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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.



Scan to Donate!

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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905-523-2468

ELECTRONIC BULLETIN

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VISIT:

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REGISTER WITH OUR PARISH:

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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Please check one: Envelopes ___ Pre-authorized giving ___ (form will be emailed to you)

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Join us in Praying the ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses	Confessions 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024 MASS INTENTIONS: April 8-14, 2024	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00A.M 6:00P.M	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MATTHEW ZYCHOWICZ—Jadwiga ***** CHANTED MASS	The Annunciation of the Lord
TUESDAY	7:00P.M	✠ REMO DILALLA, PATTY DILALLA SHEPHERD, ALDO TROMBETTA —Family ✠ RON DENHAM, ENRICA VIOLIN—Lou & Lisa Groen ✠ EUGENIO MARZARO—Cousins ✠ MARY PALERMO—Marina Giancaterina ✠ JENNIFER SCHAEFFER—Snidarich Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MRS. DIPIETRO—Sofia Filice FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ADAM JOHNSTONE	Rev. Allen Varlaki
WEDNESDAY	9:00A.M	INTENTIONS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY & THE TRIUMPH OF MARY'S IMMACULATE HEART—Marg	Permanent Deacons
THURSDAY	9:00A.M	✠ LILY STARK—Sylvia & Valerio DeFaveri	Rev. Rajesh D'Souza
FRIDAY	9:00A.M	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF WALTER RZESZTKO—Teresa	Rev. Jerzy Tomon
SATURDAY	5:00P.M	✠ PALMARINO BIANCHINI—Larry & Ilaria Paletta ✠ SERAFINA CANCI—Filippo Santini & Family ✠ GRACE CIANCONE—IHM Catholic Women's League ✠ MARIO DIDONATO—Franca Santaguida ✠ GUNI SAPRA, DOMENICO FRISINA —Many & Tina Attard ✠ EILEEN GIANGREGORIO—Marie & Joe Giallonardo ✠ DORA GIGLIOTTI—Deacon Joe & Nadia Gigliotti ✠ IAN MCINTOSH—Brian & Janet Patton ✠ ALDONA PIETRANTONIO—Vince & Sarah Santini ✠ PAUL BIANCO—Kathleen Whyte FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LUIGI VISOCCHI & FAMILY—Paletta Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF HATTIE FARRELL & FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. BOB BULBROOK, MARYANN, DEBBIE, CARRIE BIANCO— Kathleen Whyte	Parents & Guardians SCRIPTURE READINGS APRIL 14, 2024
SUNDAY	9:00A.M 11:00A.M 4:00P.M	✠ ROSI CAMPANELLA— Tony & Daniela Giannini FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ELVIRA & PAUL PRESTA —Ralph & Mary Fascione PRO POPULO	First Reading Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Second Reading 1John 2:1-5 Gospel Luke 24:35-48



Dear Parish family,

As we continue celebrating the Easter season, we continue to rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ for 50 days! Here are some other updates you may be interested in.

Many “thank you’s” are in order! Thank you to so many who helped make the Easter Triduum not just possible, but beautiful. Our musicians, and various liturgical ministers were a great blessing. Thank you to the RCIA team for their preparation of our new Catholics. Thank you to Deacon Joe & Nadia Gigliotti for our Easter planters as well! Furthermore, thank you to each and every one of you who have given me kind cards and gifts – may God reward you for that!

The most recent clergy appointments by Bishop Crosby have been released, and they include that I will be appointed *pastor* of our parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary effective June 26th, 2024. Up until now, I was *administrator*, a title in canon law that has the same rights and duties of the pastor (canon 540), but without quite the same sense of stability of assignment. May we pray and work together to do God’s work and build His kingdom in this beautiful faith community.

“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!

Bishop Crosby has also approved the placement of a seminarian here at our parish during the summer, seminarian Timothy Kulakowsky. Pray for him and we look forward to his arrival!

The Ex Corde Foundation has generously granted our parish a grant of \$20,000 for the purposes of installing a new sound system. We are extremely grateful to the foundation, which was established by Bishop Crosby in 2011, and “provides financial assistance to parishes and other Catholic charities within the Diocese of Hamilton and across Canada” (from the *Ex Corde Foundation* website – www.excordefoundation.com). I recently applied to the foundation for the stated purposes of the new sound system, and what a wonderful Easter gift to have received! As Bishop Crosby told me when I spoke to him in person about the application, it is important to have a very good sound system because “the people need to *hear* the Word of God.” If you would like to sacrificially give specifically to the covering the costs of a new sound system, please know the parish would be happy to receive your generosity towards this end. This project will be discussed in the near future at our next parish finance council meeting, and pastoral council meeting before any next steps are taken.

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated this weekend, particularly at our special Divine Mercy event from 1:30-3:30 PM!

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

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

Fr. Greg



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Thank you to all who donated to our Easter Food Drive.

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

beginning at 7:30p.m. in the parish hall.

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

PARISH BULLETIN: The advertisement spaces on the last page of the parish bulletin are mainly purchased by many members of our parish. The money raised by the Knights of Columbus is distributed to many causes, such as IHM Parish, DeMazenod Door, Hamilton Right to Life, Hamilton Food Share and Christian Refugees, to name a few. Please support the people and companies that support us. And thank you for your patronage!!



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Our next meeting is **TUESDAY, APRIL 16**

beginning with Mass at 7p.m.

IHM YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

Please visit: www.ihmchurch.ca, Youth Ministry tab.

FOR DAILY/WEEKLY 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. Meetings are every Wednesday night at 7:00pm except for the second Wednesday of the month. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. Please bring a Bible.



JOIN OUR PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP THURSDAYS at 7p.m. in the Parish Hall. "Therefore I will praise You, O LORD, among the nations; *I will sing praises to Your Name.*" 2 Samuel 22:50 If you are in need of prayers or comfort, join us!



2024 COMPASSIONATE OUTREACH: 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, April 3 - 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

March 31, 2024

Envelope Donations: \$10,720.80

Loose Donations: \$2806.20

Online (March 28): \$414.12

Pre-Authorized (March 31): \$1965.00

Total: \$15,906.12

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.

2023 TAX RECEIPTS ARE READY FOR PICK UP!

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish.

**COME
MAKE
STUFF.**

CRAFTER'S GROUP will meet on **Tuesday, April 9 at 1p.m.** in the parish hall, they will be painting pots, to register please sign the green book in the gathering space. Cost is \$5



EUCHRE & TRIMINOES—Mondays at 6:30p.m., Parish Hall, Cost \$4. All Are Invited to join!



SOCIAL ACTION: The folks at DeMazenod Door are still raving about the two delicious meals we served during the last 2 weeks of March. Thank you to everyone who contributed whether it was money for the Blue Box, time and energy preparing and cooking the food or delivery to The Door itself. It takes a lot of people to make this work, so a big thank you to all.



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.



THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is now available online at hamiltondiocese.com.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD Saturday, April 13, 2024, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown, ON. 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Participants may register using the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION Saturday, April 20, 2024, St. John the Baptist Parish, Guelph, ON. 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Participants may register using the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 7

- 1:30 PM – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, confessions available
- 2:45 PM– A short talk on divine mercy -Fr. Greg
- 3 PM – Divine Mercy chaplet
- 3:15 PM – Solemn veneration and incensing of the Divine Mercy image, and benediction
- 3:30 PM – Confessions before the 4 PM Mass.

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 - 08:00 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@stmarysrefuge.org. Suggested Donation: \$100

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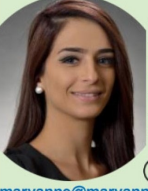

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