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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
St. Gabriel
905-523-2468

VOCATIONS

Fr. Mark Morley
905-528-7988 ext. 2341

<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

ELECTRONIC BULLETIN

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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

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

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We thank you for your generosity & support.



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ROSARY 30 mins before All Masses	Confession 30 mins before All Masses	SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025 MASS INTENTIONS: June 16—22, 2025		Diocesan Vocation Prayer Intentions
MONDAY	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF FR. JOHN METCALFE — Matteo Vilella ***** CHANTED MASS		Rev. Mussie Keflezghi
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	†DECEASED OF ANTOLINI, GIGLIOTTI & CARLESSO FAMILIES — Deacon Joe & Nadia † DAVOR DOMINOVIC — Zeljka & Ivo SOULS IN PURGATORY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF KATHLEEN WHYTE - Ralph & Mary Fascione FOR THE INTENTIONS OF LOU & LISA GROEN FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DEACON JOE & NADIA FOR POLICE OFFICERS, FIREFIGHTERS, DOCTORS, NURSES, TEACHERS BOTH LIVING & DECEASED FOR PRESERVING THE DEPOSIT OF FAITH UNSPOILED BY HERESY AMONG THE SHEPHERDS OF THE HOLY CHURCH		Rev. Domenico Guarino
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF JACOB ZYCHOWICZ - Family		Disalced Carmelite Fathers
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	† THERESIA MCCAFFREY — Kathryn Arnott & Family		Rev. Pawel Szymanowski
FRIDAY	9:00 AM	FOR THE INTENTIONS OF ANETA MASLANKA —Walter & Teresa Rzesotko		Rev. Toby Collins
SATURDAY	5:00 PM	†GIULIANA ALFONSI - Mirella Paletta † ISABELLA & FRANCESCO CALI - Family †LINA DIPIETRO —Rita Paolini † FRANCESCO FERRANTE—Family †SERGIO FLORIANI — Anna Rita & Peter Castellano † TOM IVEZIC JR — Grace Ivezic † JOSEPHINE KRISTINA LAURO - Josie & Chris Stevens & Family †ANTONINA MALTESE —Brian & Janet Patton †ADELE MANGIONE — Tim & Virginia Baird & Family †OTTAVIO NAPOLEONE — Maria Caucci †MARIA RULLI — Wekerle Family †EMIDIO TIRABASSI —Family †DOUGLAS TOWNSEND — Kathleen Whyte †KURT AUGUST WEBBER FOR THE INTENTIONS OF DANIEL NAIM - Doreen Zamperin		Rev. Raphael Ma
SUNDAY	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 4:00 PM	†ALBANY JOSEPH — Jobity Family FOR THE INTENTIONS OF EMILIO & GLORIA MARCONATO 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY PRO POPULO		



My dear parishioners,

I pray this week you are feeling even more filled than ever with the Holy Spirit's power, since we've just celebrated Pentecost! May we always ask that the Holy Spirit continue to pour out abundantly on our parish!

This weekend we celebrate Trinity Sunday. It gives us chance to reflect on what it means that believe that God is Three Divine Persons, in One Divine Substance. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are *distinct Persons* but they all share the *one Godhead* together. The Father eternally begets the Son, and the Love between the Father and the Son is so real that it becomes a *Third Person*, the Holy Spirit. In Baptism, we too begin sharing in the life of Christ, meaning that we are *'in Christ'*, and therefore immersed into the loving and life-giving action of the Trinity who made us in their own image and likeness, desiring that we too would love and *be loved* as they are. Everyone needs to love and *feel loved*. It is our goal as disciples to make this happen. Every *family* is meant to be an image of the Trinity, too. For example, the love of the parents is often so real that it becomes a *third person*, and God-willing, many more beautiful children also born, who are in turn called to experience the Trinity and share Their love. Since the Trinity is a *Communion of Persons* sharing in divine love, and we are made in their image and likeness, we too are called to live in communion with God and neighbour, sharing with one another the love that the Trinity gives us.

This weekend we celebrate Father's Day, a chance to be grateful to the Trinity for our earthly fathers, through whom we came to receive the gift of life. We should show extra love and gratitude to our Heavenly Father, to St. Joseph our spiritual father, and to our earthly fathers in whatever ways we can. Please try doing at least one special thing for each of them for this occasion! The Catholic Women's League (CWL) will also offer fathers "Dad's cookies" as a sweet sign of our love and affection for all that fathers do. Fathers are called by God to lead their families closer and closer to the Heavenly Father, so that they may experience the fullness of human flourishing under the guidance of the Trinity.

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 14th, 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.

On Corpus Christi (June 22nd), we will 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*).

I also want to note that this upcoming week we'll be celebrating St. Gabriel's graduation on June 17th, which will take place at 5 PM. May the Trinity and our Blessed Mother watch over them, so that as the years go by, our young people become salt and light for the world according to Christ's teachings! May Jesus keep our young people and our schools in His Sacred Heart. If you're coming for confessions and/or Mass that Tuesday evening, you may notice more cars parked than usual! Thank you for being such a warm and welcoming parish.

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 (Council # 14421)

SAVE THE DATE! GOLF TOURNAMENT
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14!
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 3 — Saturdays at 6:15p.m. to Saturday, June 14, join us in Meeting Room 1.
Coming up! Chosen Season 4—Saturday, June 21



SSVP MEETING—Join us on **Monday, June 16 at 7p.m.** in meeting room 1 for our first parish meeting.



THE HWCSB 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 **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@hwcsb.ca



BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: Please return your baby bottle this weekend **Sunday, June 15.** Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS (Apart from Mass and Confessions)

- June 13th - 6:30 PM—Youth Group, Parish Hall
- June 14th - 6:15 PM — Chosen Series, Meeting Rm 1
- June 14/15th — Missionary Co-Op Weekend
- June 14/15th — Blue Box Weekend
- June 14/15th — Hamilton Right to Life Baby Bottles Due Back
- June 16th - 6:30 PM – Card Group, Parish Hall
- June 16th - 7 PM – SSVP Meeting, Meeting Rm 1
- June 17th - 5 PM — St. Gabriel Grade 8 Graduation, Church
- June 19th - 5:30 PM — IHM Grade 8 Graduation, Church
- June 21st - 6:15 PM — Chosen Series 4, Meeting Rm 1
- June 21st/22nd — Chalice Weekend
- June 22nd—Corpus Christi Procession after 11a.m. Mass
- June 23rd - 6:30 PM – Card Group, Parish Hall (last night, summer break)
- June 24th - 8 PM – Christian Meditation, Church (last night, summer break)
- June 26th - 7 PM — Praise & Worship, Parish Hall (last night, summer break)
- June 28th - 6:15 PM — Chosen Series 4, Meeting Rm 1

PLEASE NOTE: THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE **CLOSED** ON THURSDAY, JUNE 19.



SOCIAL ACTION: This weekend (June14/15) is **Blue Box weekend** and we thank everyone in advance for your kindness in giving to the **BLUE BOX** so our parish can continue to make meals for the guests who come to DeMazenod Door. Next Wednesday, June 18th we will be cooking Meatloaf which our guests love. Will also make and prepare Roasted potatoes and vegetables, a Mandarin Garden Salad and Fruit Cups. Will also provide coffee or juice to our guests. All of this is made possible from your donations to the **BLUE BOX** - THANK YOU and GOD BLESS.



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 and look for the date under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail: familyministry@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. 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)

STEWARDSHIP
JUNE 8, 2025

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