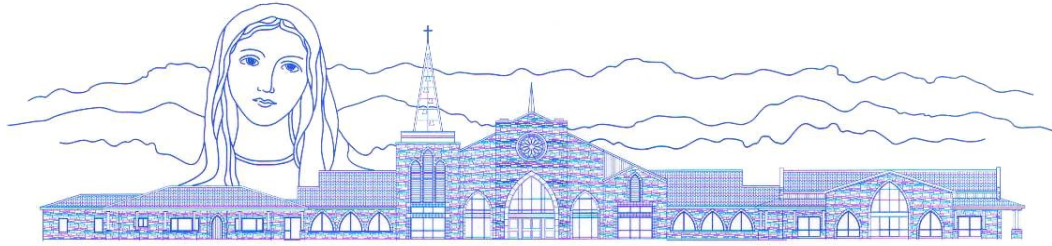


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Our Parish's Vision Statement:

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.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

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

Closed: Monday, Saturday & Sunday

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday 5:00p.m;
Sunday 9:00a.m; 11:00a.m; 4:00p.m

CONFESSIONS:

Tuesday 6-7p.m; Saturday 3:45-4:45p.m

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Monday & Tuesday: 10a.m. - Midnight;

Wednesday: 10a.m. to Saturday 9a.m.

BAPTISMS: Please call the Parish office to book.

Prep 1st Sunday of month (Sept-June)

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Speak with Fr. Bill

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: 11A.M. Mass – JK to Grade 2 only. (Sept to June)

HOSPITAL VISITS/SHUT-INS: Please call the Parish Office

VOCATIONS: Rev. M. King 905-528-7988 ext. 2246
visit: www.hamiltonvocations.com

SCHOOLS: Immaculate Heart of Mary 905-523-2332;
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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.

HEALING VIGILS:

3rd Friday of Each Month from 7-9p.m. (Sept to Dec)

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION:

Tuesday evenings 8pm in the church (Sept-June)

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP:

Tuesday evenings 6:30p.m. followed by Mass

CHOIRS:

Music Ministry Director: Teresa DiFalco

Ken Bates (Sunday 9a.m & Tuesday 7p.m);

Marisa Ciarmoli (11a.m. Youth Gr 3-)

Teresa DiFalco(5p.m); Luigi Visocchi (11a.m. All Ages)

ELECTRONIC BULLETIN: Email: ihmchurch@cogeco.net

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KEEP THIS PRAYER & RECITE EACH DAY: 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.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

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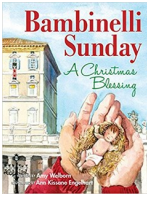
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and will be in the sacristy the weekend after your registration
is received by the parish office. Thank you**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018

		MASS INTENTIONS ~ DECEMBER 9-15, 2018 ~Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish~	Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intention
MONDAY	9:00A.M	† IVICA BORAS & SOULS IN PURGATORY —Family SPECIAL INTENTION FOR CELINA SANFORD—Walter & Theresa Rzeszotko	Rev. Lech Wycichowski,
TUESDAY	7:00P.M	† DECEASED OF NOCITA FAMILY—Santa Nocita † STAN KNIAZ—Knights of Columbus #14421 † DAVID ARNOTT—Family † MICHAEL CUSICK JR—Family	Rev. Stanley Zaryczny,
WEDNESDAY	9:00A.M	SPECIAL INTENTION FOR ALEXANDER KIM—Kim Family ST. LUCIA—Ofelia Filice	Carmelites of Mary Immaculate
THURSDAY	10:00A.M	MASS AT ORCHARD TERRACE - GLOVER RD	Rev. Brendan McGrath
FRIDAY	IHM School Mass 9:30A.M	† IRENE LULIC—Willy † ROMAN SZAREK—Daniela Caltagirone	Rev. Miro Grubisic
SATURDAY	5:00P.M	SOULS IN PURGATORY † BORIS DRENSKI - Family † BRUNO GIRO — Remo Santini † GIUSEPPE FERRARO — Family † PIETRO FILICE — Adriana Belluz † AMEDEO PETRILLI — Family † IVAN TURCIC — Family † VANDA CELESTE — Giancaterina Family † JIMMY O'BRIEN — Larry & Ilaria Paletta † JAMES ESBAUGH, MADELEINE VAN GOCH — Mary Agnes & Frank Auer SPECIAL INTENTION FOR ELIZABETH BIALACH & SANDER SPECIAL INTENTION FOR DEACON VIVEK	Rev. David Perrin  SECOND SUNDAY OF <i>Advent</i>



