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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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Marion Alexander, Bookkeeper
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Sue Narducci, Part Time Secretary
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
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, October 26th
8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – Mass – Bruce Rowsell, Intentions of Clara & Jeonsean Kim, Intentions of Chelsea Pellegrino

Tuesday, October 27th
8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – **Mass –** Susan Duffy, Marijoi Jeschuk, Gerald T. Mulhall
7:00 p.m. – Holy Hour for Vocations

Wednesday, October 28th – St. Simon & St. Jude
7:00 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
7:30 a.m. – **Mass** – Sister Mary Ambrose
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 – Ken McIntyre

Thursday, October 29th
8:30 a.m. – The office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Slavki Jesenek

Friday, October 30th
8:30 a.m. – The office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. – **Mass** – Maria Pyra

Saturday, October 31st
4:00 p.m. – Confessions
5:15 p.m. – **Mass** – Ruphina Oguntayo, Arsenio Bartolome, James Berry, Teresa Prestipino, Luisa McMaster, Zack Jelovsek

Sunday, November 1st – All Saints Day
8:30 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)
9:00 a.m. - **Mass**
11:00 a.m. – Mass

Regina Caeli Shrine Lamps
During the week beginning Sunday, October 25th, 2026, The Regina Caeli Shrine lamps will burn for the repose of the soul of Sister Mary Ambrose and Bruce Rowsell and burn for the repose of the soul of Francis & Anna Huszak.

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 $9,146.50 in support of your parish community and in gratitude for God's blessing.

Vocations
"The greatest among you will be your servant." Can I respond to God as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Email at vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

PARISH NEWS

Message from the office
Rev. Gerald T. Mulhall, sadly passed away on Wednesday, October 14, 2026. Please pray that Rev. Gerald Mulhall may receive the reward of a good and faithful servant and that his family and friends may be consoled in their faith in Jesus Christ.

The Feast of All Souls
On November 2, the Commeoration 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 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.

3rd Annual Wine Tasting Event

Mark your calendars - On Friday, October 30th, we will host our ***3rd Annual Wine Tasting Social Event*** from 7 pm to 9 pm, in the Parish Hall. Tickets are $25 per person, and included in that price, we will have a selection of wines that you can try as well as a variety of finger foods specifically chosen to pair with the wines. We will also be offering non-alcoholic beverages for those who don't drink wine.
Tickets go on sale after weekend masses starting on October 3/4 and will continue up to October 24/25. Cash, debit and credit are accepted methods of payment.
Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy some great company, wine and food! All are welcome!

Annual Fall Memorial Mass (All Souls Day Mass)

Saturday, October 31, 2026
11:00am
Marymount Cemetery, Guelph
Principal Celebrant & Homilist:
Most Reverend Wayne Lobsinger,
Auxiliary Bishop of Hamilton
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, founder of MaterCare. Please come out and show your support - all are welcome!"

Sunday, November 29, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.
Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate

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 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!

OTHER NEWS

All Saints Mass – St. Ann Parish, Ancaster

Join St. Ann Parish (11 Wilson St. W, Ancaster, ON) on **Sunday, November 1, 2026,** at **11:00 AM** for the **All-Saints Day Mass**. After the Mass, explore a remarkable exhibit featuring over **150 sacred relics of the saints**. This is a unique opportunity to walk among the saints and spend time in prayer with relics of great spiritual significance, including the Passion Relics: The True Cross, the Crown of Thorns, the Holy Spear, and the Holy Nail of Jesus Christ. The exhibit will also feature a fragment of the Blessed Virgin Mary's veil and St. Joseph's cloak. Don't miss this powerful chance to draw closer to our faith through these holy treasures. The schedule is as follows:
11:00 am: Mass
12:15 pm: Talk on the Relics by Fr. Ross Campbell
12:30 pm – 3:00 pm: Exposition of the Relics

Catholic Mom's Group PD Day Fun (October 26th)

Hosted by Regina Caeli Academy (40 Margaret Street)
Event 1: PD DAY ACTIVITY
Monday, October 26, 2026, 9:00am - 11:00am
Free **Come dressed as your favorite Saint**
Games and Prizes
Open to children of all ages
Children under the age of 4 must be accompanied by an adult email **to Register:** info@reginacaeliacademy.ca

Event 2: PD DAY CAMP
Monday, October 26, 2026
8:30am - 3:30pm
$50.00
Come dressed as a saint with a
change of clothing for afternoon activities.
Open to school-aged children JK to Grade 8
Pizza lunch and T-shirt provided for each child
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