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OUR PARISH'S VISION STATEMENT:

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish is a welcoming place of joyful worship where one finds grace, refuge, serenity, strength and compassion.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, with the love of the Father, the parish offers outreach, understanding and hope to a diverse community in a meaningful way.

Prayerfully, openly and lovingly, the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish provides a faithful witness to our Lord Jesus Christ.

PARISH PRAYER:

Come Holy Spirit, Come by the means of the powerful intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Your well beloved spouse upon the Parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. Amen

LORD'S DAY MASSES

SATURDAY 5:00p.m; SUNDAY 9:00a.m; 11:00a.m; 4:00p.m

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday 9a.m; Tuesday 7p.m; Wednesday-Friday 9a.m
(Please check Bulletin for modified times)

CONFESSION TIMES

Tuesday 6-7p.m; Saturday 3:45-4:45p.m
30 minutes before all other regularly scheduled Masses
(including Sunday Masses)

BAPTISMS

Call/Email the Parish office to book.

MARRIAGE

Call/Email the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance

R.C.I.A

(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Call/Email the parish office

SPECIAL NEEDS

Families with children that have special needs are always welcome in our parish.
Please contact us to show us how we can help you.

STEWARDSHIP

"Donate to our Parish" through our website. Mail/Drop Off Donations to the Parish Office. We thank you for your generosity & support.



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FR. GREGORY MERKLEY, Administrator
Rev. Mr. Joe Gigliotti, Deacon
Ilaria Paletta, Pastoral Assistant
Billie Filice, Youth Minister
Francine Regaudie-McIsaac, Music Director

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday to Thursday
9:30a.m - 4:30p.m.

Friday 9:30a.m - 12:30p.m

Closed: Saturday, Sunday & Monday

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 10a.m. until Saturday 9a.m.
(Building is locked at 5p.m. each day)

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Tuesday evenings 8p.m in the church
(September to June)

PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP

Thursdays 7p.m - Parish Hall
(September to June)

PARISH FAMILY ROSARY

30 minutes before All Masses

HOSPITAL VISITS/SHUT-INS

Call/Email the Parish Office.

VOCATIONS

Fr. Mark Morley

905-528-7988 ext. 2341

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

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ELECTRONIC BULLETIN

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We welcome you to our Parish! Please introduce yourself to Fr. Greg. Kindly complete the information below and place it in the collection basket.

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ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024 MASS INTENTIONS: April 22-28, 2024		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	✠ GUNI SAPRA —Mary Agnes Auer *****		Rev. Guillermo Diaz
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	✠ BLAZENKO BARTOLOVIC—I,N ✠ EVA JUSEK & ELIZABETH KIEFER—Joe ✠ LAURA MACKISOC & FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LARRY & FAMILY —Theresa Sapra ✠ SOULS IN PURGATORY—Tony & Billie Filice FOR THE INTENTIONS OF HALINA, JERRY, STEFANIA, LIDJA & DONA FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MRS CURRY—Filice Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF TONY CUSACK—Cusick Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. GREG—Lou & Lisa Groen IN THANKSGIVING TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS & IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY FOR GRACES & BLESSINGS —Sylvester & Arlette Henriques		Rev. Paul Edmondstone
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	✠ PETER BAGNAIOL — Sylvia & Valerio DeFaveri		International Worker's Day
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	✠ FR. MICHAEL DOWNEY — G		Rev. Duy Van Nguyen
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	IN THANKSGIVING FOR PRAYERS ANSWERED THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF ST. THERESE FOR KAZ—Aunt		Rev. Grzegorz Ogorzalek
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	✠ MICHAEL CUSICK—Family ✠ KEN DIBARTOLOMEO—IHM Cooking Teams ✠ EILEEN GIANGREGORIO—Paletta Family ✠ MARIA LEDONNE—Tony & Daniela Giannini ✠ IAN MCINTOSH—Hamoknights ✠ MARY PALERMO—Ron Banavage ✠ HELEN TRUTY - Anne-Marie, Dennis & Aidan ✠ MARIA ZANCHETTI —Enrico & Anna Dalla Pasqua ✠ PAUL BRAUN & DECEASED OF BLAZEK, STEINER, WEKERLE FAMILIES FOR THE INTENTIONS OF GIGLIOTTI FAMILY—Luigi & Marta Visocchi FOR THE INTENTIONS OF TERESA VERTICCHIO—Luisa FOR THE INTENTIONS OF PAUL, MARYANN, DEBBIE, CARRIE BIANCO—Kathleen Whyte		Grandparents & the Elderly SCRIPTURE READINGS APRIL 28, 2024
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	✠ AMLETO SALCICCIOLI & HERMIEN ZELDENRUST— Tony & Daniela Giannini ✠ MARIA BELTRAME—Family PRO POPULO		First Reading Acts 9:26-31 Second Reading 1John 3:18-24 Gospel John 15:1-8



Dear Parish family,

As we continue celebrating the Easter season, we continue to rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ for the 50 days of Easter!