Dear Fellow Parishioners, The First Sunday of Advent, the beginning of the Church Year, is upon us the weekend of December 1/2. With the new year comes a Year-long focus on a different Gospel during our Sunday masses. For the year ahead we will be hearing from the lovely Gospel of Luke. As is the case with all four gospels, Luke has a unique perspective on the mystery of Jesus Christ. It is Luke's special "take" on God's providential plan as it is revealed in Jesus that has given me the theme for this Advent's Sunday homily series. The title of the series is: "A Lukan Advent." During the 4 Sundays of Advent and based on the Sunday Gospel readings, we will explore the mystery of the "Lukan" Jesus under these four headings; 1st Sunday: A Year of the Holy Spirit; 2nd Sunday: Speaking Truth to Power; 3rd Sunday: The Way of Justice; 4th Sunday: Women Prophets.



BAMBINELLI SUNDAY—For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing takes place on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, and is known as Bambinelli Sunday. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' - as they are known in Rome - reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy. Everyone is invited to bring their Baby Jesus figurines from your homes to Mass on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT THE 4P.M MASS** to be blessed as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. *After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinello' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas.* Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas day - as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessings we receive at Christmas.

I've received a request to print the prayer/invocation that I shared with the congregation in my homily of a couple of weeks ago. It goes like this: ***"In the name of Jesus I take authority over each and every spirit that has come against me and I bind you away from me."***

The prayer may be said silently or out loud, but it should be prayed with conviction. It should be preceded by a prayer asking for the infilling of the Holy Spirit such as, ***"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your love."***

This type of prayer is much more effective if the person praying has been meditating on the Holy Scriptures on a regular basis.
In Christ's love, Father Bill



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #14421 CORNER:
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ANNUAL DUES for 2019 are due so please drop your envelope into the Sunday Offering collection basket or at the December General Meeting on December 12th. If paying by cheque please make it payable to KOFC Council 14421.



Calling all children and their families to join us for LUNCH WITH SANTA on Sunday, December 9 after the 11 am mass. CHOCOLATE BAR BINGO, FACE PAINTING, PLAY STATION and other activities!

The **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** winners will be drawn at the LUNCH WITH SANTA. Get your tickets NOW!

Please join your fellow Knights this Wednesday, December 12th at 7pm in our parish hall for our ending calendar year meeting and Christmas Social.



CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE will begin next weekend until December 23.

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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:
ALL DAY CONFESSIONS:
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20
10A.M.-9P.M. IN THE CHURCH

CHRISTMAS MASSES:
CHRISTMAS EVE- 5P.M. & MIDNIGHT
CHRISTMAS DAY - 9A.M. & 11A.M.
NEW YEARS EVE - 9A.M. & 5P.M.; NEW YEARS DAY - 10A.M.

PLEASE NOTE
OUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL
WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 22 AT 9A.M. TO JANUARY 7.
WE WILL RETURN TO OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE,
MONDAY, JANUARY 7 AT 10A.M.
THERE WILL BE NO MASSES ON DECEMBER 26 & 27

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
FROM DECEMBER 21 TO JANUARY 8.



SOCIAL ACTION/OUTREACH/ST. PATRICK'S PROJECT: Next Wednesday we will again be cooking for the folks who come to the DeMazenod Door. This is a week early due to Christmas. We will also be baking Christmas cookies, tarts etc to give at the same time. These were a big hit last year.

The **BLUE BOX** will be in the narthex next weekend and your generosity will be much appreciated especially at this time of the year.



