



# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

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## PASTORAL TEAM

**FR. GREGORY MERKLEY**, Pastor  
**Rev. Mr. Joe Gigliotti**, Deacon  
**Giuseppe Njualet**, Seminarian  
**Ilaria Paletta**, Office Administrator

## 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

## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

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

## PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP

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

## HOSPITAL VISITS/SHUT-INS

Call/Email the Parish Office.

## SCHOOLS

Immaculate Heart of Mary  
905-523-2332  
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## VOCATIONS

Fr. Mark Morley  
905-528-7988 ext. 2341  
<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

## ELECTRONIC BULLETIN

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**SOCIAL MEDIA:** @ihmchurchsc

## 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.*

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## 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

## 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. E-Transfer: ihmchurch@cogeco.net (Offering)

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## ✂----- REGISTER WITH OUR PARISH:

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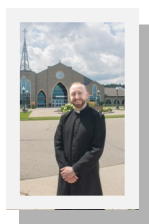
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ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	<b>SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025</b> <b>MASS INTENTIONS: June 23 — 29, 2025</b>		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
<b>MONDAY</b>	9:00 AM  6:00 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF GEORGE & ANGELA ZYCHOWICZ & FAMILY — Jadwiga ***** <b>CHANTED MASS</b>		Rev. Mussie Keflezghi
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00 PM	†GIOVANNI BRIATICO — Family †JIM CUNNINGHAM—Walter & Patricia Tymchuk † MARCELO KRESINA — Julie Cascio †ADELE MANGIONE †ALDO PEDRESCHI - Aida & Ben Changanqui <b>SOULS IN PURGATORY</b> <b>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JOANNE COX—Edna &amp; John White</b> <b>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SALVATORE PARISE</b> <b>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF GRAHAM PROSSER &amp; FAMILY</b> <b>FOR THE INTENTIONS OF MARY, BONNY, AMY &amp; ALEX CHENG</b> <b>SACRED HEART OF JESUS &amp; THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY— Sylvester &amp; Arlette</b>		Rev. Domenico Guarino
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9:00 AM	†GIOVANNI & GLORIA CASTELLAN - Family		Disclalced Carmelite Fathers
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:00 AM	† DECEASED OF ALAMPI & ATTARD FAMILIES — Manny & Tina Attard		Rev. Pawel Szymanowski
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:00 AM	SOULS IN PURGATORY — Kathleen Whyte		Rev. Toby Collins
<b>SATURDAY</b>	5:00 PM	<b>HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY</b> - Kunkel Family † MICHAEL BARKER - Kathleen Whyte †ADELE MANGIONE —Jadwiga Zychowicz † LOREANA & MICHAEL CUSIMANO, CORRADA, PIETRO & PIERINA SANTINI — Filippo Santini & Family		Rev. Raphael Ma
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	†CARLA PUGLIA-RIBEIRO — Tony & Daniela Giannini †NATALINA CASTELLI - Ralph & Mary Fascione <b>PRO POPULO</b>		



My dear parishioners,

**This Corpus Christi Sunday (June 22<sup>nd</sup>), we have planned to have a small outdoor *Corpus Christi* procession around the Church immediately after the 11 AM Mass.** This centuries old tradition, so strongly

encouraged by the Church, is an opportunity for us to give a more prominent place to the Eucharist and to celebrate Christ's real presence in the Sacred Host. "The *Corpus Christi* procession represents the typical form of a Eucharistic procession. It is a prolongation of the celebration of the Eucharist: immediately after Mass, the Sacred Host, consecrated during the Mass, is borne out of the Church for the Christian faithful 'to make public profession of faith and worship of the Most Blessed Sacrament'. The faithful understand and appreciate the values inherent in the procession: they are aware of being 'the People of God', journeying with the Lord, and proclaiming faith in him who has become truly 'God-amongst-us'" (*Directory of Popular Piety paragraph 162, promulgated 2001*). The Eucharist is Jesus Himself, no mere symbol or reminder. And so we worship, adore, and receive with love this Jesus who has said to us, "*this is my body.*" "*I am the bread of life.*"