Here are some other updates you may be interested in.

This is volunteer weekend – our parish is so blessed by so many generous volunteers. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and bless them! Please consider being involved in our parish by volunteering if you are not already.

“Ask Father” night returns on April 26th, at 7 PM in the parish hall. The last one was a big success – come out again, or for the first time to ask me all the questions you’d like! I also plan to share briefly where a priest’s time goes, and more about purgatory, given that was a topic at the last “Ask Father” night!

The talks from Fr. Gary Schlack’s Lenten parish Mission have been uploaded and can be accessed through my homilies podcast, which is accessible at www.frmerkley.com.

The March for Life is coming up on May 9th, 2024. I plan to attend, so as to show my support for the sacredness of every human life. Maybe you will attend too? You can learn more about it at <https://marchforlife.ca/>.

I also plan to attend the annual Serra Club dinner! The Serra Club of Hamilton invites you to gather on Wednesday, May 15th, 2024 at Liuna Station to celebrate the service of our Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, Consecrated Virgins Living in the World and

Permanent Deacons. Tickets normally cost \$90, but our parish may be purchasing or subsidizing tickets. If you would like to come, please contact the parish office. You may also contact serrahamilton1965@gmail.com for more details.

Bishop Crosby has approved the placement of a seminarian here at our parish during the summer, seminarian Timothy Kulakowsky. Here is a note from him as he prepares to come to our parish in May.

Hello parishioners of IHM!

My name is Tim Kulakowsky, I am the seminarian who will be joining your parish this summer. I'm very excited about this appointment! I grew up nearby (Smithville) and while I was never a parishioner here officially some of you will probably recognize me when you see me. I used to linger around here quite a bit. Your beloved former pastor, Fr. Bill Trusz, was my spiritual director for years, and I used to spend a lot of time in your adoration chapel. In fact, it was there that I made the decision to join the seminary! Some of you I have already gotten to know, and have prayed with you, and you have supported my vocation with your prayers and encouragement. For those I do not yet know, I am looking forward to getting to know you all and building Our Lord's Kingdom with you! If there is anything I can do to support your faith journey, as you support my own in so many ways, do not be a stranger! Feel free to approach me anytime. :)

May God bless you and your loved ones in this Easter season, and always!

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

Fr. Greg



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 15TH ANNUAL
GOLF TOURNAMENT,
SUNDAY, JUNE 9 AT SOUTHBROOK GOLF CLUB**

ANNUAL YARD SALE -SATURDAY, JUNE 1 8AM TO 1PM.

It's Spring time again... time to clean out your garage and basement. Please remember to donate gently used items to this fundraiser. All proceeds to the **SPECIAL OLYMPICS**. Drop by for a burger or hotdog and go home with a new treasure!! Please drop off your donated items at the main parking lot, under the canopy. **Volunteers will be glad to receive your items from Noon to 6 pm on Friday, May 31. Please no electronics or clothing.**



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
COFFEE SUNDAY is weekend after the 9 & 11 am Masses.**

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNCIL, Friday, April 26.

All ladies are invited to a coffee social after the 9 am mass. Members are encouraged to wear your scarves.

If you are not receiving emails, please let us know by emailing: cwlwinona@gmail.com



IHM YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

Please visit: www.ihmchurch.ca, Youth Ministry tab.
FOR ACTIVITIES: Instagram: [ihmyouth_](https://www.instagram.com/ihmyouth_)



ST. JOSEPH'S BROTHERHOOD — Men's Bible Study Wednesdays at 7pm. We will follow the "Men of the Word – The Good News" Bible study program which consists of 12 sessions that cover the overarching story of salvation: from creation to our own lives. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. Please bring a Bible.



PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP THURSDAYS at 7p.m. in the Parish Hall.



