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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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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, MARCH 10, 2024 MASS INTENTIONS: March 11-17, 2024	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00A.M 6:00P.M	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF VESNA SLAVINA—Kunkel Family ***** CHANTED MASS	Rev. Sutherland MacDonald
TUESDAY	7:00P.M	✠ BERNICE GALENSKI—Tony & Billie Filice ✠ SAM MONACHINO — Deacon Joe & Nadia Gigliotti ✠ VIVIAN SABO—Mary Agnes Auer ✠ ALLAN SEMENUK—Lou & Lisa Groen ✠ MARY PALERMO — Jack Bidinost FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARIE GIALONARDO—Ralph & Mary Fascione FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE GIGLIOTTI FAMILY—Jadwiga FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ADAM JOHNSTONE FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MISS SZAREK—Simon Filice	Rev. David Mowat
WEDNESDAY	9:00A.M	✠ GUNI SAPRA - Joe & Marie Giallonardo	Lay Parish Ministers
THURSDAY	9:00A.M	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JADWIGA ZYCHOWICZ	Rev. Harry Reitzel
FRIDAY	9:00A.M	✠ FR. ANDY DONNELLY—Giallonardo Family	Rev. Raymond Reitzel
SATURDAY	5:00P.M	✠ GERMAN GARZON —Family ✠ JOSE & CONCEICAO ARRUDA —Vince & Sarah Santini ✠ SERAFINA CANCI —Egidio & Jean Nardini ✠ IAN MCINTOSH—Joe & Marie Giallonardo ✠ JOHN O'BRIEN—Jacob & Lucy Truden ✠ FLORA & PETER MENEGALDO—Grace ✠ MARIO DIDONATO—Franca Santaguida ✠ JEREMY FARRELL—Tony & Billie Filice ✠ CRISTINA & MICHELE TIMPERIO—Lucia Caruso ✠ MARIA LEDONNE—Tony & Daniela Giannini ✠ NANCY ANN PRPICH—Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE CHRISTINE FRANCIOSA & FAMILY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. CARL SCHMIDT & FOR CHRISTINE ROGERS—Kathleen Whyte FOR THE INTENTION OF JADWIGA ZYCHOWICZ—Kunkel Family	Rev. Florian Stasinski Scripture Readings March 17, 2024
SUNDAY	9:00A.M 11:00A.M 4:00P.M	✠ ETTORE CARLESSO, DORA GIGLIOTTI & DECEASED OF GIGLIOTTI FAMILY & FOR THE INTENTIONS OF NADIA GIGLIOTTI ✠ FERNANDO DE AMORIN —Sam & Luci Frosina PRO POPULO	First Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34 Second Reading Hebrews 5:7-9 Gospel John 12:20-33



Dear Parish family,

Holy Week draws closer as our Lenten journey continues. Please see the Holy Week schedule in this bulletin.

A Divine Mercy Service will take place on the Sunday after Easter, April 7th, beginning at 1:30 PM. What is Divine Mercy Sunday? Saint Faustina Kowalska, born in Poland in 1905, was a nun who

received visions and messages from Jesus about His mercy. These Church-approved revelations led to the establishment of the Feast of Divine Mercy, celebrated on the Sunday after Easter Sunday which Jesus personally asked for. Saint Faustina, canonized by Pope John Paul II in the year 2000, recorded Jesus' requests for the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday in her diary.

Divine Mercy Sunday is a special day when Catholics honor and celebrate God's infinite mercy and love for humanity. It falls on the second Sunday of the Easter season and serves as a reminder of Jesus' desire for all to trust in His mercy and seek forgiveness for their sins.

