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

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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

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, November 9th – The dedication of the Latern Basilica Feast
8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Thomas Healey, Intentions of Sr Lilia Fernandes and Yvonne Fernandes

Tuesday, November 10th – St. Leo the Great Pope
8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – **Mass –** Repose of the Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, November 11th – St. Martin of Tours Remembrance Day
7:00 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
7:30 a.m. – **Mass** – For those who died in war
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 for those who died in war** – For peace in the world

Thursday, November 12th – St. Josaphat
8:30 a.m. – The office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Ann Tozer, Intentions of Kathleen Nolan

Friday, November 13th
8:30 a.m. – The office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Intentions of Anna Matteis

Saturday, November 14th
8:30 a.m. – The office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. - Mass
4:00 p.m. – Confessions
5:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Eleanor Garcia, Anna Loan Tran, deceased ushers and deceased family members of ushers, intentions of St. Vincent De Paul Conference of St. John the Baptist, Intentions of the CWL of the Hamilton Diocese

Sunday, November 15th – Thirty Third 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
4:00 p.m. – Elora Festival Singers Concert

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps
During the week beginning Sunday, November 8th, 2026, The Regina Caeli Shrine lamps will burn for the repose of the soul of the Nolan Family and burn for the repose of the soul of the Martinello 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 $16,700.45 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 $3,056.00 towards their works of charity on your behalf.

Vocations
What will you say when you meet God face to face? Better still what will God say to you? Will you be able to answer that you served faithfully? Can you answer that now? 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

Novena of Masses for The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Once again, this year we will celebrate a Novena *(nine days)* of Masses leading to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, our Parish's Patronal Feast Day. Novena Masses will be held at 7:30 each morning from November 29 to December 7, with reflections and the Novena Prayers each day. This year's Novena will be preached by Fr. Jonathan Reitzel who has chosen as his theme, Dawning Hope of Heaven's Day". All are welcome

Message from the office – Re 2027 Missals
We have received the missals for 2027; they will be available for purchase at the back of the church for a price of $5.00 starting next weekend (November 14th/15th)

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 about us, **speak with our Membership Team after all Masses this weekend** or email cwlpresident.guelphbasilica@gmail.com. To learn more about CWL Canada visit cwl.ca. Welcome!

The CWL Christmas Bazaar

Is thrilled to invite you to our annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 21st, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM! **This festive event is a beloved tradition, and we cannot wait to celebrate together.** We would be incredibly grateful for donations of your wonderful homemade baked goods. Please list the ingredients and drop them off in the church basement on Friday, Nov. 20th between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM. We are also warmly welcoming new items for our Silent Auction and Penny tables. Thank you for your continued generosity. See you there!

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

Permanent Deacon Information Session:

For anyone who is interested in the Diaconate and/or wants more information about what is required and what is involved in the admission process and Formation program, are invited to either of two Information Sessions:

1. Nov. 22nd, 2026, at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 620 Rymal Rd. E, Hamilton after 11am mass.
2. Dec 6th, 2026, at St. Anthony Daniel Parish, 29 Midland Dr., Kitchener after 11am mass.

You are welcome to attend the 11am Sunday Mass where Deacon Tom Vert, the Associate Director of the Deacon program will be preaching. Afterwards we will have the Information Session in the parish Hall. There will be a short presentation and then a question-and-answer session, with light refreshments. Also, we will be available for anyone wanting to speak privately. For more information about this session, feel free to contact:

Deacon Tom Vert, Associate Director Deacon Formation Program, tvert@hamiltondiocese.com

Or Fr. Mark Gatto, Director of the Deacon Formation Program, mgatto@hamiltondiocese.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

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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