.m. - Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 4:00 p.m. - Confessions
 6:30 p.m. – Vespers (Evening Prayer)
 7:00 p.m. – **40 Hours Devotion Mass** – Intentions of Betty
 Roswell, Kathline Rodenburg
 8:30 p.m. – Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, March 13th

7:30 a.m. - Exposition and Morning Prayer
 8:30 a.m. - Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
 6:30 p.m. – Vespers and Benediction
 7:00 p.m. - **40 Hours Devotion Closing Mass** – Maurice
 & Frances Zadro, Intentions of Joseph Phong Duong

Friday, March 14th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
 9:00 a.m. - **Mass** – Mary Mani
 9:30 a.m. – Stations of the Cross
 6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
 7:00 p.m. – **Mass** – Mary Peori, Barry Christopher Smith
 7:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 15th

8:00 a.m. – Holy Hour
 9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Joyce Thompson, Intentions of Patricia
 Grierson
 4:00 p.m. - Confessions
 5:15 p.m. - **Mass** – Richard Wojcicki, Oscar Ambrone,
 Matthew Fairfull, Jennifer Augustus, Intentions of Sharon
 Scott

Sunday, March 16th – Second Sunday Of Lent

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
 9:00 a.m. – **Mass** (Pastoral Intentions)
 10:00 a.m. – Coffee Sunday
 11:00 a.m. – **Missa Pro Populo**
 12:00 p.m. – Coffee Sunday
 1:00 p.m. – Baptisms

PARISH NEWS

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the 1st Sunday of Lent, beginning on Sunday, March 9th, 2025, the lamps of the Regina Caeli Shrine burn in loving memory of Joseph Heffernan and Mary Heffernan.

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 \$31,844.34 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

Peter, John and James had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's will for our lives. 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/

Message from Parish Office

If you have a Mass Intention booked on the following date **March 19th – 7:30a.m. and 12:15p.m.** can you please contact the Parish Office we have had to move your intentions to another date and time.

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.

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.

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

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

MARTYR SHRINE - SMALL RELIQUARY

Saturday March 29, 9am to 3pm: 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 9am 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.**

Food for Thought

You relax on a bus not knowing the driver. You relax on a plane not knowing the pilot. Why not relax in life knowing God is in control... If you feel God is with you Amen.

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