In her diary, Saint Faustina documented Jesus' instructions for Divine Mercy Sunday, including the request to receive Holy Communion on this day and to venerate the image of the Divine Mercy, which depicts Jesus with rays of red and white light emanating from His heart, symbolizing the blood and water that flowed from His side on the cross. Jesus asked that Divine Mercy Sunday be the day that ends the Divine Mercy novena, which begins on Good Friday. You can find the Divine Mercy Novena easily online, and we will try to provide copies here as well.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, we are invited to reflect on God's mercy, seek forgiveness for our sins, and trust in His boundless love and compassion. It is a time to renew our commitment to living lives of mercy and

compassion toward others, following the example of our merciful Savior, Jesus Christ. Join us in celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday as we rejoice in the unfathomable love of our God, who is rich in mercy. Our plan for Divine Mercy Sunday is currently as follows:

1:30 PM - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, confessions available
2:45 PM-ish - A short talk on divine mercy by myself (Fr. Greg)

3 PM-ish - Divine Mercy chaplet

3:15 PM-ish - Solemn veneration and incensing of the Divine Mercy image, and benediction

3:30 PM-ish - Confessions begin again as usual before the 4 PM Mass.

Our Lenten Parish Mission this upcoming weekend will feature Fr. Gary Schlack March 16th-19th, who will preach at the weekend Masses as well as Monday and Tuesday evening. His mission homily at all the Sunday Masses will be the same, and he will also preach additional extended homilies on the Eucharist and Confession during the evenings of Monday, March 18th and Tuesday the 19th, at the usual scheduled Mass times (6 PM and 7 PM respectively). March 19th is also the solemnity of St. Joseph and is sure to be a wonderful celebration.

The Lenten Bingo cards have been very popular! Did you get one, and are you on track to make a Lenten bingo?

I have a personal website that may be of interest to you, www.frmerkley.com. There, I post homilies and there is other information that may be useful, including a *resources* page that has helpful websites or apps to help you grow closer to the Lord.

May the Lord abundantly bless you and your loved ones.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

Peace and Blessings,

Fr. Greg



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

GENERAL MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 at 7:30p.m
in the parish hall.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 15TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT,
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
COFFEE SUNDAY, MARCH 17
after the 9a.m. & 11a.m Masses!**

Reminder of our ecological friendly fundraiser TruEarth. Buy your laundry supplies through: <http://tru-earth.sjv.io/CWLWinona>



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 7:00pm. 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.**



LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO THIS LENT? 40

DAYS FOR LIFE HAMILTON invites you to pray for Hamilton's preborn children! YOU can participate in a peaceful prayer vigil across the street from McMaster Children's Hospital, from February 14th - March 24th between 7am to 7pm. Please consider signing up for an hour or more of prayer this Lenten season! More information & SIGN UP ONLINE: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/hamilton>.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS & VESPERS

Friday, March 8 – RCIA (6:30p.m start time)

Friday, March 15 – Knights of Columbus/Development & Peace

Friday, March 22 –Praise & Worship Prayer Group



JOIN US! Tuesday March 12, 1-3pm in the parish hall.

We will be decorating St. Patrick's Day cookies.



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



SOCIAL ACTION: Next weekend is **BLUE BOX** weekend and ask you to be as generous as you are able. For those who have not given to the BLUE BOX collection we would ask you to consider doing so as it helps our parish to cook more meals for the large number of people who come to DeMazenod Door for the DAILY BREAD. This month we will be cooking 2 great meals on March 20 and 27th. (Blue Box Weekend: March 16/17)



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.** "There is nothing so much like God as silence." Meister Eckhart



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 MUSIC RETREAT The Liturgy Office is pleased to offer a Ministers of Music Retreat on Saturday, March 16th, 2024, at Annunciation of Our Lord Parish in Hamilton from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Dr. Glenn CJ Byer will lead the retreat with the theme of **Near Occasions of Grace**. Participants may register using the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

March 3, 2024

Envelope Donations: \$3911.00

Loose Donations: \$474.00

Pre-Authorized (Feb 29): \$1965.00

Online (Feb 29): \$1059.01

Total: \$7409.01

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.

~EASTER LITURGIES~

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7p.m

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Passion of Our Lord 11a.m & 3p.m

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 at 12 Noon

EASTER VIGIL: SATURDAY, MARCH 30 at 8p.m

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: MARCH 31: 9a.m; 11a.m; 4p.m

CONFESSION IS AVAILABLE 30 mins before each Mass

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