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Parish Community



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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

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.

High Schools:

Bishop Macdonell High School
200 Clair Road West
Principal: Colin Malone.....519-822-8502

Our Lady of Lourdes
54 Westmount Road
Principal: Valerie Marks... 519-836-2170

St. John Bosco
19 Northumberland Street
Principal: Sandra Cummings.....519-824-8909

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, November 2nd – The commemoration of all the faithful departed
8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – **Mass**
12:15 p.m. – Rosary & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6:30 p.m. – Office of Vespers (Evening Prayer) & Benediction
7:00 p.m. – **Solemn Requiem Mass**

Tuesday, November 3rd
8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – **Mass –** For the deceased Bishops, Priests and Deacons for the Hamilton Diocese

Wednesday, November 4th – St. Charles Borromeo
7:00 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
7:30 a.m. – **Mass** – Manuel Pires
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** – Maria & Walter Pyra

Thursday, November 5th
8:30 a.m. – The office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Repose of the Souls in Purgatory

Friday, November 6th
8:30 a.m. – The office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Valerie Cutting, Henry Donafeld

Saturday, November 7th
8:00 a.m. – First Saturday Confessions
8:30 a.m. – The office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – **First Saturday Mass sung in Latin**
4:00 p.m. – Confessions
5:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Lewis Njoroge, Donato Tonto, Phaolo Pham Van Luyen, Micae Steve Leung, Intentions for the Pellegrino family

Sunday, November 8th – Thirty 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
1:00 p.m. – Baptisms

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps
During the week beginning Sunday, November 1st, 2026, The Regina Caeli Shrine lamps will burn for the repose of the soul of Ruphina Olayinka Oguntayo and burn for the intentions of Ifeanyi & Ugechi Amah and 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 - Update
† Thank you for your donations collected in the amount of $8,514.50 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 $3,056.00 towards their works of charity on your behalf.

Vocations
"Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Listen with your heart as well as with your ears for then you may accept the call to serve in the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. If God is calling you contact Fr. John Ha, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email at vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

PARISH NEWS

The Feast of All Souls
On November 2, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day" the Church encourages us all to pray for those who have gone before us. Please join us at Holy Mass to pray for the souls of your loved ones, and all our deceased parishioners. There will be two Masses on All Souls Day. The usual parish Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am, and a Sung Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 7:00pm. Please join us.

Church Bulletin Advertising
Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in December 2026 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

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!

The Catholic Women's League – November 12th
invites you to learn about MaterCare (Latin for MotherCare) which, for 30 years, has provided safe childbirth for women and children in several African countries. MaterCare International was blessed by Saint John Paul II and has been granted annual papal audiences. On Thursday, Nov. 12, there will be a brief CWL General meeting at 7pm in the parish hall, followed by our speaker, Executive Director Dr. Simon Walley, the son of the founder of MaterCare. Please come out and show your support - all are welcome!"

Advent Service of Lessons & Carols:
Sunday, November 29, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

As the busy Christmas season approaches, Advent invites us to slow down, reflect, and prepare our hearts for the celebration of Our Lord's Nativity.

All are warmly invited to our annual **Advent Service of Lessons and Carols**, a beautiful afternoon of Scripture, prayer, and sacred music reflecting the hope and anticipation of this holy season.

This year, we are especially delighted to welcome the **congregation and choir of St. George's Anglican Church, under the direction of Jeff Enns**, who will join the **Basilica Choir** for this special celebration of shared Christian faith and musical tradition.

Following the cherished tradition of Advent Lessons and Carols, the service offers a peaceful and prayerful beginning to the season as we prepare together for the coming of Christ.

Please join us for this wonderful occasion of music, fellowship, and Advent reflection. All are welcome!

Parish Pasta Supper – November 29th

Please join us on Sunday, November 29th - *The First Sunday of Advent* - for a Pasta Supper in our Parish Hall. Doors open at 5:15, directly following Lessons & Carols being held in the Church. The menu will consist of Penne Pasta with homemade tomato sauce, handmade meatballs, tossed salad, dinner rolls, dessert, coffee and tea. Gluten free option will be available. All this for $22 per person; $12 for children 10 and under. Children 4 and under are free. Wine will be available for sale at this event.

Tickets go on sale starting the weekend of November 7/8 and will be available up to the weekend of November 21/22. Get your tickets in advance since we won't be able to accommodate any walk-ups. All are welcome to attend, and we hope to see you there!

"CWL WANTS YOU!" MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Catholic Women's League (CWL) invites all parish women to join our vibrant sisterhood! Grow in faith, build lasting friendships, and serve our community through local outreach. Whether you attend meetings or support us from afar, there is a place for you. To learn more, **speak with our Membership Team after all Masses on November 14/15** or email cwlpresident.guelphbasilica@gmail.com. You can also see what we are all about at our next meeting on **Thursday, Nov. 12 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall**. Welcome!

Book of Remembrance within our schools

Throughout November, our parish and parish schools will be united in prayer as we remember our loved ones who have died. Each school is creating a Book of Remembrance, similar to the one at the Basilica, and together we will pray for all those whose names have been entrusted to these books. We invite you to join our parish and school communities in remembering these loved ones in prayer throughout the month of November.

OTHER NEWS

Calling All Moms! Free Monthly Event

Guelph Catholic Moms Group Ministry
Topic: A.I. and your Family
Based on the Pope's Recent Encyclical: Magnifica Humanitas
Guest Speaker: Dr. Lopez, Legal Scholar, Yale
Wednesday, November 4th
4:30pm - 6:00pm (Rear Entrance)
Kids are Always Welcome at the Catholic Craft Table
RSVP email by Oct. 28: st.johnbaptistmg@catholicmomsgroup.com
St. John the Baptist 45 Victoria Rd. North, Guelph
*Let us know if you would like to Volunteer
www.catholicmomsgroup.com

A day for your marriage! – November 21st, 2026
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown

Healthy marriages matter and marriage enrichment helps keep them strong! Keeping your marriage healthy and strong requires love, but also time spent fine tuning your relationship and reconnecting. Join us on Saturday, November 21st at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown for a day to reconnect for our enrichment day: **Discovering New Paths for Your Married Love.** We will share new ways to deepen your relationship and give you time with the one you love! Registration can be found online at hamiltondiocese.com, under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com

Young Adults Night – St. Francis Xavier Church (Stoney Creek)

Fr. John Ha, our Vocations Director, invites all young adults in their **20s and 30s** across the Diocese of Hamilton to an evening of prayer, fellowship, and praise music. Come meet other young adults and find encouragement as you discern and live out God's call. Join us at on **Saturday, November 7, 2026,** from 6:30pm–9:00pm at **St. Francis Xavier Church** (304 Hwy 8, Stoney Creek, ON L8G 1E6). Bring a friend—all young adults are welcome! Sponsored by the **Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton**. Visit hamiltondiocese.com/vocations. For more information, contact vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

Hope Canadian Male Choir – Friday December 4,2026

is excited to present their Christmas concert series 'Oh Come, All Ye Faithful' with 4 concerts December 2-5, 2026. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit their website www.hopecanadianmalechoir.com. Email hopecanchoir@gmail.com or call/text 226 338 5459

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