The Diocese of Hamilton is conducting the *One Heart, One Soul Campaign* to raise money for every Parish in the Diocese and for shared ministries. Answers to a set of Frequently Asked Questions appear in Parish bulletins regularly. A compilation of all questions that have been published are available throughout the campaign at oneheartonesoul.ca. **What kinds of things does the Diocese do for Parishes and others already?** The good work of the Diocese of Hamilton is widespread. Here are a few examples of the ways diocesan offices enhance the life of our Parishes and people: Advocating for the dignity of all life and supporting and promoting marriage and family life; Encouraging vocational discernment to priesthood and religious life; Programming and support for youth and young adult ministry; Adult faith formation, catechesis, religious education and sacramental preparation; Assistance in the relocation and resettlement of refugees; Advocacy on behalf of the poor and marginalized; Assistance for Parishes in all aspects of sacred worship, including formation for liturgical ministers; Support for Parishes in the areas of human resources, building maintenance, financial reporting, stewardship, charitable giving and Parish development. **Does the Diocese help organizations outside of it?** Yes, the Diocese is generous to many in need. For example, the Diocese has an ongoing financial commitment to help the Archdiocese of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, which is still suffering from the effects of the devastating earthquake there in 2010, and the Diocese of Churchill-Hudson Bay, which includes northern Manitoba and the territory of Nunavut. The Diocese also supports many worthy causes within and outside of the Diocese, such as: organizations who support the poor and marginalized, like St. Vincent de Paul, the Good Shepherd and several others; health care initiatives, including hospice care and conscience protection for those in the medical field; community organizations such as the Catholic Youth Organization, Catholic Family Services and Catholic Children's Aid; and several other organizations and causes in need who do the work of the gospel. Additionally, the Diocese is proud to have made a significant gift to St. Peter's Seminary in London, helping to ensure the seminary can continue its mission to form priests for our Diocese and the Church in Canada. **Why a significant gift to a seminary in another Diocese?** There is a longstanding and fruitful connection between St. Peter's Seminary in London and the Diocese of Hamilton. For more than a hundred years, St. Peter's has trained a majority of our diocesan Priests – and those of so many Canadian dioceses. Of the current Hamilton seminarians, the majority are at St. Peter's, which is one of only three English-speaking seminaries in Canada. Hamilton Priests have also served on the seminary's staff. The seminary is in need – these funds were required for St. Peter's to continue its mission of forming Priests, deacons and lay ministers – and its vitality is important to the long-term outlook for vocations in Hamilton.



Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, **contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton**

905-528-7988 email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com



POWER AND PURPOSE ADULT CONFERENCE, Franciscan University, Steubenville, Ohio June 7 – 9, 2019 **"Glorious Inheritance"** "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know.....what are the riches of glory in His inheritance" Ephesians 1:18 \$322U.S. funds/person – includes; \$145 - registration; \$105 - shared A/C room; \$72 – 6 meals; Plus \$80 CDN for coach bus transportation there & back (non-refundable) to register contact; Billie Filice ihmyouth@cogeco.net Or Nadia Gigliotti at 905-643-4460 preciscarservice@bellnet.ca



THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19. Doors open at 6pm and dinner is at 6:30. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the office during regular business hours. We will also be selling tickets this weekend and next (Dec.15-16). The menu is: Salad, lasagna, turkey with gravy and cranberry sauce, whipped potatoes, vegetables, rolls & butter, dessert, coffee and tea. We will be handing out the Service Anniversary Pins for our 2018 recipients. I will be contacting the recipients either by email or phone to let them know. Hope to see you there. It's always an enjoyable evening. Thank you. Charlene Brûlé-Lemmen



If you are looking for some reflections, Bible readings and meditations for Advent, the CWL Ontario Provincial Council has a resource on-line. Please visit: <http://www.cwl.on.ca/sites/default/files/prayer/1792.pdf>



PLEASE NOTE: If you know of any League members who are ill please contact me at either cblemmen@korver.ca or 905-643-5087 as we would like pray for them and send them a card. Thank you.
Charlene Brûlé-Lemmen, President



ARE YOU FEELING A CALL TO PRAY FOR THE DYING? Please join our prayer group, Apostolate for the Dying, in our prayers "Holy Hour: A Devotion for the Dying", **EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 3P.M IN THE CHURCH.** We look forward to seeing you there.



DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE? Well we have just the right thing! Why not come to our **FAMILY NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY!**
Fun for the whole family!
Tickets are \$70 Adults; \$35 Children 5-14yrs
For tickets call MARTA VISOCCHI 905-643-1396



LOOKING TO DEEPEN YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH: You are invited to drop into our meeting room after Tuesday evening Mass to learn more about our Catholic Faith.



JOIN THE YOUTH GROUP! Calling all children grades 3 to 6. **Session Dates: January 25, February 22, April 26, May 24 from 7-8:30p.m.** We will meet once a month for some fun rooted in Christ. Email: ihmyouth@cogeco.net. Don't forget to Bring Your Friends!



ARE YOU STRUGGLING, SICK OR EXPERIENCING DIVISION IN THE FAMILY.....? Join us any Thursday Evening from 7- 9p.m. **In the Parish Hall** (Teaching/Talk, Meditation, Intercessory Prayer) **No Registration Required. We will break for the Christmas Holidays from December 6 to January 17.**



HOLY LAND WOOD ART—THIS WEEKEND, we will have some of the beautiful art held for sale in an effort to strengthen the Christian presence in the Holy Land.



WEDDING BANNES: There is a Promise of Marriage between **MARK SFERAZZA & TARA KORE**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16
1st Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a
2nd Reading: Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:10-18



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