

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, VF, KCHS, Rector
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 Deacon Quinto Tami

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 Amy Grey, Parish Secretary
 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.

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



MASSSES OF THE WEEK

Monday, October 5th

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Henry & Helen May, Manuel Pires, Thomas Healey

Tuesday, October 6th

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Repose of the Souls in Purgatory, Henry Donafeld

Wednesday, October 7th – Our Lady of the Rosary

7:00 a.m. – The Office of Lauds (Morning Prayer)

7:30 a.m. – Mass – Shirley Bannon

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 – Aaron Racelis

Thursday, October 8th

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Hillary DuQuesnay Tedoli

Friday, October 9th

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass – Susan Duffy, Intentions of Karen Holliday

Saturday, October 10th

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

9:00 a.m. – Mass Sung in Latin

4:00 p.m. – Confessions

5:15 p.m. – Mass – Eleanor Garcia, Aduzinda Fernandes, Marilyn Michieli, Intentions of Adalyn Poole, and Intentions of Isabella Cotroneo

Sunday, October 11th – Twenty- Eighth 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, October 4th, 2026, The Regina Caeli Shrine lamps will burn for the repose of the soul of Michael Ufomadu and burn for the repose of the soul of Ronald Barrett.

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 \$8,200.45 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 \$4,024.00 towards their works of charity on your behalf.

Vocations

How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? Ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him 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 or email at vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

PARISH NEWS

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!

World Youth Day - August 2027

Seoul, South Korea

For any young adults (18-30 ish) interested in a pilgrimage of faith to World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea, please reach out to Fr. Jonathan Reitzel for more information (jreitzel@hamiltondiocese.com).

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.

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/quelph-retreat/> or email Theresa with any questions littlewayfreedom@gmail.com

☐ Come Be Part of the Basilica Gift Shop Team! ☐

Have you ever thought about volunteering at the Basilica Gift Shop? We're looking for friendly and enthusiastic volunteers to help in the Gift Shop after each weekend Mass. If you enjoy meeting people, welcoming visitors, handling cash and debit transactions, and being part of a wonderful group that helps share our faith with everyone who visits the Gift Shop, we would love to have you join us! Whether you can volunteer regularly or occasionally, your time and presence can make a difference. If you're interested or would simply like to learn more, please come and see us in the Newstead Room after Mass. A police clearance is required

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!

OTHER NEWS

24th Annual Bishop's Dinner for Community Needs

Wellington Catholic District School Board is excited to host the 24th Annual Bishop's Dinner for Community Needs on Thursday, October 8, 2026. The Bishop's Dinner has raised more than \$850,000 in support of local organizations that directly benefit members of our community. Proceeds from this year's event will help families in Guelph and Wellington County access essential resources and support programs through four incredible organizations:

- St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Immigrant Services Guelph-Wellington
- Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington
- Youth Wellness Hubs Ontario

Tickets are available for purchase online. Please visit wellingtoncdsb.ca or contact sueann.maharaj@wellingtoncdsb.ca for more information.

OPEN HOUSE: Bishop Farrell Library & Archives

The Bishop Farrell Library & Archives invites you to an Open House, Oct. 17th from 2:00pm–5:00pm and Oct. 18th from 10:00am–2:00pm. We are located at 698 King St. West, on the beautiful grounds of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Join us to view The Saint John's Bible, learn about our services, and pick up a few good books! Open to All!

Martyr Shrine Talk

Once again, we are welcoming Fr Bert Foloit, a Jesuit priest from the Martyr Shrine for an all-day talk about Joseph Chiwatenhwa and a fellow Martyr on **Saturday October 24 from 9am-3pm at St Joseph Church, Guelph**. The day will begin with Mass at 9am, discussion and a synodal spiritual discussion after. Morning snacks, lunch and afternoon snacks will be provided by our Catholic Women's League, BLD and Knights of Columbus groups. No cost to attend. RSVP required for food purposes by calling the Parish Office at 519-822-4614 or by email stjosephguelph@rogers.com by Tuesday October 20th. Good will offering would be greatly appreciated.

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 favourite 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

Sports in a nearby park in the afternoon

Dress for the weather **Email to Register & E-Transfer the fee (note PD DAY SAINT CAMP) -**

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