

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 Quinto Tami

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 Sue Narducci, Part Time Secretary
 Brendan Shea, Custodian

Music Ministry

Joe Carere, Organist & Choirmaster
 Julian Mason, Sub-Organist

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
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 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.

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



MASSSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, August 3rd – Civic Holiday

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Vespers

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Manuel Pires, Mary Peori, Barbara Sockett

Tuesday, August 4th – St. Jean-Marie Vianney

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Peter Ingram, Judith Rendell

Wednesday, August 5th

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

7:30 a.m. – Mass – Peter Marchese

8:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions

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

12:00 p.m. – Benediction

12:15 p.m. – Mass – Duke Kaitochukuy Desmond-Ejibos

Thursday, August 6th

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Harold and Therese McDougall, Frank Carere

Friday, August 7th - The Transfiguration of The Lord

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Maria Narducci, Thomas Funk

Saturday, August 8th – St. Dominic

9:00 a.m. – Mass in Latin

4:00 p.m. – Confessions

5:15 p.m. – Mass – Eleanor Garcia, Bernie Miller, Clara DiPaulo, Mary Burgess, Ruth Mitchell, Intentions of Josie Sheridan, Intentions of Jean McQuaid

Sunday, August 9th Nineteenth 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

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the week beginning Sunday, August 2nd, 2026, The Regina Caeli Shrine lamps will burn for the Manuel Rodriguez and Erlinda Tungol.

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 donations collected in the amount of \$6,859.45 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

"Take heart, it is I, do not be afraid." We can sometimes be afraid of God's call in priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. Get hold of yourselves! If God is calling you contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email at vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

PARISH NEWS

2026 Marian Day Events

Once again, this year the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, as the Diocesan Marian Shrine, will be hosting the Hamilton Diocesan Marian Days on the first Saturdays from June through October. The Marian Days will begin with a Holy Hour at 9:00am, with confessions being heard during the Holy Hour. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30am, followed by the Rosary Procession. You are welcome to bring a lunch, coffee and tea will be served after the Procession, and tours of the Basilica will be available. Dates are as follows: September 5, 2026 (Bishop Lobsinger) and October 3, 2026 (Bishop Dabrowski).

Faith and Flavours Pilgrimage to Italy - November 3-14, 2026.

You are very welcome to join in a faith and flavour filled pilgrimage to Italy from November 3-14, 2026. Visits include Siena, Assisi, Monte Cassino, and Rome, among others over an enjoyable ten-day pilgrimage. The cost of \$7,995.00 per person includes airfare, hotels, ground transportation, all admission fees, most meals, and the services of an expert English-speaking guide. Fr. Ian Duffy will be the spiritual director of this pilgrimage leading us in prayer in the footsteps of St. Catherine of Siena, Ss. Francis and Clare, Ss. Benedict and Scholastica, Ss. Peter and Paul, and many more. To register or for more information please call Edgar at 1-800-268-0900 ext. 233, or e-mail edgar@gateways-international.com. Space is limited so register soon.

18th Annual Parish Picnic

The Summer is just starting but we're already planning our 18th Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 13th.

This year, the organizing committee is working on changing the format to make our Picnic even better!

What will be Different?

Location - on the Basilica property (Southside Parking lot)

Timing - Picnic will begin right after 11:00 am Mass followed by lunch, games and entertainment

Live Entertainment - Talent Showcase and Karaoke

What will be the Same?

Price per person remains at \$5 which includes snacks, drinks and BBQ lunch

Great Raffle Prizes including the Children's Bike Raffle Kids Games

A "Shout Out" to all the talented members of our Parish Community. If you are interested in being part of our Talent Showcase, please email us at: Ourlady@Churchofourlady.com by July 24th, so we can plan our lineup!

Watch the bulletin for more news in the coming weeks!