**The Euthanasia Prevention Coalition (EPC) is in need of funds to support their efforts to uphold the dignity of every human life.** Alex Schadenberg, who does great work with the EPC, is helping save lives and oppose efforts by many to make euthanasia a more regular occurrence in society. As disciples of Jesus who follow a Biblical worldview, we believe that each and every human life is sacred, and we wish to protect vulnerable persons from the pressure to end their own lives. Therefore, I am personally pledging to match at least \$1000 to help support this organization and the great works they do. If you'd like to help with this cause, please let us know in the office.

**Our parish has applied for and received a summer job grant from the Canadian government, and so this summer we expect to have a young lady named *Rain* helping us here at the parish with various tasks.** We will be grateful for her presence and assistance – please make her feel very welcome when you see her!

**Formed.org is a great resource, which our parish has a subscription to.** I encourage you to sign up for [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org), and explore the incredible content there! They have great reflections, movies, documentaries, kids shows, and much more!

**Congratulations to all our graduates from Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Gabriel, and Cardinal Newman!** May the Trinity and our Blessed Mother watch over them, so that as the years go by, our young people may become salt and light for the world according to Christ's teachings! May the Sacred Heart of Jesus keep them close to His heart. Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for them!

**I've recently been made aware that Deacon Joe, our parish's permanent Deacon, is being assigned to a nearby parish, Our Lady of the Assumption.** He has served here since his ordination on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We are grateful for every positive contribution that Deacon Joe has given to our parish since his ordination and assignment here. Of course, he is always welcome here. I ask you to please keep him and his family in your prayers as he makes this transition.

May our Eucharistic Lord abundantly bless all of you with the graces of His Sacred Heart,

Fr. Greg Merkley

**UPCOMING EVENTS: See next page for all our exciting events!**





**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**  
Visit: [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join) (Council # 14421)

#### GOLF TOURNAMENT

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14! \$160/Golfer** at South Brook Golf & Country Club Shot Gun Start: 1p.m Includes: lunch, green fees, cart, dinner, door prizes and lots of fun! Start putting your 4somes together!  
**Enjoy a Safe & Restful Summer!**



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:**  
Wishing you a Blessed Summer!



**PRAISE & WORSHIP PRAYER GROUP**  
**THURSDAYS 7p.m. in the Parish Hall.** All are invited to attend for intercessory prayer, worship, healing and fellowship.



**EUCHRE & TRIOMINOES** — Mondays beginning at 6:30p.m. in our parish hall. All levels of skill are welcome.  
Entrance donation \$4. Join us!



**CHOSEN - Season 4** — Saturdays at 6:15p.m.  
Meeting Room 1, Join us!



**THE HWCD SB OFFERS IN-PERSON AND ONLINE SUMMER CLASSES TO ALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN FREE OF CHARGE.** No previous knowledge of the target language is necessary. Classes run once a week for 2.5 hours. To view the languages offered, sites, and how to register, please visit [www.stcharles.ca](http://www.stcharles.ca) **Immaculate Heart of Mary School will offer Italian July 2 to 26, Monday to Friday, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm.** If you are interested in instructing a language, contact St. Charles at 905-577-0555 Ext 3225. We are currently looking for **Filipino and Polish instructors.** If you are interested, please contact Mary at [anilowskim@hwcdsb.ca](mailto:anilowskim@hwcdsb.ca)



**READ, WRITE, MATH WITH ART CAMP: SK to Gr 6**  
This camp focuses on reading, writing, and math using art and inquiry based on learning!  
**CAMP DATES & TIME: July 21-25 & August 18-22**  
**9AM to 12:30 PM**  
**at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**  
Register: [daniella.albano123abc@gmail.com](mailto:daniella.albano123abc@gmail.com) Cost: \$175 per student/week

