

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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Father Ian Duffy, VF, KCHS, Rector
 Father Jonathan Reitzel, Associate Pastor
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 Deacon Quinto Tami

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 31st -

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Maurice & Frances Zadro, Jacki Mitchell

Tuesday, September 1st

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Gentile Natarelli, Enzo Vendetti

Wednesday, September 2nd

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Louise Bourget, Manuel Pires
10:00 a.m. – Perpetual Help Devotions
10:30 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
2:00 p.m. – Benediction
 • No 12:15pm Mass

Thursday, September 3rd – St. Gregory

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Mary-Sue McCarthy

Friday, September 4th

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Teresa Rimando

Saturday, September 5th

9:00 a.m. – Holy Hour & Confessions
10:30 a.m. – Mass
11:30 a.m. – Rosary Procession
12:00 p.m. – Tea & Coffee in Parish Hall
4:00 p.m. – Confessions
5:15 p.m. – Mass – Teresa Rimando, Yvon Cyr, Carmelo Stefano, Ana Tasso, Intentions of Sonya Kus

Sunday, September 6th – Twenty- Third 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. – Church Tours

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the week beginning Sunday, August 30th, 2026, The Regina Caeli Shrine lamps will burn for the repose of the Soul of Gloria Dias and burn for the intentions of Eric VanRoon.

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 \$8,067.45 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." The community that gathers needs leadership; 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. The final Marian date is October 3,2026 with 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

Tickets are now on sale for our 18th Annual Parish Picnic. We will be having the picnic right here on the Southside of the Basilica grounds directly following the 11:00 am Mass. There will be a 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. The last opportunity for purchasing your tickets is after weekend Masses on September 5/6. 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.

Please note: Since the Southside parking lot will be converted to our picnic area, there will be no parking on the Southside parking lot for 9:00 and 11:00 Masses (with the

exception of the designated Handicap Parking spots that will allow continued access to the elevator). If you are unable to find a parking spot on the Northside parking lot, we ask you to please utilize street parking or the City Parkade just off Wilson Street (\$3 flat parking for the day) and use the bridge to cross over to Northumberland Street to reach the Basilica. Thank you for your cooperation.

Basilica Parking On Sunday, September 13

Please be advised that on Sunday, September 13 the south parking lot, and the driveway in front of the main steps of the Basilica, will be unavailable because of the Parish Picnic being held there on that day.

Younger and fitter parishioners are asked to park on neighboring streets, or in the parking garage across Norfolk Street (\$3.00 on Sundays), and leave the north parking lot for elderly parishioners or those with impaired mobility.

Please consider carpooling that day.

The handicapped parking spots in the south lot will remain open. Thank you very much for your consideration.

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.

Monthly Holy Hour for Vocations

"The harvest is plenty, but labourers are few. Pray, therefore, the Lord of the Harvest to send out labourers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:37-38)

You are invited to join your fellow Catholics in a Holy Hour for Vocations on the last Tuesday or each month (except December) from 7:00pm to 8:00pm at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate. Pray for an increase in vocations to Holy Orders, the Consecrated Life and Christian Marriage. Pray to discern your own vocation, or ask God to strengthen you in living your vocation. We begin on Tuesday, September 29, 2026. All are welcome!

Catholic Young Adults Social Hour

All young Catholic adults (aged 19 to 35) are invited to a monthly informal social hour, at 8:00pm on the last Tuesday of each month (except December) following the Holy Hour for Vocations at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate.

Please join us in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at 7:00pm, and then bring a snack to share in the Parish Hall and gather for fellowship with other young Catholic adults after the Holy Hour.

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 now available at the back in the south tower. If you require more information please pick up the information flyer at the Tip Tap display.

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