

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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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
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 182 Clairfields Drive East
 Principal: Dawn Uliana.....519-824-9470
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 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, September 21st

8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Neville Daniels, Marcia Clair-Harcourt,
and Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, September 22nd

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

Wednesday, September 23rd

7:00 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
7:30 a.m. – Mass – Zena Lesniewski
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 – Francis Leonce

Thursday, September 17th

8:30 a.m. – The office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Donna Hart

Friday, September 18th

8:30 a.m. – The office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Paul Bourget, Harold & Rita Gregory,
Intentions of Rose Freeman

Saturday, September 19th

4:00 p.m. – Confessions
5:15 p.m. – Mass – Richard Wojcicki, Aurora Galvez, Vince
Buzzer, Intentions of Mark McIntyre and Crew McIntyre

Sunday, September 20th – Twenty- Fifth 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, September 13th, 2026, The Regina Caeli Shrine lamps will burn for the repose of the soul of Iliodino Dias and Andrea Don Tandt.

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 \$11,089.45 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing. The St Vincent De Paul Basilica Conference gives thanks for your donation of \$3,383.00 towards their works of charity on your behalf.

Vocations

"Seek the Lord while he may be found..." While searching, listen; could it be that you are being called to serve 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.

2026 Marian Days Reminder

There is only one remaining Marian Day Events scheduled at the Basilica Of Our Lady, Guelph: Saturday, October 3 with Bishop Dabrowski. The Marian Days begin with Holy Hour at 9:00 a.m., with confessions being heard during Holy Hour. Mass is celebrated at 10:30 a.m., followed by the Rosary Procession. Refreshments are available in the Basilica Parish Hall following the Rosary Procession. Rather than just refreshments, the October Marian Day concludes with the Regina Caeli Tea. This is a High Tea Lunch and pre-registered tickets are required at a cost of \$25.00 each. Please contact the parish at ourlady@churchofourlady.com for ticket information.

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.

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

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.

Labour Day

Labour Day weekend marks the end of the summer vacation period and the resumption of activities in home, parish and school. Parishes could take this as an opportunity to encourage active and renewed participation in the community.

For families, with school aged children, it often means making sure that they have all their school uniforms or clothing, supplies, shoes and outer clothing, ready to start a new year.

For those with children entering or returning to post secondary education, it often means a lifestyle change for

both parents and students. It can mean physically moving them to their new home, for the school year.

It means a lot of praying that as parents we have provided an example of being good Christians, and guidance to help them make good choices, particularly those living away from home. It means reiterating all that we have told them and taught them about the evils in the world.

OTHER NEWS

13th Anniversary of J.O.E. Fundraising Pasta Dinner

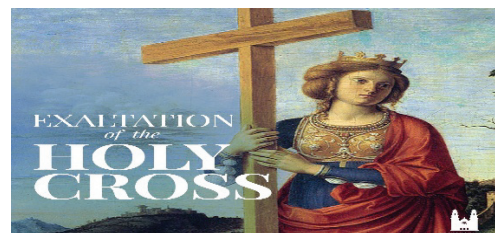
J.O.E. (Jobs Opportunities, Enterprise) is a Charity that, since 2013, has been committed to providing adults with developmental disabilities, the opportunity to engage in job training and valued employment in the mainstream workforce. The proceeds of this fundraising event will help to financially support our J.O.E. Employees to earn a minimum wage, and feel a sense of accomplishment and self-worth in the mainstream workforce. Come join us at our Pasta Dinner on **Saturday, September 19th**, at Holy Rosary Parish Hall. The Pasta Dinner will be prepared by well-known Chef, Michael Macerollo. Tickets are \$50 each, which includes a \$30 Charitable Donation Receipt, and are available for purchase at Holy Rosary Parish Office. Doors open at 5:30 PM and Dinner is served at 6:30 PM. Please contact Josephine Scott at 519-837-9938, if you have any questions.

Multicultural Mass

All are warmly invited to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our Diocese at the Multicultural Mass on Sunday, September 27, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, 700 King St. West, Hamilton. The Mass will be celebrated by The Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A., Bishop of Hamilton, and followed by a multicultural celebration in McNally Hall. All are welcome!

Young Adults Night

Fr. John Ha, our new Vocations Director, invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, October 3rd at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.



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