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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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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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Join us in Praying the ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses	Confessions 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024 MASS INTENTIONS: April 1-7, 2024	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00A.M 6:00P.M	SOULS IN PURGATORY & DECEASED OF HOBBS & WHYTE FAMILIES—Kathleen Whyte ***** CHANTED MASS	Rev. Piotr Machnacki
TUESDAY	7:00P.M	✠ EILEEN GIANGREGORIO—Julie Cascio ✠ THERESA JONES—Lou & Lisa Groen ✠ ILARIO NOCITA —Santa & Family ✠ ANGELA & ANGEL PASSANO —Jadwiga Zychowicz FOR PRIVATE INTENTIONS—Grace FOR BABY BRAUN-SMITH—Christine & Michael FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ARGIA BOIN—Teresa & Luisa Verticchio FOR THE INTENTIONS OF VERA FEDORICK—Kunkel Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MRS. CLAUDINO—Matteo Filice FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JULIE CASCIO—CWL Executive FOR THE INTENTIONS OF PHONSE & LIBBY MCWILLIAMS—Mary Agnes Auer IN THANKSGIVING TO IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	Very Rev. Ranjan D'Sa
WEDNESDAY	9:00A.M	DECEASED OF LUKACS & ALTANDORFER FAMILIES—Sylvia & Valerio DeFaveri	Oblates of Mary Immaculate
THURSDAY	9:00A.M	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MATEO ZACZCH—Walter & Teresa Rzeszotko	Rev. Joseph Ahilan
FRIDAY	9:00A.M	IN REPARATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS—Jadwiga Zychowicz	Rev. Benedict T. Insigne
SATURDAY	5:00P.M	✠ MASSIMO BERRETTONI—Manny & Tina Attard ✠ RENO CORTIULA—Family ✠ ANNE-MARIE CUSIMANO-JOHNSTON—Filippo Santini ✠ KEN DIBARTOLOMEO—Paletta Family ✠ MARIA LEDONNE—Brian & Janet Patton ✠ CONCETTA, LUCIA & PAOLO LEOMBRUNO—Family ✠ ANTONIETTA PACENZA—Family ✠ GUNI SAPRA—Kathleen Whyte ✠ DAVID & SOPHIE, WILLIAM COLTERMAN, FRANK & ELEANOR KUNKEL, JAMES KING, SOULS IN PURGATORY—Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF CIA BONYUN—Paletta Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JEANNINE FALASCA & LARRY MACKISOC	Rev. David Avila SCRIPTURE READINGS APRIL 7, 2024
SUNDAY	9:00A.M 11:00A.M 4:00P.M	✠ ROBERT MACHNEY—Immaculate Heart of Mary CWL ✠ EMIDIO TIRABASSI—Family PRO POPULO	First Reading Acts 4:32-35 Second Reading 1John 5:1-6 Gospel John 20:19-31



Dear Parish family,

Happy Easter! The Lord is risen – truly, He is risen! I pray that the joy of the resurrection, which overflows to fill 50 days of the Easter season, flows into each of your hearts and minds. Despite the challenges and setbacks of life – the “Good Friday’s”, if you will – with the Lord there is always a new beginning, fresh graces, and ultimately, the

resurrection. Christ has conquered the grave for us, and shares His love with us abundantly. Congratulations to the newest Catholics of our parish – Dana, Emily, Gillian, and Sheri! You are warmly welcomed!

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 the quite same sense of stability of assignment. I am happy to be here, and I ask your continued prayers and support, that we may work together to do God’s work and build His kingdom in this community. We thank God for the beautiful community we live as part of.

Bishop Crosby has also approved the placement of a seminarian here at our parish during the summer, seminarian Timothy Kulakowsky. We look forward to welcoming seminarian Timothy when he arrives in May. I am told by Fr. Mark Morley, vocations director of the Diocese of Hamilton, that he will be with us from May to August. Stay turned for an introduction bulletin blurb from Seminarian Tim, and please pray for him as he finishes his studies for this year at St. Peter’s seminary in London, ON!

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 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.

Please note that next weekend we have our Divine Mercy Sunday service, 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
EASTER FOOD DRIVE: March 23-March 31

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

The CWL wishes everyone a Happy and Blessed Easter.
Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 16
beginning with Mass at 7p.m.



IHM YOUTH MINISTRY ACTIVITIES
COMMUNITY CLEAN UP
MONDAY, APRIL 1 FROM 9A.M. TO 11:30A.M
 Beginning with Mass at 9a.m.

Earn Christian Service Hours.
Email Billie Filice by March 25 at ihmyouth@cogeco.net

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.**



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

STEWARDSHIP
March 24, 2024

Envelope Donations: \$4801.00
 Loose Donations: \$524.00
 Online (March 21): \$371.53
Total: \$5696.53

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.



SOCIAL ACTION: HAPPY EASTER to all who contribute to the BLUE BOX every month, to our wonderful volunteers who come to the parish kitchen and cook great meals and to our beautiful guests who get to taste the good food that comes from Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. We are truly blessed and ask The Risen Christ to bless us all and to shine His light on our face.



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 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.



~EASTER LITURGIES~
HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7p.m

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29
Passion of Our Lord 11a.m (Young Families) & 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



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 7

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.

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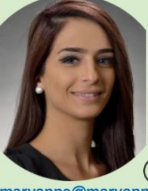

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