Basilica Gift Shop

The Gift Shop is excited to show you our new Basilica line of souvenirs. We have Basilica keychains, magnets, slate coasters, bookmarks, prayer cards and note cards. We have new statues in many sizes as well as a nice collection of giftware for the sacraments, bibles, rosaries and many more. Come and visit us in the Newstead Room, parish basement, after any weekend masses and on special occasions such as the Marian Days throughout the summer. Cash or cheques only please.

Parish Hall - Wooden Round Tables

We have replaced our 6 foot Round Wooden-Topped Tables with lighter-weight resin-topped tables. There are 8 wooden tables looking for new homes. If you would like a table (or more) please contact the Parish office. No formal cost, but donations gratefully accepted. Thank you!

OTHER NEWS

FRASSATI LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Calling all those entering Grade 10 in September 2026! Are you looking to grow in your faith? Do you want to explore what it means to be a Catholic leader? **The Frassati Leadership Program** may be for you. Join other Grade 10 Catholic leaders as we reflect on the foundations of Catholic leadership and foster opportunities for you to grow in your own faith and leadership skills. For more information and to register please visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/office/pastoral-offices/youth-ministry/frassati/>.

WYD 2027

The Diocese of Hamilton is blessed to have 82 young pilgrims preparing to travel to Seoul, South Korea next summer as a part of the 45th International Celebration of World Youth Day. To learn more about this pilgrimage of faith and how you can support the young people of our Diocese, visit us at: wyd.hamiltondiocese.com.

Catechetical Correspondence Program

Children in our parishes benefit from the Catechetical Correspondence Program each year for ongoing religious education and preparation for the Sacraments. We need volunteers to support the program! If you are willing to accompany these children in their learning journey, please reach out to the Office for Evangelization and Catechesis at catechesis@hamiltondiocese.com. To learn more about the Catechetical Correspondence Program, please visit: <https://bit.ly/DOHCCC>.

YOUTH MINISTER'S RETREAT

SAVE THE DATE! We are inviting all youth ministers, youth ministry coordinators and leaders in youth ministry, to join us for our annual retreat on September 19 at Mount Mary Retreat Centre in Ancaster. More information and how to register will be shared as soon as possible. In the meantime, if you are interested in attending or have any

questions, please reach out to us: youthministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

WALK WITH JESUS: RETREAT FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCE THE DEATH OF A CHILD.

The loss of a child is a most challenging event in the life of any parent. This grief is acute and challenging. The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us for this healing day. Whether the loss is recent or some time ago, we know this day will help to restore your inner core. The retreat will be offered from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday, October 10 or Saturday, November 7th. The \$20 fee includes lunch. Registration is required for set up and lunch. You can register on the Diocesan home page at hamiltondiocese.com under upcoming events (look for the date retreat of the date), or by calling the office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

ReSTART: Moving Forward

Struggling after a divorce or separation? ReStart can help you move forward with support, education and positive encouragement from our experienced facilitators. Our 11-week program offers help to anyone seeking to heal and move forward. The new sessions run from Tuesday, September 22 to Tuesday, December 1, 2026 and will be held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in Hamilton in person. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration can be found at <https://hamiltondiocese.com> under Upcoming Events for September or contact Sarah at 905 528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com

Parenting tip of the month

The expression "the family that prays together stays together" is one that most people have heard. Popular sayings make sense when we see the truth in them, but this one is backed up by research! When we pray together at home (before meals, before bed, in the morning) and attend Mass, we are connecting on a deep level that helps a family have increased unity. So, enjoy the more relaxed summer days and holidays, but don't let prayer and attending Mass take a holiday because their benefits are a wonderful addition to this great season!

Marriage Tip of the Month

Couples are so busy today with their jobs, taking care of children and sometimes looking after elderly parents that time is very precious. Often what gets put on the back burner is time to focus on their marriage. All these responsibilities are much better managed with a healthy relationship, so taking time together has a positive impact all around. Schedule time for a coffee, a short or long walk, a chat at the end of the day, prayer, or dinner for two, anything that is just for the two of you. Your marriage matters — don't let making it a priority take a backseat to everything else on the to-do list!

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