#### UPCOMING EVENTS (Apart from Mass and Confessions)

**June 21<sup>st</sup> - 6:15 PM** — Chosen Series 4, Meeting Rm 1  
**June 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>** — Chalice Weekend - Thanksgiving  
**June 22<sup>nd</sup>** — Corpus Christi Procession after 11a.m. Mass  
**June 23<sup>rd</sup> - 6:30 PM** — Card Group, Parish Hall (last night, summer break)  
**June 24<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 AM** — IHM School Mass - Year End  
**June 24<sup>th</sup> - 8 PM** — Christian Meditation, Church (last night, summer break)  
**July 25<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 AM** — St. Patrick's Cooking Team, Parish Hall  
**June 26<sup>th</sup> - 7 PM** — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall (last night, summer break)  
**June 28<sup>th</sup> - 6:15 PM** — Chosen Series 4, Meeting Rm 1  
**July 1<sup>st</sup> — Parish Office Closed**  
**July 5<sup>th</sup> - 6:15 PM** — Chosen Series 4, Meeting Rm 1  
**July 11<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 PM** — Youth Group, Parish Hall  
**July 12<sup>th</sup> - 6:15 PM** — Young Adults, Church/Parish Hall  
**July 12<sup>th</sup> - 6:15 PM** — Chosen Series 4, Meeting Rm 1  
**July 16<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 AM** — St. Patrick's Cooking Team, Parish Hall  
**July 23<sup>rd</sup> - 9:30 AM** — St. Patrick's Cooking Team, Parish Hall  
**July 21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> — 9 AM — 12:30 PM** - Read, Write, Math, Art Camp, Meeting Rm 1



**SOCIAL ACTION: THANK YOU** to all who contributed to the BLUE BOX last weekend. Your generosity is very much appreciated **THANK YOU** also to the parishioners and others who helped prepare and cook the meals in the parish kitchen for DeMazenod Door. In May, there was a 4% increase in the number of guests served vs May 2024. Our parish continues to be a significant meal provider to DeMazenod Door and the guests mention frequently how much they like our meals. So thanks to all for your ongoing support of our parish's outreach to those in need in Hamilton .



**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Every Tuesday 8-9pm 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.

*"Meditation is the missing dimension of much Christian life today. It does not exclude other types of prayer and indeed deepens reverence for the sacraments and scripture." Laurence Freeman OSB. World Community for Christian Meditation.*



**ENHANCING SELF-ESTEEM** - This program provides the opportunity to increase your self-awareness and to learn specific skills for building a positive self-esteem, which will assist you to feel stronger in all areas of your life. Issues covered during the course include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings, positive ways to behave assertively and setting realistic goals for your future. The program will be offered once again this fall and is held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. Registration will be on line soon so to register go to [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) and look for the date under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail: [familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com).

**YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT IN JULY**—Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), social with food (7:30pm-8:00pm), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, July 5th at St. Catherine of Siena Church (620 Rymal Road East, Hamilton, Ontario). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For more information, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH:** Summer is a time to unwind, relax, rejuvenate and enjoy the outdoors. Take the time to engage more often and more fully as a family. Do chores together, cook together, play games, do a puzzle, or hike together. Quality and quantity time spent with our children matters! This is the Jubilee Year of Hope, so do something to engage in and honour the year, perhaps by visiting one or more of our Diocesan Pilgrim Churches. You can find more ideas to celebrate the year on our website at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com). And whether you are having a staycation or vacation, remember that Mass and prayer as a family are important!

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH:** Though we may love our spouse, there will be moments when we may disagree or struggle to be loving. These are moments when we must remind ourselves of our commitment to each other and the importance of working things out, instead of ignoring them and moving on. When troubles arise, it is important for each person to commit to taking time to discuss the issue when both people are calm, so your brain is at its maximum capacity to be rational. Research says that starting the conversation gently (no accusing, judging, or sarcasm) and taking responsibility for some part of the problem is the best way to work the situation out and move forward with love that is even stronger. (Family Ministry Office)



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