

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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Parish Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 9:00am - 12:00 noon
1:00pm - 4:30pm

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Elementary Schools:

Saint Michael School
 9 McElderry Road
 Principal: Corey Malone.....519-823-2455
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 182 Clairfields Drive East
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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 7th

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Mary Peori, Peter Ingram, Intentions of Anna & Tony Matteis

Tuesday, September 8th – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Rita Soligo

Wednesday, September 9th

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PRIESTS ARE AT THE CLERGY SEMINAR**

Thursday, September 10th

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Friday, September 11th

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Saturday, September 12th

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

9:00 a.m. – **Sung Latin Mass** – Pastoral Intentions

4:00 p.m. – Confessions

5:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Gioan Bui Do, Thomas Healey, Living and deceased members of the Gilzea family, Souls in Purgatory, Eleanor Garcia, Joe Bornino, Living and Deceased members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Intentions of Debbie Barr

Sunday, September 13th – Twenty- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:00 a.m. – **Mass**

11:00 a.m. – **Mass**

12:00 p.m. – 5:00p.m. – Church Picnic

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps

During the week beginning Sunday, September 6th, 2026, The Regina Caeli Shrine lamps will burn for the intentions of all the staff and students of the Regina Caeli Academy, and for Rose Ferlito.

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 \$8,170.45 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations

"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's". Consider service 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

Mary Queen of Families' Mass

Saturday September 19th, 2026 @ 1:00 pm. Marymount Cemetery & Our Lady Immaculate Mausoleum.

Everyone is invited to join us in celebrating our devotion to Our Blessed Mother.

Come and share this special occasion with us!

Mass will be held at 1:00 PM, followed by a Rosary Procession around the grounds (weather permitting).

For those who have difficulty walking, the Mausoleum will be available for participation in saying the Rosary.

After the Rosary, we will enjoy refreshments and fellowship.

PARISH NEWS

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.

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 on Sunday, September 13th, 2026. There will be a lunch, games, a silent auction 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. This year we will also offer wine and beer for sale. Debit, credit and cash will be accepted at the picnic for drink tickets as well as silent auction. 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.

Children's Liturgy

For children ages 4 – 10, Children's Liturgy 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.

Catholic Women's League – General Meeting

Please note that our general meeting for September will be held on Tuesday, September 15th, in the church basement at 7:00 pm. It was originally scheduled for Tuesday, September 8th. Looking forward to you joining us.

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.

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