

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, Rector
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Joe Finocchio, Business Manager
 Susan Potvin, Parish Secretary
 Brian Smith, Custodian

Music Ministry

Joe Carere, Organist & Choirmaster
 Julian Mason, Organ Scholar

Parish Office Hours:

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society: 519-654-3575

Elementary Schools:

Saint Michael School

9 McElderry Road
 Principal: Brian Munaro.....519-823-2455

Saint Paul School

182 Clairfields Drive East
 Principal: Sue Majer.....519-824-9470

Saint Ignatius of Loyola School

251 Colonial Drive
 Principal: Robert Furfaro.....519-822-6192

Welcome to newcomers in the parish.

Registration forms are available at the office or on our website.

Hospital Registration:

Please be sure to indicate your religion and parish when entering the hospital.

Lord's Day Masses:

Saturday: 5:15pm
Sunday: 9:00 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 noon

Weekday Liturgies:

See schedule inside

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday 8:30 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: Stephen Gulyas.....519-822-8502

Our Lady of Lourdes

54 Westmount Road
 Principal: Betty Farrell.....519-836-2170

Saint James High School

57 Victoria Road North
 Principal: Sandra Cummings.....519-822-4290

St. John Bosco

19 Northumberland Street
 Principal: Corey Malone.....519-824-8909

Bequests:

Please consider a bequest to the Church of Our Lady 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 nine months before the proposed date of 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



MASSSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, November 29– *Ferial: Weekday*
7:00p.m. – Novena Mass

Tuesday, November 30– *St. Andrew Apostle*
7:00p.m. Novena Mass

Wednesday, December 1 – *Ferial: Weekday*
7:00p.m. – Novena Mass

Thursday, December 2– *Ferial: Weekday*
7:00p.m. – Novena Mass

Friday, December 3 – *St. Francis Xavier, Priest*
9:00a.m. – Margaret Skowron, Donald Forester
7:00p.m. – Novena Mass

Saturday, December 4 – *Ferial: Weekday*
8:00a.m. – Holy Hour – Confession, Office of Lauds
9:00p.m. – Pastoral Intentions
7:00p.m. – Novena Mass

Sunday, December 5 – *Second Sunday of Advent*
9:00a.m.- 10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon

PARISH & OTHER NEWS

REST IN PEACE

+We offer our prayers and sympathy to all the families who have recently lost a loved one. May they, and all our deceased loved one's rest in peace with the Lord.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

+Thank you for your gift \$11,914.00 in support of your parish community in gratitude for God's blessings. The Saint Vincent de Paul collection was \$3,379.00, a special thank you to all who contributed.

Change of Address

Contact Susan in the office 519-824-3951 or e-mail ourlady@churchofourlady.com

Direct Deposits

We have a weekly and monthly direct deposit available for parishioners who do not want to receive envelopes, please let the parish know and a form will be emailed to you, or you can register on www.basilicaofourlady.com

Vocations

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If you feel God is calling you to a Church vocation, then call Father Ian Duffy at 519-824-3951 for further information.

Advent Service of Lessons and Carols Sunday, November 28, 2021 at 7:00 pm

The weeks before Christmas are usually a hurried time of shopping, preparations, and card writing. For Christians, however, these weeks should be marked by prayerful preparation for the Feast of Christmas. Plan to attend our annual **Advent Service of Lessons and Carols**, as a way to begin this season in prayer and recollection. This service will be reflection on the Season of Advent through Scripture and Music. Please bring a friend!

Handel's Messiah

Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 3:30 pm, tickets can be purchased at:
contact@thedisonsingers.com

Holy Hour and Mass on Saturday Morning

During the Season of Advent Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am on Saturday mornings. Mass will be preceded by a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 8:00 am, with Confession from 8:00 to 8:30 am and the Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer) at 8:40 am.

Novena of Masses and Feast Day Mass for The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Masses are held at 7:00 pm each evening for 9 days

Monday, Nov. 29 - His Excellency, Bishop Lobsinger
Tuesday, Nov 30 – His Excellency, Bishop Ustrzycki
Wednesday, Dec 1 – Father Jeff Bergsma
Thursday, Dec 2 – Monsignor Dennis Noon
Friday, Dec 3 – Father Mark Sullivan
Saturday, Dec 4 – Father Bradley Markus
Sunday, Dec 5 – Father Mark Morley

Restart: A Separation & Divorce Recovery Program

Feeling the need for support, healing and/or hope after a separation or divorce? The Diocesan ReStart Program support your journey, providing you with tools to remain healthy. While the program has not been able to run due to COVID restrictions, we will be offering an evening session by zoom on Tuesday, December 14th: Coping with Christmas When Divorced or Separated. To register for this event or see the dates for future courses, please check the program information online at:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php>. For more information contact Teresa at the Family Ministry Office – 905-528-7988, ext. 2250

Food Bank Collection

November is a Food Drive Month, please drop off your canned goods in the Narthex of the Basilica.

2022 Sunday Missals

Missals will be on sale Saturday, November 20 and Sunday, November 21, 2021. Available also in the Parish Office.

Knights of Columbus – Christmas Cakes

Please watch for the sale of Christmas Cake coming soon. They will be sold after each mass.

A Home for the Holidays

20 Units needed urgently to house Guelph & Wellington County's most vulnerable. Contact; Damian Weston, Housing Locator 416-432-1268 or damianw@steppingstonegw.com, www.steppingstonegw.com for more information.

Bambinelli Sunday – December 12, 2021

Bambinelli Sunday is an event that takes place in Rome on the third Sunday of Advent each year, and now in some of our parishes in the Hamilton Diocese as well! The idea is to encourage everyone to bring their "Bambinelli" to be blessed on the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday.

This blessing of the Christ Child is a way to help children focus on the real and true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus. It is suggested that families be encouraged to take the "Bambinelli" home after the blessing, place it in a special box and then wrap the box (you could even do the wrapping at the parish). Families open the gift on Christmas morning, before their presents and place Jesus in the manger.

Michael House Pregnancy & Parenting Support Services

Zoom prayer gatherings continue to be held every Thursday at 9:00 a.m. If you would like to participate, please let Bailey know at office@michaelhouse.ca

Advent Resources for Families

The Offices for Liturgy, Youth Ministry and Evangelization and Catechesis are happy to provide a resource for families to encourage prayer and celebration in the home during the Advent Season. Please see <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/evangelization-catechesis> for suggestions, videos and a simple prayer to be prayed around the wreath each Sunday of Advent. We invite you to share this resource with those in your communities who may benefit.

University Chaplaincy in the Diocese of Hamilton

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis has produced a video showcasing the wonderful ministry of our Diocesan University Chaplaincy Centres. Do share this video with a young person in your life who may be preparing for post-secondary education, or someone who is looking for a faith community on campus within the Diocese. Special thanks to the Priests Chaplains, campus ministers and students who helped make this project possible. To view the video, please see here:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/evangelization-catechesis/young-adult-ministry>

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