

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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 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
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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, September 21st – St. Matthew

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Patricia & Anne Meaghen, Virginia Wyszynski, Hilary Tedoldi

Tuesday, September 22nd

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Helen Drolc, Intentions of Sandra Evans

Wednesday, September 23rd – St. Pius of Pietrelcina

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

7:30 a.m. – Mass – Remo Finoro

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 – Gabriel Zettler

Thursday, September 24th

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Mary Mani, Family Montesanti

Friday, September 25th

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Danilla Michieli

Saturday, September 26th – St. Jean De Brebeuf & St. Isaac Jogues

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

4:00 p.m. – Confessions

5:15 p.m. – Mass – Thomas Smith, Virgilio Cabling, Valerie Cutting, Sigria Frank, living and deceased members of the St. Vincent de Paul Basilica members, intentions of Adele Hood

Sunday, September 27th – Twenty- Sixth 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 20th, 2026, The Regina Caeli Shrine lamps will burn for the intentions of Gerarda & Robert Savoie, and for the intentions of James & Katherine Savoie & 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 \$9,419.45 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

The invitation to serve often comes more than once; are you prepared with your answer? Consider ministry as a priest, deacon, or in consecrated life. Are you being invite? 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.

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.

The Basilica Senior Choir

is welcoming new members who would like to take part in the musical life of the parish. We are especially looking for singers who have some previous choir or musical experience, are comfortable matching pitch, and can follow a vocal line with reasonable confidence. Formal training is not required, but a basic ability to read music is certainly helpful. Rehearsals are friendly, focused, and built around preparing sacred music well for the liturgy. If you enjoy singing, value good church music, and are willing to make a regular commitment, we would be very pleased to hear from you. If you would like more information please speak to Joe after Mass, or you can email him at bach565@yahoo.com.

OTHER NEWS

24th Annual Bishop's Dinner for Community Needs

Wellington Catholic District School Board is excited to host the 24th Annual Bishop's Dinner for Community Needs on Thursday, October 8, 2026. The Bishop's Dinner has raised more than \$850,000 in support of local organizations that directly benefit members of our community. Proceeds from this year's event will help families in Guelph and Wellington County access essential resources and support programs through four incredible organizations:

- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Immigrant Services Guelph-Wellington
- Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington
- Youth Wellness Hubs Ontario

Tickets are available for purchase online. Please visit wellingtoncdsb.ca or contact sueann.maharaj@wellingtoncdsb.ca for more information.

Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada (Weekend of September 26–27):

This weekend, our parish joins Catholics from coast to coast in supporting the shared mission of the Church in Canada. Your gift strengthens the mission of our diocese and, together with the gifts of Catholics across the country, supports work that no single diocese or eparchy could accomplish alone. Through this collection, we help the Church proclaim the Gospel, support families and communities, promote respect for human life and the dignity of every human person, accompany migrants and refugees, and provide catechetical resources for Catholics throughout Canada. What begins as a gift in our parish becomes part of the shared mission of the Church across the country. Please give prayerfully and generously.

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.

Handicraft Holy Land Christians

On the weekend of September 19-20, we will welcome our special guest from Sebastien Cardinal's team, representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after all the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. May God Bless you for your generosity, for your help and for your prayers."

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