

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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Basilica Staff

Marion Alexander, Bookkeeper
 Amy Grey, Parish Secretary
 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
Saint Ignatius of Loyola School
 251 Colonial Drive
 Principal: Laura Quick.....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



MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, August 24th – St. Bartholomew

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Danila Michieli, Zbigniew Jakiela, Living and Deceased members of the Jakiela family

Tuesday, August 25th

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Mary Mathew, Helena Dolegowski

6:30 p.m. – Holy Hour and Benediction

Wednesday, August 26th

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

7:30 a.m. – Mass – Don Grierson

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 – Alfredo & Catherine Lucarelli, Anka & Matt Vuk, Intentions of Jacqueline Christie

Thursday, August 27th - St. Monica

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Joan Turner, Jan Dolegowski

Friday, August 28th – St. Augustine

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Isdora Cabling, Cylethia Lee

Saturday, August 29th – The Passion of St. John the Baptist

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Pastoral Intentions

4:00 p.m. – Confessions

5:15 p.m. – Mass – Rita & Lorenzo Pellizzari, Don Grierson, Angela Hoffbauer, Intentions of Maria Tami, Deacon Quinto

Sunday, August 30th – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass

11:00 a.m. – Mass

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the week beginning Sunday, August 23th, 2026, The Regina Caeli Shrine lamps will burn for the repose of the Soul of Joe & Angela Zamproga and burn for the intentions of the Tuffnail Family.

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 \$8,367.05 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

"For what will it profit anyone to gain the whole world but forfeit their life?" Isn't there more to life than chasing the dollar? Is God calling you to a life as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? 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

As announced in June, we are changing the format of our picnic this year. We will be having the picnic right here on the south side of the Basilica grounds directly following the 11:00 am Mass. There will be lunch, games, a raffle and a stage with live entertainment. The cost remains unchanged at \$5 per person which includes snacks, drinks, a BBQ lunch and games. Children under 5 are free. Tickets will be sold for three weekends starting the weekend of August 15/16 after weekend Masses. We will be accepting payment by cash, debit and credit. We kindly ask you to consider debit or cash to reduce our fees. Everyone is welcome to attend so don't forget to purchase your tickets early. We look forward to seeing you all at this wonderful Annual Parish Event.

World War II Memorial

We are in the process of commissioning a plaque in memory of our parishioners who died in service of King and

Country during World War II. The plaque, which will be similar in design to the World War I Memorial, will hang near the South Tower entrance to the Basilica.

The names of those who died fighting in the Second World War have been determined through researching our parish archives and comparing our lists with names on the Guelph Cenotaph. A framed list of those names of which we are aware can be found below the World War I Memorial. We intend that the new memorial have accurate information on it. If you are aware of a parishioner of the Church of Our Lady who should be included on the memorial plaque, but whose name is not on the current list please contact the parish office. You will need to provide documentary evidence that the deceased was a parishioner of the Church of Our Lady during the war, served in the Canadian or Commonwealth forces, and died in battle, or of wounds received while on active duty.

Any submission must be received at the parish office no later than Friday, September 4th, 2026, at 12:00pm.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Basilica Conference

SAVE THE DATE

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Assembly
Saturday, September 26, 2026
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Lunch Provided)
Basilica Parish Hall

You are invited to attend our annual Assembly!
Our 2026 theme is "COMPASSION IN ACTION"
Please RSVP by August 26
ssvpassembly2026@gmail.com
(Advise us of any Dietary Restrictions!)

Basilica Gift Shop

The Gift Shop is pleased to advise you that we now accept debit/credit transactions as well as cash. We kindly ask you to consider debit or cash to reduce our fees. Come and visit us in the Newstead Room, parish basement, for a variety of religious items, giftware and Basilica related articles. The gift shop is looking for volunteers to help after every mass. If you are interested, please ask for an application at the store. A police check is required.

Giving to the Basilica just got easier!

The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate has partnered with TipTap to make giving easier with a simple tap of a credit or debit card.

Why are we implementing this? We have become a largely cashless society and we wanted to provide a safe and secure option for visitors and parishioners alike to donate to the Basilica. In addition, we are fortunate to receive many visitors and pilgrims throughout the year at the Basilica, as the official Diocesan Marian Shrine, but have been unable to accept cash donations for security reasons. Many other parishes within the Hamilton and Toronto Dioceses have already successfully implemented this system, and so we are happy to provide this TipTap option as a safe and secure option to make a donation. This TipTap payment option does not replace or change parish envelopes or direct deposit giving.

How does it work? Simply tap and hold your payment card (credit or debit card) to the 'TipTap' device located at the back of the church (near the Southside Entrance) to give to the Basilica. A tap device will also be located for paying for candles at the Pieta Shrine. Your card will be charged the amount indicated on the device each time you tap with your card. Your data is completely secure since the TipTap device does not store any information, and the device will be shut down if tampered with. Touchless giving will support the essential work here at the Basilica, and we are grateful for your kindness! We are happy to provide parishioners and visitors who no longer carry cash or prefer to use digital giving as a way to further support our parish. More details and information about TipTap donations as well as receiving tax receipts will be available at the TipTap display coming soon!

Little Way Ladies Retreat – Saturday, October 17th **9:00AM – 4:00PM**

The Basilica CWL invites all women to a one-day retreat focused on prayer, rest, and renewal. Through guided reflection, meditative prayer, and Eucharistic Adoration, participants will be invited to slow down, listen more deeply, and grow in confidence in personal prayer. Facilitated by Theresa Matters, Catholic Mindset Coach. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided; participants are encouraged to bring their own lunch or make lunch plans. Cost is \$35. Registration details available at <https://theresamatters.thrivecart.com/guelph-retreat/> or email Theresa with any questions littlewayfreedom@gmail.com

Children's Liturgy for ages 4 - 10

will resume again at the 9am & 11am masses on Sundays beginning Sept. 13. During the first half hour of the mass we will be presenting the Liturgy of the Word in an interactive way that the children can understand, before rejoining their families. We are still in need of adult volunteers and high school students (volunteer hours arranged) so please consider helping out once or twice a month. Call the parish office for more information.

St. Teresa of Avila: Book Study

All parishioners are welcome to join for a group discussion of 'The Autobiography of St Teresa of Avila', beginning on Wednesday, August 26th (6pm in the parish hall), and continuing every other week through the fall. For the reading schedule and more information, please contact hannaruthcaruso@gmail.com

OTHER NEWS

Helping Children Fall in Love with God

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is an approach to the religious formation of children. It is rooted in the Bible, the liturgy of the church, and the educational principles of Maria Montessori. This program is offered for children ages 3-12 years, with sessions held once per week after school or Saturday morning from late September through mid-May at Holy Rosary Parish, Guelph

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