COMPASSIONATE OUTREACH (Grief Support : Has someone you cared about died? Are you feeling emotional, grieving the loss of a person's presence in your life? Our compassionate outreach program can help. **You are invited to participate in a Grief Support Program on Wednesday evenings at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, until May 8 from 7 – 8:30 pm.** If you feel you can be helped by this program, we urge you to attend. If you know of someone who could benefit from this, please encourage them to come. **To register, or if you have any questions, please call Daniela at 905-966-5262.**

STEWARDSHIP

April 14, 2024

Envelope Donations: \$3426.77

Loose Donations: \$785.23

Online (April 11): \$664.92

Total: \$4876.92

Thank you for your generosity.

If you would like to go "Green" please visit our website: www.ihmchurch.ca click the link "Donate to our Parish" and fill in the attached form and email or drop it off to the parish office.

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

PROJECT ANNA AND SIMEON - For those grieving the loss of a loved one through Medical Assistance in Dying on **Saturday, May 25, 2024 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM**, St. John the Compassionate Mission, 155 Broadview Ave., Toronto. This retreat aims to provide comfort and support to individuals who have experienced the loss of a loved one through MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying). The day will include shared meals, insightful talks from experienced speakers, small group discussions and opportunities for continued support. Overnight accommodations are available upon request. For more information and to register, please contact outreach@stmmarysrefuge.org. Suggested Donation: \$100

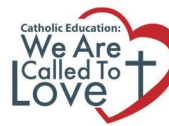


SOCIAL ACTION: The **BLUE BOX** is in the narthex today to accept your donations to help us prepare and cook delicious meals for the homeless, poor, working poor and marginalized who come to DeMazenod Door. Last Wednesday our volunteers cooked Shepherds Pie and this week Meatballs and Pasta. This is only possible because you give to the Blue Box each month. Along with these wonderful main courses they also receive Hot Chocolate, Coffee, Fruit Cups and a Garden Salad. Some months the menu calls for Roasted Vegetables and Potatoes – so **QUITE A MEAL**. Please support this terrific initiative of our Parish.



CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Every Tuesday 8-9 pm from September through June. We meet in the church for a brief teaching and a period of silent meditation followed by discussion. All are welcome.

"Christian meditation...is rooted in the teaching of Jesus on prayer and his teaching on discipleship... We have to find Christ within if we are to be able to follow him in our daily lives." Laurence Freeman OSB, The World Community for Christian Meditation.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2024 BEGINS ON SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024.

The Catholic schools in our parish will be celebrating the gift of publicly funded Catholic education. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have made a significant contribution to the fabric of our society. The current generation of students will serve with the same spirit and generosity as previous generations. You are most welcome to visit your local Catholic school and attend the various Catholic celebrations.

This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "We are called to love." The theme for Catholic Education Week 2024 was inspired by the following considerations: • With joyful anticipation of the Jubilee Year of 2025, we are inspired by Pope Francis announcing the theme of "Pilgrims of Hope." With open hearts of love, we can continue to "fan the flame of hope" for a bright future. • On the fifth anniversary of Renewing the Promise, we celebrate that Catholic Education is centred on our Christian call to love. This love permeates how we live in the world and as we act with love, we build a better future. • The theme of the synod, "Enlarge the Space of Your Tent," invites us to listen in love, to be a healing presence to one another and to strengthen relationships. • In his visit to Canada last summer, Pope Francis gave us hope for our continued work for Truth and Reconciliation. Through prayer and a commitment to love, stronger bonds are forming and a new way forward is emerging. • Catholic Education Week comes at the same time as Mental Health Awareness Week. Through love and compassion, we continue to support each other's wellbeing. God is love and we are always called to live out this love. • In our continued work of promoting the dignity of the human person, a focus on love reminds us that all God's children are loved unconditionally. The Catholic Education Week biblical quote is, "If we love one another, God lives in us." (1 John 4:12)



MARCH FOR LIFE—Ottawa Thursday, May 9, 2024,

Departure: 6 am Expected Return Time: Between 10:00-11:00 pm the same day Location: Pick up and drop off at the West Highland Baptist Church (1605 Garth St., Hamilton, ON L9B 1X8) Free parking in the lower parking lot for the day. You must register your spot. Contact Hamilton Right to Life or call 905-528-3065 for more information. While the bus transportation is **FREE**, we gratefully accept donations for those who can help support us as we strive to promote the sanctity of human life.

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